



PENSANS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning today, brighter tomorrow ♥

KINDNESS
CURIOSITY
RESPECT
BELONGING
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

4 SEPTEMBER
2026
ISSUE 1

Headteacher's Update ♥

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Welcome back to the new school year – I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine over the holidays!

It was wonderful to see the children all arriving on Wednesday and Thursday with smiling faces and eager to see their friends and new classmates. Everyone is looking so smart and some were proudly wearing the new school tie. It has been a great start to the new term 😊

Just to remind you that our **Early Birds Breakfast Club** is now running from **7.40a.m – 8.10a.m** every morning and our new **FREE Breakfast Club** is now up and running from **8.10a.m – 8.40a.m**. I will be sending out further information about this by email and would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey even if you don't think you may want to take up this offer at the moment.

Our teachers are busy planning educational trips and visits for the coming term and we are thrilled to be able to use the **Clore Duffield Legacy Grant** to subsidise these trips this year therefore keeping costs to parents at a minimum. Watch out for information regarding trips and visits from your child's class teacher in the coming weeks.

School Clubs will start next week and you can access these via Arbor to sign up your child for clubs before school, at lunchtimes and after school. Please take a look – we encourage all children to take part in a club that genuinely interests them and that they can commit to for the half term as places can sometimes be limited. Once signed up we will expect the children to attend regularly unless parents contact school prior to a club if their child cannot attend for any reason. We will endeavour to do our very best not to cancel clubs unless absolutely necessary.

Lastly, a big welcome to all new parents, pupils and staff as you join Team Pensans! I look forward to working together with you all as we begin a positive and busy term ahead 😊



Mrs Ambrose

Mrs Ambrose
Headteacher

*Small steps
make big waves* ♥



Upcoming Dates

MON
7
SEP

Clubs start



THU
10
SEP

Swimming start



FRI
2
OCT

Parent/Coffee



FRI
16
OCT

Last day of
Autumn 1



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



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Class Attendance ♥

Let's keep making every day count!



Sennen
96%



Porthcurno
95%



Godrevy
100%

★
WELL DONE!



Reception
94%



Porthminster
96%



Porthmeor
71%
(transition)

Amazing
work
Godrevy!
♥

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 an 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 1999) 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.



Every day at school
brings new opportunities ♥

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Stars of the Week ♥

Celebrating our amazing pupils!

Small steps
make big waves ♥

Be kind
Be curious
Be your best
Be proud ♥

Amazing
work
everyone! ♥



Sennen Star

Millie-Mae

For starting so well
in Sennen and
working so well.



Porthcurno Star

Hunter

For being a superb
role model.



Porthminster Star

Kevin

For being excellent
and following adults
instructions.



Godrevy Class

For being superstars
all week.



Gwithian Class

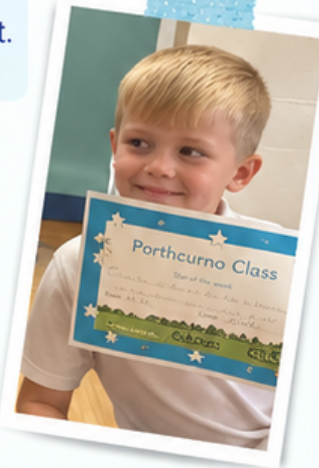
For having a great start.



Proud
moments ♥



Well done! ♥



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Godrevy Class

For being in 100% of the week!

Outstanding! ♥



HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Porthcurno Class

Well done! ♥



Together we shine ♥



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Local Events ♥

Get involved!
Opportunities for our
children and families

**CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET**

**IT'S
FREE!**

**CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET CRICKET
WEEKLY
SESSIONS**

HOSTED BY CORNWALL CRICKET

 **AGES 8-15
BOYS & GIRLS**

 **EVERY WEDNESDAY
WEEKLY SESSIONS**

 **5:30PM - 7:00PM
JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL!**

 **HUMPHREY DAVY SCHOOL
TR18 2TG**

 **NO EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
JUST TURN UP & PLAY!**

 **PLAYER-LED SESSIONS
HAVE YOUR SAY & LEAD THE GAME**

 **DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS
CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK,
RESPECT & MORE**

IT'S FREE!



SIGN UP HERE!


**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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 07842 765 445

PLAY CRICKET | DEVELOP SKILLS | HAVE FUN!

**IN PARTNERSHIP**



**MBFDC
TRIALS
2026/27**

Join the exciting Cornwall Player Pathway!
In partnership with Plymouth Argyle, Cornwall FA & Cornwall Schools FA!

TRIAL TIMES:
U8S, U9S, U10S : 5PM - 6:15PM
U11S, U12S, U13S : 6:30 - 7:45PM

 Enhanced coaching & provision - UEFA/FA staff!

 Player(s) & goalkeeper specific training, plus fixtures!

 Play at a level suited to your ability!

 Proven pathway for players to progress!

**PHASE 1 - OPEN TRIAL
MON 14TH SEP 2026**

**PHASE 2 - INVITE TRIAL
MON 21ST SEP 2026**

New players only!

**Invited players only from
Phase 1 & returning players
from the 2025/26 season!**

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH
Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor,
Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT



www.mbfdc.co.uk

Registration Link
Via QR Code



**Sport Builds Confidence
Creates Friends
Have Fun**
♥


**PLAY
LEARN
GROW
BELONG**

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) KS2 TT Rockstars Club - JR (15)	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)	

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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