



PENPOL NEWSLETTER

27TH FEBRUARY 2026

I hope you all enjoyed a busy but wonderful first week back after a restful half-term break. I do not want to say spring has sprung, but it is most certainly trying to! The fields around Hayle are glowing with that familiar shade of daffodil yellow, and the evenings are getting lighter.

This week, staff undertook important work during our INSET day, focusing on the importance of movement for brain development and ensuring it is fully integrated into our school day. As the weather continues to improve, we hope to spend more time outside enjoying our wonderful local environment.

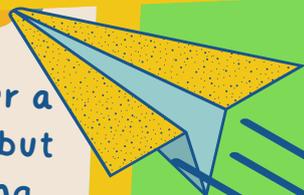
There has once again been a huge amount of wonderful learning taking place at Penpol this week. Year 2 enjoyed a workshop performance of Jack and the Beanstalk at the breathtaking Minack Theatre. Year 5 began their six-week block of touch rugby with the Cornish Pirates. Year 1 were visited by our catering partners, Aspens, to take part in a healthy food workshop inspired by The Very Hungry Caterpillar — but do not worry, they used fruit and vegetables, not actual caterpillars!

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mr Stanlake



I'd like to thank both Amanda and Vlasta, our outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, for all of their hard work. We warmly welcome Emma and Michelle as they take on the mantle.



Wilfred's Cornish phrase this week is one for the Panthers—especially those racing their first race!

Gwrys yn ta - Well done!



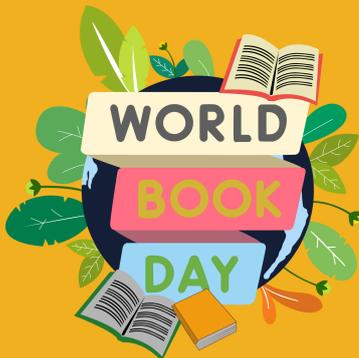
Having the opportunity to explore, learn and play within our Forest School setting is incredibly important to us. Since Mrs Allen left us earlier in the year, we have been working hard to ensure that our Forest School provision continues to form an integral part of our 360 curriculum.

This week, our teachers and Year 6 pupils have been busy preparing the area for our re-launch next week. Our nursery children will continue to use the space in the mornings, with the rest of the school taking advantage of the area in the afternoons.

We will be working in three-week blocks, beginning with our oldest pupils before moving down through the school. Our Phase Leaders will be in contact via letter to outline specific days, but an overview can be seen here.



WB	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Spring 2					
23/2					EYFS
2/3	Year 5/6				
9/2	Year 5/6				
16/2	Year 5/6				
23/3	Year 3/4				
30/3	Year 3/4				
Summer 1					
20/4	Year 3/4				EYFS
27/4	Year 1/2				
4/5	Year 1/2				
11/5	Year 1/2				
18/5	Year 5/6				
Summer 2					
1/6	Year 5/6				EYFS
8/6	Year 5/6				
15/6	Year 3/4				
22/6	Year 3/4				
29/6	Year 3/4				
6/7	Year 1/2				
13/7	Year 1/2				



This coming Thursday is World Book Day. As the letters you have received explain, the children are invited to represent their favourite book in any way they choose — this could be in costume, with a prop, or simply by bringing their favourite book along with them.

Aspens will be celebrating World Book Day with a special themed menu on Thursday — choose from World Book Day Burgers or Bean Burritos!

Meals can be ordered in the usual way via the Aspens website.

We will also be hosting our first whole-school book swap. If they are able to, children are welcome to donate a book or two to the collection boxes that will be in their classrooms on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

On World Book Day, all children will have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home — regardless of whether they were able to donate one, or even if they donated more than one.

Our main aim for the day is to promote a love of reading — and what better way than for every child to bring home a new book?

NEXT WEEK!

NEXT WEEK IS CORNISH WEEK, AND WE WILL ALSO BE HOSTING THE BOOK FAIR EVERY AFTERNOON AFTER SCHOOL!

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH – WORLD BOOK DAY
(PLEASE SEE DETAILS ABOVE.)

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH
ST PIRAN'S DAY



It is with great pleasure that I can share the wonderful news that Mrs King and her family have welcomed the safe arrival of their baby boy! He's an 'ansome little chap, and we're all delighted for them.

A wet few weeks have led to the postponement of the Panthers' involvement in recent local cross-country events, but Wednesday saw them return to their roaring ways! They picked up medals in a multitude of different races; however, what I found most pleasing was the number of children who have taken up the club in recent weeks and were attending their very first race.

Not to be put off by the mud underfoot, they ran and they ran and they ran — and their smiles didn't slip once from their faces! That's what it's all about — having fun!

Gwrys yn da oll!



Unfortunately, the local authority has still not been able to fill the position. The safety of our children remains a priority, and we appreciate everyone taking extra care at drop-off and pick-up times.

If you are interested in the role, or know someone who may be, please do share the link below:

<https://ekzo.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX/job/1676>



We are pleased to confirm our term and INSET dates for the 2026-2027 academic year below.

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We know that many of our students have siblings in secondary schools, which hold a two-week half-term. In recognition of this and to support more families to take advantage of cheaper 'term-time' travel opportunities, Penpol pupils will also break for a two-week half-term from Saturday 17th October 2026. As ever, we ask that you please check these dates carefully to avoid any planned absences during term-time. Many thanks, Mr Chislett.



Forward Together

War-rag War-barth

September 2026				October 2026				November 2026									
Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	30		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	6	13	20	27	Tue	3	10	17	24		
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	3	10	17	24		Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	Thurs	5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29

December 2026				January 2027				February 2027								
Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	5	12	19	26	Tue	2	9	16	23	
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Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28

March 2027				April 2027				May 2027									
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
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June 2027				July 2027				August 2027									
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Inset Days

School holidays

Bank holidays
 Christmas Day 25 December 2026
 Boxing Day 28 December 2026
 New Years Day 01 January 2027
 Good Friday 26 March 2027
 Easter Monday 29 March 2027
 May Bank Holiday 03 May 2027
 Spring Bank Holiday 31 May 2027
 Summer Bank Holiday 30 August 2027

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)
 1 September - 18 December 2026
 (HALF TERM 19 - 30 October 2026)

SPRING TERM (54 days)
 4 January - 25 March 2027
 (HALF TERM 15 - 19 February 2027)

SUMMER TERM (69 days)
 12 April - 23 July 2027
 (HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2027)