



PENSANS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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25TH SEPTEMBER
2026

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Headteacher's Update ♥

Dear Parents, Families and Friends

What a lovely week it has been at Pensans!

This week, we celebrated **National Teaching Assistant Day**, giving us the perfect opportunity to thank not only our fantastic Teaching Assistants but **all of our support staff**. From our Nursery team and Midday Supervisors to our Office and Site staff, every member of the team plays an important role in helping our children learn, belong, achieve and flourish. To show our appreciation, we enjoyed cream teas together and shared a special thank-you movie created by the children. Their heartfelt messages were a wonderful reminder of the difference our staff make every day.

Thank you also to the families who have already responded regarding **Mr R's and Sennen's residential trip to Porthpean** later this year. We are excited about the many opportunities ahead, including visits to the **Kurt Jackson Gallery**, **St Michael's Mount**, local area explorations for our youngest pupils and, hopefully, a visit to the **Houses of Parliament** in the Summer Term.

We are particularly grateful that many of these enriching experiences will be supported through the **Clore Duffield Legacy Grant** awarded to Pensans. This funding is helping us provide memorable experiences that bring learning to life, spark curiosity and broaden horizons for all our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to work alongside such a wonderful school community, and we look forward to sharing many more exciting experiences with our children throughout the year.

Have a great weekend, everyone!



Mrs Ambrose

Mrs Ambrose
Headteacher

*Small steps
make big waves* ♥

Together we shine ♥



Upcoming Dates

TUE

30

SEP

Porthcurno Art Trip



FRI

2

OCT

Parent/Coffee
Morning



TUE

13

OCT

Sennen Class
Art Trip



FRI

16

OCT

Last day of term



*More information about these events
will follow nearer the time.*



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Class Attendance ♥

Let's keep making every day count!



Sennen
93%



Porthcurno
88%



Godrevy
97%

WELL DONE!



Cape
88%



Porthminster
95%



Porthmeor
89%



Gwitian
90%

Amazing
work
everyone! ♥

Attendance Matters! Autumn Term 2026 ♥

TOGETHER, EVERY DAY COUNTS

Be here
Be brilliant ♥



Did You Know?

Students who **attend** school regularly are **more likely to achieve better grades and build stronger friendships.**

[Read more here:
The link between attendance
and attainment](#)



Here at Pensans CP School, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does **not** support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form.

DfE statutory guidance is clear holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Unavoidable leave of absence requests for school-aged children are generally related to one off events that are rare, significant, unavoidable, and short in duration. Family holidays are **not** considered unavoidable.

Taking your child out of school without permission may result in a **Penalty Notice** being issued.



What this means:

- A **Penalty Notice** may be issued if your child has **unauthorised absences**, including holidays.
- The fine is **£80 per child, per parent** if paid within 21 days, rising to **£160** if paid within 28 days.
- Failure to pay may result in prosecution.
- There is **no right of appeal** – if you believe a notice was issued in error, you must contact the school directly.



We understand that holidays are important for family time, but we are legally required to prioritise your child's education and wellbeing. **Every school day counts.**



"A brighter future starts with being in school today."



Further Information

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Pensans CP School is committed to enabling every child to reach their full potential and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

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brings new opportunities ♥

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Stars of the Week ♥

Celebrating our amazing pupils!



**Sennen Star
Fred J**

for amazing
improvement in
handwriting and
effort.



**Porthcurno Star
Luca**

for following
all his
instructions.



**Porthminster Star
Sabit**

for keeping our
environment
clean.



*Small steps
make big waves* ♥

*Be kind
Be curious
Be your best
Be proud* ♥



**Godrevy Star
Brodie**

for showing great
respect to all and being
ready for learning
each lesson.



*Proud
moments* ♥



**Gwithian Star
Eli**

for settling back in
so well and enjoying
playing with his
friends so kindly.



**Cape Star
Sapphire**

for settling in so well
into nursery, showing
kindness to others and
for her independence.



*Amazing
work
everyone!* ♥



SPECIAL AWARD



**To all our amazing
support staff**
for quietly keeping our
school running!

Well done! ♥

GREAT READER AWARD



Mia

Well done! ♥

WRITER AWARD



Hunter B

Well done! ♥

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CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK 2026
05 - 09 October 2026!

Small changes make a big difference!
SCHOOL THIS WAY!

Take a step (or pedal) in the right direction!
Healthier happier brighter futures!

SPEND LESS
On average in the UK the school run costs families £10 per year.
Pedal power requires a one-off investment with minimal running costs. no fuel, no tax, and no parking fees. A simpler way to get from A to B... by Cycle!

RUSH LESS
The school run can take up nearly 100 hours* across the school year. That's time lost to congestion and drop-off queues.
The average primary school journey is just a 15 minute cycle. Less rush, more ride!

STRESS LESS
Bring some fun to the school run!
Cycling helps children build confidence and independence while starting the day in a calmer, more active way.
Helping pupils arrive at school energised and ready for the day ahead!

POLLUTE LESS
Every short car journey adds to congestion and air pollution around schools.
Switching the school run from car to cycle for a whole school year could save around 30kg* of carbon dioxide and make friendlier streets for children.

Let's make our school a cleaner, greener, happier place! ♥

Healthier ♥ Greener ♥ Happier ♥ Together ♥

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*Figures are national averages based on UK data.

Gwithian Class

Parent/Carers & Child Book and a Bagel Morning

8.40am - 9.00am
Every Friday Morning

Come along, enjoy a book with your child and grab a bagel!

