



Headteacher update

The week ahead

Day	Event	Club option
Mon	Orchestra event	
Tues		
Wed	Longships camp	
Thurs	Longships camp PE for Brisons & Cowloe	Multi sports for KS1
Fri	Longships camp Beach school—No football kits please, old beach clothes only	

This week has been all about our lovely year 6s! They have been absolutely wonderful this week - not just in their attitude to their tests, but also in their support and kindness towards each other. They have eaten their body weight in croissants over the week and came in each day with a smile on their faces. What will be will be now, but they can all rest assured that they have done both us and themselves proud.



Next week we have Longships' camp! We are so excited about all of the activities we have coming up, but also understand that some pupils may be feeling anxious about the trip. Please reassure them over the weekend that we are there to help them 24/7 and will do our best to make it a memorable trip. If your child has any medication, including asthma pumps, please make sure you fill in a medical form ASAP.

We aim to leave mid morning on Wednesday (children need packed lunch) and are leaving Penryn on Friday lunchtime after our morning activities. We will keep you all updates regularly with photos and comments on Facebook and by text.

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Important dates:



20.5.24—Whole school orchestra performance

24.5.24—Cowloe animal visit form Duchy College

22.5—24.5—Longships camp

27.5—31.5—Half term holiday

13.6.24—Year 5/6 football match against Mousehole (away)

20.6.24—sports day

25.6.24—Year 5 enrichment day @ Cape Cornwall School

26.6—28.6—Cowloe Camp

3.7.24—Potential whole school trip to St Micheal's Mount

19.7.24—Whole School enterprise market

23.7.24—Leavers' assembly & last day of term

Spotlight on online safety

On our website, we have put lots of parent guides to common online safety issues. This week's focus is TikTok.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of legal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

18 CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 11 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive; figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

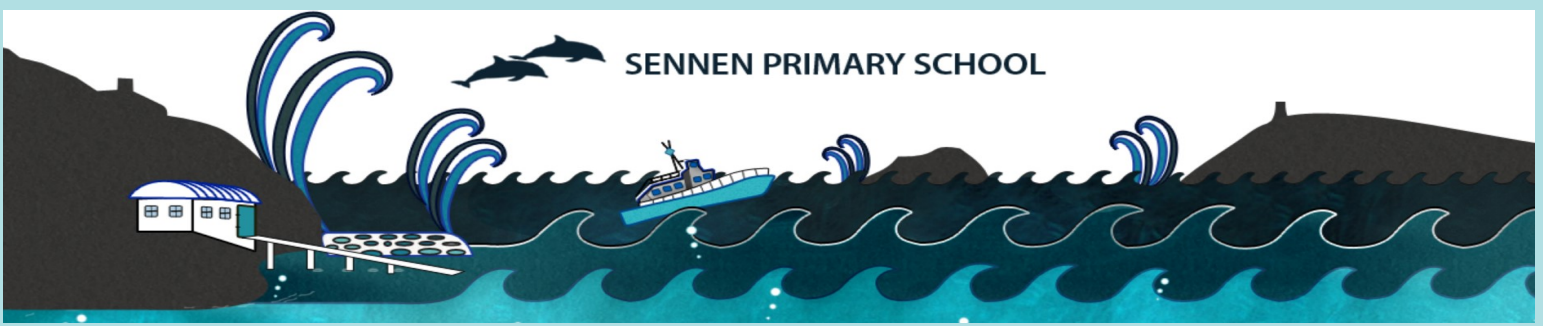
If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

To see all the online safety information on offer, please visit:

[Sennen Community Primary Academy - Online Safety](https://www.sennencommunityprimary.academy/online-safety)



Our FOSS AGM is coming up! Our wonderful parents do so much to help the school, and as budgets get tighter, we need to all the support we can muster! If you are free, please pop along and find out what's next for the team.

Friends of Sennen School FOSS

AGM

Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

**Sennen Community Centre
Thursday 23rd May 2024
7pm**





This is taking place on Saturday 25th May



PLANET PK CHAMPIONS BUILD A HIDEAWAY

SAT 25 MAY | CLORE LEARNING SPACE | 10:30 - 12:00



To celebrate Children's Gardening Week, we will be putting your building skills to the test to help us create our very own PK hideaway in a quiet corner of our beautiful PK gardens. We will be planting seeds for a variety of climbing plants which will grow over the summer months to create leafy cover for the hide-away.

Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Planet PK Champions is our free, monthly, environmental club for families.

Meet us in the Clore Learning Space, PK.

Free parking in our car park for all attendees.

Visit www.pkporthcurno.com/planetpk for further information about Planet PK Champions.



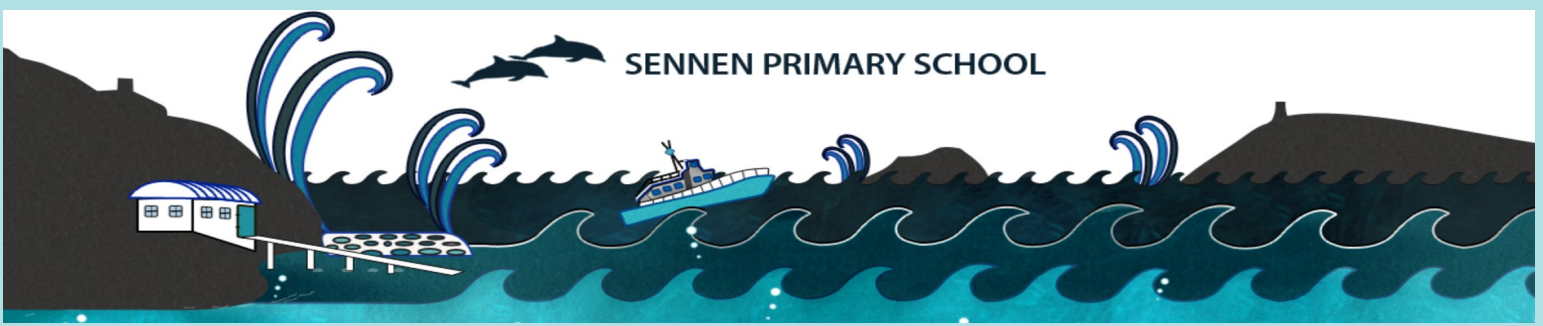
[PKPorthcurno.com](http://www.pkporthcurno.com)



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Penzance, Cornwall, TR19 6JX

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Half term activities

Direct Booking Form Link - [Cornwall Cricket Half Term Holiday Camps](#)

Half Term Holiday Camps



Softball
Tuesday 28th May

5 to 8 year olds: 10am to
12pm £16

8 to 11 year olds: 1pm to
4pm £24

Hardball
Wednesday 29th May

8 to 13 year olds: 10am to
12pm £16

Club hardball players: 1pm
to 3pm £16




**At Cornwall
Cricket Centre**

Truro College Campus
Truro
TR1 3XX

To book scan the QR Code or use the link in the text

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 3

W/C: 29/04, 20/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 02/09, 23/09, 14/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake 🍗 🍗	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta 🌱 🍗 🍗	Vegetarian Sausage 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Onion Slice	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce 🌱 🍗 Served with Rice	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🍗					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DISSERT	Chocolate Brownie 🍫 🍗	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake 🍌 🌱	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream
	PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day		AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit		🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍷 Wholegrain 🍏 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice