

Dear Parents and Carers,
We have almost reached the end of the first half term and I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. It is really appreciated!

On Tuesday, we will be interviewing candidates for the position of Head Teacher. The children and staff will be involved in the process and as soon as we can confirm the appointment we will let you know.

FOSS will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 25th October. Any donations will be gratefully received. Please see further information at the end of the newsletter.

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	Daytime event	After school club option
Monday	Outdoor PE for Longships	No Running Club sorry
Tuesday	Swimming Y6 PE Y5	
Wednesday		High five netball KS2 - finish 4.15pm
Thursday	Rugby for Cowloe	
Friday	Forest School for Longships/ Aire PE for Brisons	FOSS Cake sale!

Important dates:



- 21.10.24** PE for Longships
Piano lessons
- 22.10.24**—Swimming/PE Cowloe
Head Teacher interviews
- 23.10.24**—High Five Netball 3.15—
4.15
Aire class Open afternoon
- 24.10.24**—Cowloe Rugby
Guitar lessons
- 25.10.24**—Forest school Longships/
Aire
PE Brisons
Cake sale after school!
- 28th—1st November Half term**
- 4.11.24**—Inset Day
- 8.11.24**—Tennis (Longships)
- 11.12.24**—Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.24**—Jack and the Beanstalk
Panto, Hall for Cornwall

School Council

This week we have elected our school councillors. The Year 6 pupils were also elected to represent the younger children:

Here are our class representatives:

Year 6: Ollie and Emlyn

Year 5: Jonah and Olive

Year 4: Amelia and Max

Year 3: Greta and Jacob

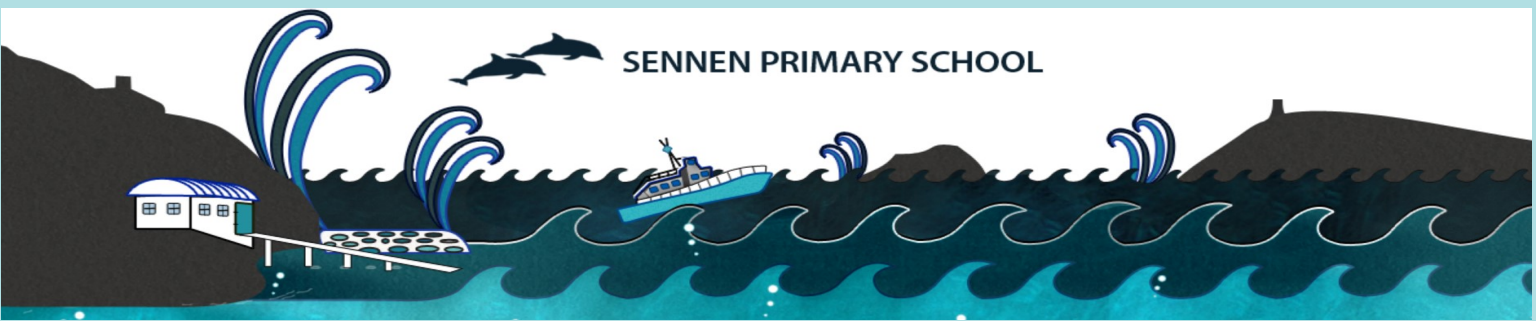
Year 2: Willow

Year 1: Lucas (Y6)

Aire: Elsie and Lola (Y6)



Their first job is to interview the candidates next week!



Breakfast Club

If you require breakfast club please could you either let us know the day before or send an email to Mrs Tindall. Unfortunately, Facebook relies on someone checking it which might not always happen and we wouldn't want to miss your message if you need us.

Jewellery and PE

Please note, as per our uniform policy, jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove these themselves, they should not come into school wearing them on PE days. Thank you.

Parent Pay

Residential Trips 2025 – Longships and Cowloe

Payment instalments are now on parent pay with pupil premium/sibling discounts included.

Jack and the Beanstalk—Christmas Panto!

You will be able to buy your child/ren's panto ticket from today—oh yes you can!

Performance will be on Thursday 19 December at 11am.

Reception Class Open Afternoon

We are holding an open afternoon on **Wednesday 23 October -2-3pm**, for parents who's children will be starting Reception class in September 2025. Please contact Mrs Raitt to confirm attendance (rraitt@sennen.tpacademytrust.org).



WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2025?

If so, come along to our open afternoon and have a look around our lovely school. There will be a brief introduction at 2pm, followed by a tour of the school by the children.



To join us, book a space....

E: rraitt@sennen.tpacademytrust.org T: 01736 871392

Or visit www.sennen.cornwall.sch.uk to find out more about us!

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.

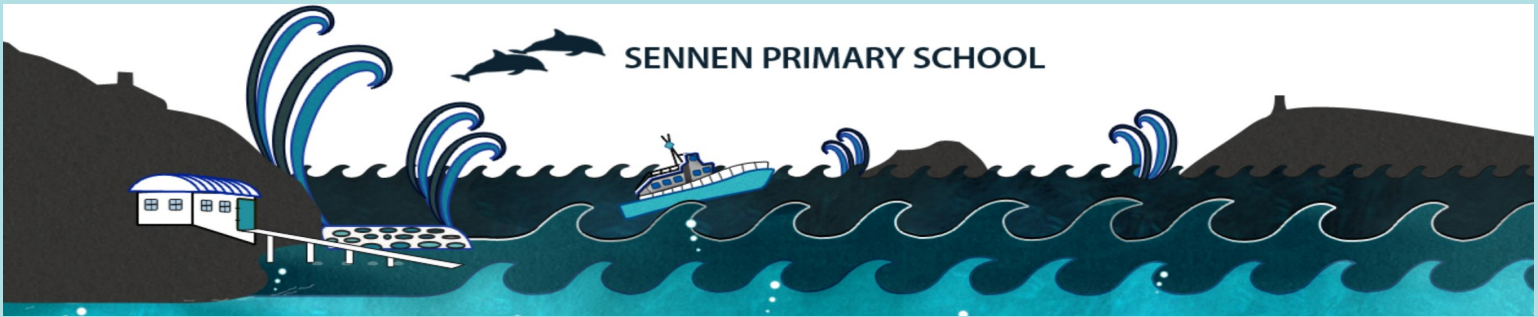
FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

WORLD
Week 2

	 THE MAIN EVENT <small>Filled Jackets</small>	 MEAT-FREE MAGIC <small>Veggie Dish</small>	 RAINBOW ALLEY <small>Vegetables and Salads</small>	 BIG TOPPING <small>Filled Jackets</small>	 DESSERT TROLLEY	 DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY
<p>Autumn Winter 2024-25: 9/9, 30/9, 21/10, 11/11, 2/12, 23/12, 13/1, 3/2</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>Cheesy Tomato Pizza Muffins</p>	<p>BBQ and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice</p>	<p>Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green Salad</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Toffee Apple Sponge and Custard</p>	<p>DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE</p>
<p>TUESDAY</p>	<p>Chicken Chimichangas</p>	<p>Veggie Enchiladas</p>	<p>Rice and Sweetcorn</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Chocolate Sprinkle Iced Cake</p>	<p>PASTA TWIRLER</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy</p>	<p>Cauliflower Cheese, Crispy Onion Topping & Roast Potatoes <small>(You don't have to have the onions!)</small></p>	<p>Mixed Greens</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Raspberry Coconut Jelly</p>	<p>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</p>
<p>THURSDAY</p>	<p>Butter Chicken Wholegrain Pilaf Rice</p>	<p>Aloo Gobi Cauliflower Potato Curry</p>	<p>Peas</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Fresh Fruit Salad</p>	<p>Topped Pasta Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese</p>
<p>FRIDAY</p>	<p>Battered Fish and Chips</p>	<p>Cheese and Tomato Toasted Wrap with Chips</p>	<p>Baked Beans</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Anzac Biscuits</p>	

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Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

I write to remind you that a new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

What are the changes?

There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.

There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

Please see FAQs on the next page for more information about how the new rules may affect you.

This law change, introduced by the Government will affect School families. If you have any questions, please do get in contact.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Baker
Headteacher

FAQs

If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards?

No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate?

Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

- Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.

In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.