

Headteacher update

The week ahead

Day	Event	Club option
Mon	Cricket for Brisons, Longships, Cowloe— PE kits please  Longships visit from PK Poppy Bus!	
Tues	Swimming for Brisons	
Wed		High five netball KS2—bring PE kit to change into
Thurs	PE for Longships  Swimming for Aire	Multi sports for KS1—gymnastics this term
Fri	Forest School for Cowloe, hopefully at St Loy	

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This past week has been so much fun, with lots of our children getting out and about (despite the weather!). Both Aire and Brisons have visited St Micheal’s Mount, where they had some excellent workshops from Kerry. Each class was so well fantastic, they were given a St Micheal’s teddy bear to keep in school. On Wednesday, 4 of our year 5 pupils represented the school at a launch of a well being journal in Truro. The children had such a great day, and received lots of goodies for participating!



Important dates:



19.2.24—first day back for term 4

19.2.24—PK Poppy bus to visit Longships

27.2.24—Cross Country @ Cape

7.3.24—World Book Day—fancy dress optional

27.3.24—Last day of term

28.3.24—INSET day—school closed to pupils

15.4.24—First day of term 4

25.4.24—RNLI water safety assembly

22.5—24.5—Longships camp

27.5—31.5—Half term holiday

26.6—28.6—Cowloe Camp



### Final assembly

Thank you so much to those who came along to our final assembly. The children really enjoyed creating their little 'skits' to perform and they tried so hard with their lovely singing! It's always lovely showcasing our wider curriculum with everyone and we are loving seeing how far their learning has come.

### Attendance

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, it has been decided that as a trust that we are moving to a trust-wide attendance policy from February half term. The attendance lead has been carrying out research, gaining insight into best practise and piloting ideas in other TPAT schools before producing the document. The policy has been introduced at Trust level and the school. The document is now on our website, along with all of our other policies and can be found under this link:

[Sennen Community Primary Academy - Policies](#)

### World Book Day

We are putting plans together to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. As in previous years, we are inviting pupils to come in dressed as their favourite book character. This isn't compulsory as we understand that not all children feel comfortable with this. We will fill you in on some of our planned activities in the new term.

### PE in term 4

We are very lucky next term to be hosting Chance to Shine Cricket, who are going to be doing 5 weeks of cricket for Brisons, Longships and Cowloe. **These sessions will be on a Monday**, so pupils can come to school in their PE kits. Other PE / outdoor education sessions for term 4 are:

**Tuesday** - Brisons PE—please come in PE kits and bring swimming things in a bag (goggles optional)

**Thursday**—PE for Longships

**Thursday**—Swimming for Aire class, please bring swimming things in a bag

**Friday**—Forest School for Cowloe and Aire class. Please wear home clothes and bring warm / waterproof layers and wellies for the afternoon.

If for some reason your child is unable to take part in PE that day (for example due to an injury or illness), we ask that you inform us directly and have explained the importance of this to the children.

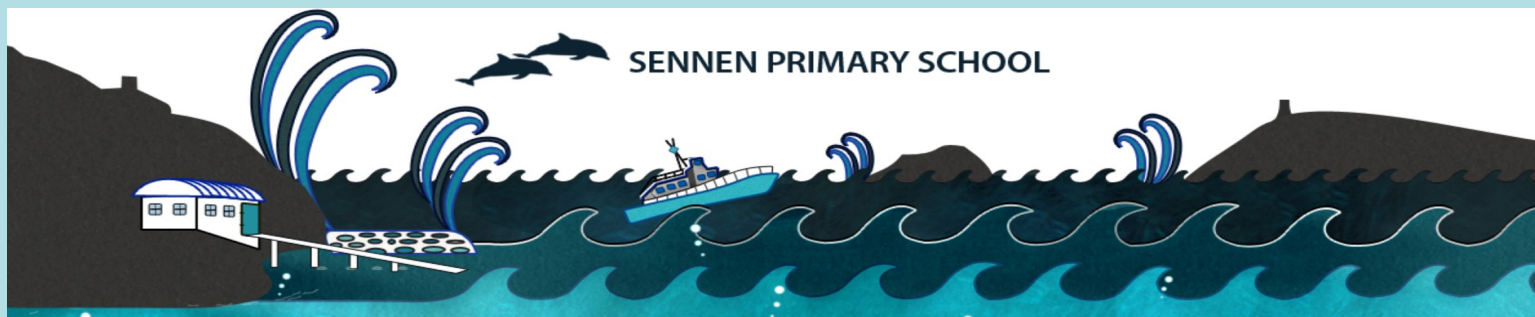
### Bringing toys into school

We have had a recent influx of pupils bringing toys in from home (such as Tech Decks, Rubix cubes etc), particularly amongst the older children. Whilst it can be lovely for them to have these things, they have been causing significant challenges when things get lost / broken / misused. It has been taking up a lot of staff's time to sort these challenges out, as well as causing a lot of upset between the children. We have asked that all toys be kept at home (unless there is a prior arrangement with the class teacher). We have told the

children that if any come into school we will remove them for safe keeping and hand back to parents at the end of the day. We really appreciate your support in this matter.

Have a great weekend and we will see you all on Monday 19th February.





From the School Governors

On behalf of the school community, the governors extend their thanks to Linda Barnicoat for her service as our vice chair, who has recently resigned from her position. Over a span of more than ten years, Linda has dedicated considerable time and effort towards the successful running of the school, greatly benefiting us. In our upcoming meeting in March, we will aim to elect a new vice chair.

The governors are committed to keeping parents informed on a half-termly basis through a section in this newsletter. This update will cover the activities and focus areas of the governors. Additionally, we provide a brief overview of the role of school governors below.

Understanding School Governance

In Sennen, our local governing board (LGB) operates under the umbrella of the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT) Board of Trustees. The trustees, who hold the ultimate responsibility for all schools in the trust, delegate specific powers and responsibilities to the LGB, detailed in the 'Scheme of Delegated Authority' available on the TPAT website.

Our LGB consists of eleven members, including the headteacher, a staff governor, elected parent governors, and co-opted governors who offer particular skills or expertise. Governors usually serve for four years, with the possibility of serving multiple terms. The board is led by a chairperson, with a vice chair acting as deputy. These positions are elected annually by the governors. The clerk, who attends meetings as well, is tasked with minute-taking and assisting the chair with procedural matters. Minutes are publicly accessible upon request. Except for staff members and the clerk, all governors are volunteers.

The LGB convenes fully six times a year, approximately once every half term. Additionally, there's a leadership team, including the headteacher, chair, vice chair, and two senior governors, meeting monthly to discuss school leadership.

The TPAT Trustees and the LGB are tasked with ensuring the school's clear vision, ethos and strategic direction, holding leaders accountable for educational outcomes and staff performance, overseeing financial stewardship, and ensuring stakeholder engagement.

Governors are available for contact via email, and those who are parents can often be found in the playground during school drop-off/pick-up times.

Spring Half Term 1 Update

During a late January meeting, the LBG addressed several key points:

The headteacher presented an update on the teaching of reading and writing, utilising the Read Write Inc phonics-based approach.

A comprehensive report from the headteacher covered various operational aspects of the school, offering governors the chance to inquire about external monitoring, attendance, premises, staffing, curriculum, safeguarding, behaviour, and safety.

Discussions on compliance with safeguarding measures and related issues were undertaken.

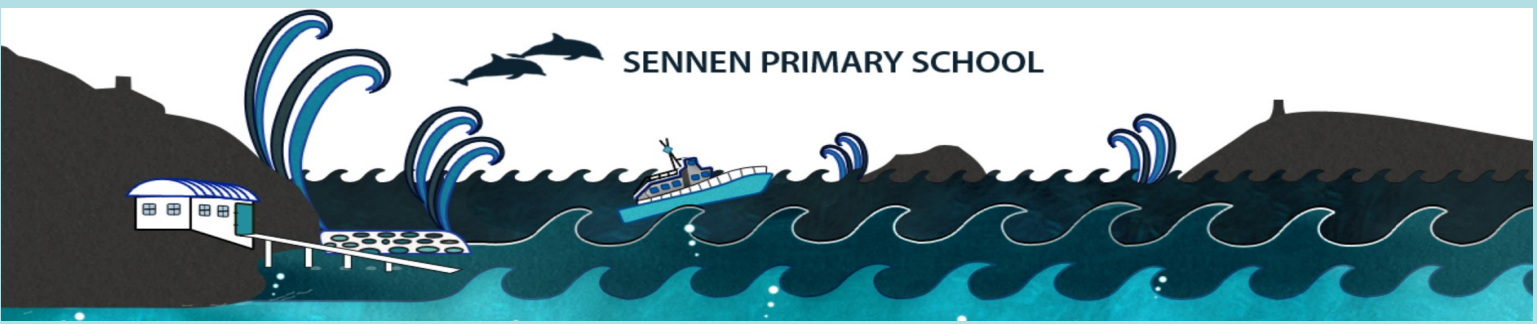
The review of updates from the trust, with the chair participating in tri-annual meetings with TPAT representatives to exchange best practices.

Self-assessment by the governors on their effectiveness, potential skill gaps, training needs, and monitoring within the school.

This term's focus will include monitoring visits on safeguarding, special educational needs and pupil premium curriculum adaptations, quality of education with a focus on mathematics, and early years' personal, social, and emotional development.

Current governors

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## Forest School

Brisons and Aire class had an incredible time at Forest School today, where the focus was creative play. The children were explorers, who climbed 'mountains', crossed 'oceans' and rode on imaginary horses. Some children took themselves off to a quite space to perfect their weaving skills. There was so much teamwork and communication, as well as lots of lovely laughter! I apologise for the muddiness, but I promise you it was worth it ❤️

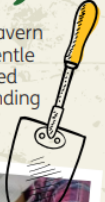


Some local offerings coming up

# Practical Gardening

A series of short, guided courses

Meet like-minded people, get your hands in the soil at Bosavern Community Farm near St. Just and participate in some gentle activities in a very supported group led by an experienced WEA Permaculture Tutor. It's a fun, stress-free way of spending more time outdoors. No prior experience is needed.



**Information & enrolment drop-in**

12th Feb 10am – 1pm at Lafrowda Club, St. Just TR19 7LS.

12th Feb 2pm – 4pm at The Centre of Pendeen, TR19 7SE.

Please bring evidence of benefits if relevant

**Course length:**

Courses are either **one** day, **two** days or **three** days.

All courses run from 10am-4pm.

**To book:**

Call **0300 303 3464** or search 'Bosavern' here: [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk)

**February**

Tues 20th  
Thurs 22nd

**March**

Tues 5th  
Thurs 7th  
Tues 12th  
Thurs 14th  
Tues 19th  
Thurs 21st  
Tues 26th

**April**

Thurs 11th

**May**

Tues 7th  
Thurs 9th  
Tues 14th  
Thurs 16th  
Tues 21st

**July**

Tues 2nd  
Tues 9th  
Tues 16th  
Tues 23rd  
Tues 30th

Bosavern Community Farm



## Can I enrol on all the dates, or are they separate short courses?



These are 1, 2 or 3 day courses, some run on Tuesdays, others on Thursdays. The practical work is seasonal, so if you have availability, you can register once as a WEA learner and then join all the courses. Further detail of each course is available online.

## What to wear/bring:

- Much of the course will be outdoors, with shelter provided in the event of poor weather. Please bring:
- Warm clothes in winter & early spring (layers and a hat!)
- Suncream and a sun hat in late spring & summer
- Water bottle
- Waterproof jacket and trousers\*
- Sturdy shoes (boots/wellies)\*
- Packed lunch\*



**Fees & funded places:** Course fees do not apply if you are in receipt of income related benefits (UC, ESA or JSA) or earning under £21,255.00 per year. For a free place you will be asked to show proof of benefits or sign a simple self declaration form.

\*Further support with boots, waterproofs, travel and refreshments may be available via the farm, subject to funding.

