



Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, the weeks are flying by and we find ourselves hurtling towards another festive season here at Penpol.

We love to learn about all kinds of religious and non-religious beliefs, helping us to live out our values of **respect** and **friendship** in all that we do. Class 5 have been learning about how some Christians mark the period of Advent and created these beautiful Christingles in class. Well done all!



Meanwhile, we were visited by a legion of Romans on Thursday, along with a few brave Iceni warriors for balance. Having created some wonderful shields, costumes and props Year 4 had an excellent time stepping into the shoes of ancient warriors.



Do you have a child due to start Reception in 2024? The deadline to apply for a school place is fast-approaching, on January 15th. If you would like to come for a look around the school or need any support with your application, please don't hesitate to get in touch at my email below. When you are ready to apply, the link is below:

https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions/

We also have a limited number of spaces available in our **nursery**, particularly in the afternoon. As you can see – the children have a lot of fun! Nursery admissions are processed directly by us as a school. Please do get in touch at nursery@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk if you would like to learn more.



Please find our key **Christmas dates** in one place below:

Date/Time	Details	Event
Wednesday 6 th December	Please order meals on Aspens. The meat option will be chicken in order to maintain normal pricing. 😊	Christmas Dinner
Friday 8 th December	All welcome to wear a festive or favourite jumper or accessory.	Christmas Jumper day
Tuesday 12 th December 9:30am	All parents and carers of Class 1 children welcome.	Class 2 Nativity
Wednesday 13 th December 9:30am	All parents and carers of Class 2 children welcome.	Class 1 Nativity
Wednesday 13 th December at 2pm	All children in Years 1 and 2. Ticketed (Please see below)	Key Stage 1 Concert at St Elwyn's Church
Wednesday 13 th December at 5pm.	Including fun, refreshments and some fantastic local crafts stalls. Rumour has it we may also be visited by Santa!	Christmas Fair
Thursday 14 th December at 2pm	All children in Years 3 – 6. . Ticketed (Please see below)	Key Stage 2 Afternoon Concert at St Elwyn's Church
Thursday 14 th December at 5pm	All children in Years 3 – 6. . Ticketed (Please see below)	Key Stage 2 Evening Concert at St Elwyn's Church
Tuesday 19 th December 2pm.	As is customary for end of whole-terms, we will finish at 2pm for all please.	End Of Term

In order to maintain safe audience numbers, we sadly need to use a **ticketing system** for each of our **concerts at St Elwyn's Church**. Tickets will be free of charge, with two tickets available for each child. More details on how these will be allocated will follow next week. Thank you for your understanding.

Important Updates

Parent Pay: We use this tool for payments and authorisation of trips, clubs and other activities. If you are new to the school and would like any support setting up your account, please do get in touch at secretary@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk. Thank you.

Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce: This important group of children, **parents, carers**, staff and governors helps to inform much of our school-wide work around diversity and inclusion. We would love to welcome new members. If you are keen to join us for our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 16th January at 10:30, please pop me an email at my address below.

In assemblies today, we talked about taking time to explore **differences** in the way we communicate. The children particularly enjoyed the short film **Loop** which can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CctDL-Pzlo0&ab_channel=EverythingAndAnythingGoes

This week's **Makaton Sign of the Week** is for the word *black*. You can find this here: https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Black.aspx

If you have ordered a **school photo**, these will be coming your way early next week. 😊

Congratulations to all in **Pendeen House** who were Key Stage 2 Champions this week with a whopping **868 Dojos!**

Finally, our friends at **West Cornwall Women's Aid** are running an Open Afternoon on Friday 8th December from 12-4pm. More information can be found here:

We wish you a restful weekend and, to those attending Hayle's Light Parade, a wonderful evening.

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The poster features a green and purple color scheme. At the top left is the WCWAid logo with the text 'Supporting women and children in West Cornwall'. The main title 'West Cornwall Women's Aid Open Afternoon' is prominently displayed in purple and green. Below the title, the event details are listed: '12 - 4pm at Maura Place, Friday 8th December, 11 Market Place, Penzance TR18 2JB, Drinks and food provided'. A purple box at the bottom contains an invitation to join the community building and learn about the impact of their work.

WCWAid Supporting women and children in West Cornwall

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Open Afternoon

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Friday 8th December
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Drinks and food provided

Join us at our community building for our Open Afternoon.
A chance to learn about the impact of our work with women and children affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence.
Meet our staff and volunteers, and find out what WCWAid has to offer.