Read ♥
Share ♥
Explore ♥
Together ♥

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School Clubs ♥

Try something new... there's a club for everyone! ♥

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School 8.00 - 8.30	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40)	Breakfast Club (MP 8.10-8.40) KS2 TT Rockstars Club - JR (15)
Lunchtime 12.30 - 1.00	Colouring Club - JA (15)	KS2 Chess Club - SC (10)	KS2 Makaton Choir - TR/EB (10)	KS1 Library Club - SC (10)	Colouring Club - NA (15)
After School 3.10 - 4.00	KS1 Read & Create - SE (15) KS2 Comic Club - LP (15)	Lego Club - HC (15)	DT Coaching tbc	KS2 Art Club - EB (10) Dance Club - EB (10)	

Clubs help us discover what we love ♥

Places can be limited - please sign up via Arbor.
We encourage all children to find a club that interests them!

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19 - 30 DECEMBER

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01736 797007



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and engage parents, carers, teachers, children and young people to explore the world around them. For further information, please visit www.thenationalcollege.co.uk.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, film, and more. It's a place where young people can connect with friends and explore their interests. However, the site can also be used to spread misinformation, hate speech, and other harmful content. Parents and educators need to be aware of these risks.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real-time distraction. It's easy to get lost in the chat, and this can lead to young people missing out on important events or activities. Parents and educators should encourage young people to use Discord responsibly and to take regular breaks.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but they can also join public servers where they can meet strangers. This can be a risk for young people, as they may be exposed to inappropriate content or even predators. Parents and educators should encourage young people to be cautious when interacting with strangers online.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people 'find their tribe', especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may find themselves exposed to inappropriate content. Even in servers that are supposed to be safe, there can be inappropriate content. Parents and educators should encourage young people to be cautious when interacting with strangers online.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people who are young themselves but who are already known to the user. Discord is a place where young people can connect with friends and explore their interests. However, it can also be a place where young people can be harassed or bullied. Parents and educators should encourage young people to be cautious when interacting with strangers online.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This can be a risk for young people, as they may be tempted to spend money on virtual items or services. Parents and educators should encourage young people to be cautious when interacting with strangers online.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's Family Centre, which gives an overview of a young user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can see on which servers and in which channels a young user is active. This can help parents and carers to monitor their child's online activity and to provide support if needed.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off notifications and to use Discord responsibly. This can help young people to manage their time online and to avoid distractions.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them direct messages or join their servers. Use this as a chance to talk about online safety and to encourage young people to be cautious when interacting with strangers online. If a young person reports a problem, take it seriously and report it to the relevant authorities.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about past features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young person is aware of the risks and to encourage them to be cautious when interacting with strangers online. If a young person reports a problem, take it seriously and report it to the relevant authorities.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the BBC, the Guardian, the New York Times, and the Evening Standard.



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*A brighter future
together*

CO-OPTED LOCAL MONITORING COMMITTEE VACANCY

Pensans School has a vacancy for co-opted committee members.

Pensans School is an academy and part of the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT).
Local Monitoring Committee (LMC) meetings are held 4 times per annum.

Committee members are asked to be prepared to play an active part in the LMC,
successful candidates would be asked to visit school at least once per term.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Help us continue
to provide the best
for our pupils.



MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

Share your skills,
experience and
perspective.



TRAINING PROVIDED

Training is available
for all committee
members.



4 MEETINGS PER YEAR

Plus at least one
school visit
per term.



If you have any queries or would like to find out more
about the role, please contact Mrs Ambrose on

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The
deadline for
applications is
15 January
2027

Starting school September 2027

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2022 and
31 August 2023



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



scan me

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



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The
deadline for
applications is
31 October
2026

Transfer to secondary school

September 2027

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

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Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Builds
Confidence
Creates
Friends
Have Fun* ♥



Applying for a reception class place for September 2027

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name three preferences on the application form. Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about how you will get your child to school. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the admission arrangements on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your nearest or designated school as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed admissions information on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2027

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on National Offer Day: 16 April 2027. Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Autism Information Sessions

Supporting parents and carers of autistic children
and young people



We understand that raising an autistic child in a neurotypical world can be challenging. Working in a neuro-affirming way, we would like to help you to navigate this through championing autistic strengths and differences.

Come and join us if you would like to ...

... ask questions
based around
your child's
needs



... speak with
other parents
who have autistic
children



... explore a
range of
strategies which
could support
your child



We run parent sessions for parents and carers of children and young people with a diagnosis of autism up to the age of 16. We offer sessions for families of young people in both mainstream and specialist settings.

We also offer specific sessions for families of children whose needs significantly impact cognition, language and communication, and who may be non-speaking or minimally speaking.

To look at dates and book please visit our website, scroll down to Autism Information Sessions and click the button to visit our booking page.



[Autism Information Sessions »](#)
[Cornwall Council](#)



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Coffee Club



Join us for a coffee and a
catch up.

Friday 2nd October 9-10am

Everyone welcome!



Coffee Club



We would like to offer a range of supportive workshops
in our Friday morning Coffee Club.

Please tick which of these you would be interested in attending, and if you
have anything you would like to see added as a workshop please let Mrs Miles know.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Phonics | ☐ Keeping your child safe in the community |
| ☐ Cooking | ☐ SPACE course (Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally) |
| ☐ Supporting your child to sleep | ☐ Police - keeping your child safe in the community |
| ☐ TT rockstars | ☐ Trelya |
| ☐ E-safety/ipads | ☐ Your suggestion... |

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