**Location:** Bosavern Community Farm just outside St. Just, TR19 7RD.

**How to register:** 0300 303 3464 or online via [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk).

If you have any queries about enrolment, please email Stephen on [sroberts@wea.ac.uk](mailto:sroberts@wea.ac.uk)

For an informal chat about other opportunities at the farm, call Lilith on 07946746396 and watch our short films online #BosavernFarm

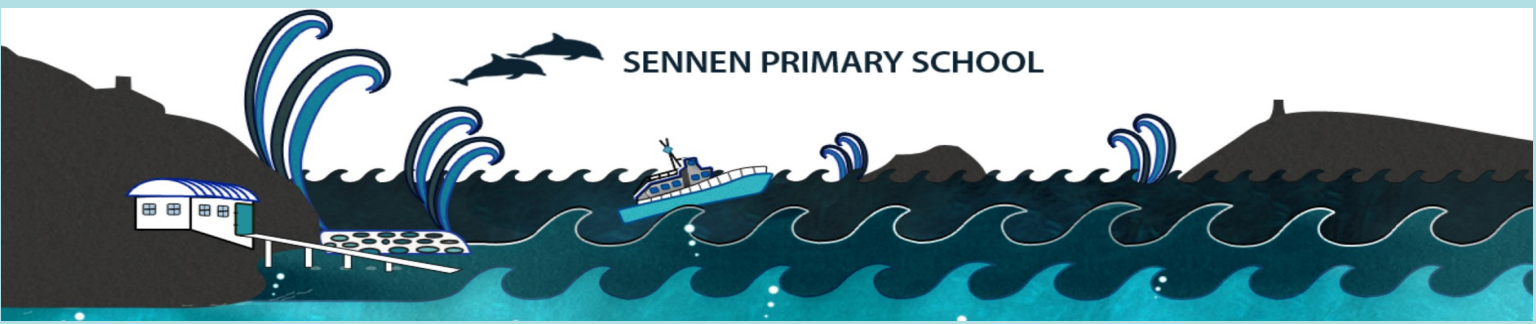
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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM

<p><b>TUESDAY 13 + WEDNESDAY 14</b> 13:00 - 15:00</p> <p><b>SPRING MAKE &amp; DO</b></p> <p>Join our resident artist, Mae Voogd, in making some colourful nature inspired creations for our enchanting new Spring Room at PK Porthcurno.</p> <p>All ages are welcome.</p> <p>Free with museum admission.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 15</b> 13:00 - 15:00</p> <p><b>MINI PK TOURS</b></p> <p>Explore our museum in a family-friendly way with Paul, our Learning Facilitator at PK.</p> <p>Find Paul in the museum from 13:00.</p> <p>Free with museum admission. Open to all.</p>	<p><b>MONDAY - FRIDAY</b> 11:00 - 12:00 / 14:00 - 15:00</p> <p><b>POPPY PK</b></p> <p>Our charming 1950s Mobile Telegraph Office will be stationed at PK throughout the entire half term week.</p> <p>Climb aboard, step back in time and hear about the fascinating world of mobile communication before an instant messaging and the internet.</p> <p>Free to all.</p>
<p><b>PLANET PK CHAMPIONS</b> SATURDAY 17</p> <p><b>CLORE LEARNING SPACE</b> 13:00 - 15:00</p> <p>Explore the magic of electricity with fruit batteries and see if you can create your own musical masterpiece with our fruit piano!</p> <p>Transform fruit into batteries, and learn about electricity and circuits with this fun and fruity STEM activity!</p> <p>FREE PARKING FOR ATTENDEES</p> <p>VISIT <a href="http://WWW.PKPORTHCURNO.COM">WWW.PKPORTHCURNO.COM</a> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TO PLAN YOUR VISIT &amp; MORE.</p> <p></p>		



Pancake day pudding on Tuesday 20th February!

# PANCAKES

**American Pancakes**

**served with**

**Lemon and Sugar**

**or**

**Chocolate Spread**

*Menus may be subject to change*



**Lunch Menu**

Children will be asked what they would like each day by their teacher. Children in year R—2 get infant free school meals and it is £2.65 for the rest of the school, other than for those pupils who have been awarded income based free school meals.

**WEEK 2**

W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 08/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT MAINS</b>	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🍷 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Turkey Con Chilli</b> 🍷 🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Roast Beef</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Sausage Pasta Bake</b> 🍷 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
	<b>Vegetarian Cottage Pie</b> 🍷 🍷 Served with Gravy	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> 🍷	<b>Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble</b> 🍷 🍷 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake</b> 🍷 🍷 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Crispy Quorn Nuggets</b> 🍷 Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍷 🍷					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>Apple Crumble with Custard</b> 🍷	<b>PANCAKES</b> American Pancakes served with Lemon and Sugar or Chocolate Spread		<b>Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake</b>	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b>
				<b>Carrot Cake</b> 🍷	