

1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

# PARENT NEWSLETTER



**Ms Tanya Coleman**  
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write my final introduction as Headteacher, I find myself reflecting on what an extraordinary 18 months it has been. Though I will soon be stepping back into my role as Deputy Headteacher, my sense of pride in our school has never been stronger.

## **CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY WE'VE BUILT TOGETHER**

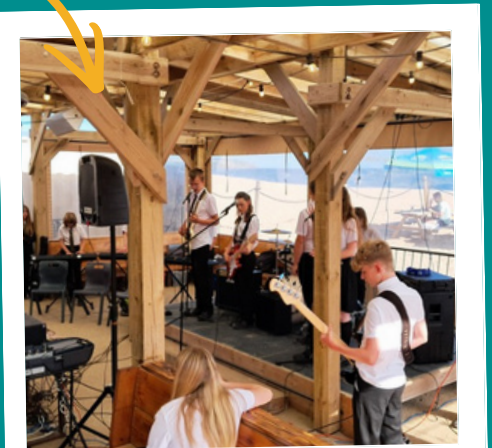
Building a strong sense of community has been a key focus of my tenure as Headteacher, and together we continue to build something special. From our termly Penrice Joins Parkrun events, to our inaugural whole school Christmas Dinner as well as our Community Christmas Hampers, and our Penrice Rocks at Carlyon Bay showcase, we continue to be at the heart of our local community.

As I move back into my Deputy Headteacher role, I will continue to drive our young people to achieve their very best.

Thank you to the Penrice community for all your support. This is goodbye, but not farewell - it continues to be an honour.



Parkrun Gatherings



Penrice Rocks at  
Carlyon Bay

# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

A huge well done to all of our award winners from this term's Celebration Assemblies! From merit badges to subject pins, we are all extremely proud of your achievements this term.

A special shout-out goes to our Head of Year Badge winners. This prestigious honour is awarded just once per term in each year group, so to win this badge students must regularly go above and beyond. Well done to Isaac (7AS), Seb (8PR), Emelia (9SP), and Lily-Rose (10CA) for demonstrating exceptional commitment to embodying our school's core values of Pride, Respect, and Success. Year 11's final celebration assembly takes place after Easter.



 Year 7: Isaac (7AS)



 Year 8: Seb (8PR)



 Year 9: Emelia (9SP)



 The Year 8 Rock Band Play at Celebration Assembly

# CELEBRATION REWARDS

As part of celebrating our students' incredible achievements from this term, we are delighted to be hosting silent discos for our top 50 merit earners in each year group. Yesterday afternoon, the Sports Hall was transformed into a disco space with bright headphones and plenty of cheer as our Year 7s and 8s danced and sang along to a wide range of hits provided by DJ Johnson (also known as Mr Johnson).

We look forward to partying again this afternoon with our Year 9 and 10 students. Congratulations once again to all those who won pin badges and this thoroughly deserved reward to end the term on a high.



All photos to be shared tonight on social media



[Read Full Story](#)



# CORNISH TALENT REACHES MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

We're incredibly proud of two Year 11 students, Reuben and Rose, who have each earned funded places at the prestigious Marlborough College through the Cornish Funding Scheme - a unique bursary supporting talented young people from Cornwall.

Their achievement follows a highly competitive process and reflects their exceptional ambition and character. Read the full story and find out how this opportunity is being offered to Year 10 students.



## Well Done, Year 10!

On Friday, we marked the end of Year 10's PPEs with some well-deserved break-time ice creams - a small gesture to recognise a huge amount of hard work. We have been consistently impressed by the focus, resilience and maturity students have shown throughout their exams. Their dedication has not gone unnoticed, and Friday offered a lovely moment to pause, celebrate and acknowledge their efforts as a year group.



[More Photos](#)



## Get Ready for the Class of 2026 Ball!

**Need an outfit?**  
Borrow one for free from our **Ball Lending Event!**

### Browse and borrow:

- Dresses • Suits
- Shoes & Accessories

### Where:

Centre of Excellence  
break 2 **Tuesday and Wednesday**  
Main Hall for 2nd April  
**3.30-5.30**

### Who:

All Penrice students

Items borrowed must be returned to school after the ball.



**Got any spare evening wear?**

**Please donate clean items!**



## FROM PENRICE BIRTH CENTRE TO PENRICE ACADEMY

Our Year 11 Child Development students enjoyed an inspiring visit from two Community Midwives from Penrice Birth Centre last week.

Through a carousel of Antenatal, Birth and Post-Natal workshops, students explored real-world midwifery using genuine equipment and expert guidance. The hands-on experience brought classroom learning to life, sparking curiosity and confidence in those considering careers in health and care.

A truly uplifting session that showcased the power of practical learning and the incredible work of our local midwifery team.

You can watch a short video of the visit via YouTube (link to the left).



**MRS YEO**  
Head of Year 7

Our Year 7 Disco is nearly here - a fantastic chance to celebrate the end of another amazing term at Penrice.

On Thursday 2nd April, 5:00–7:00pm, Year 7 can enjoy an evening of music, fun and friendship. A quiet space and low-sensory periods will be available throughout.

Students may bring small cash for treats, and collection will take place from the car park as pupils are dismissed from the canteen. If your child is walking home, please let us know beforehand.

We can't wait to celebrate the completion of Year 7's brilliant second term!

[Full Information](#)



## YEAR 7

# END OF TERM DISCO

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

A chance to see out the term in style and celebrate as a year group!



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# PENRICE STUDENT ELECTED ON CORNWALL YOUTH COUNCIL

Penrice Academy is incredibly proud to announce that Year 11 student, Sofia, has been successfully elected to the Cornwall Youth Council, representing the St Austell and Newquay constituency for the next two years.

Sofia's achievement follows a countywide election that saw over 13,500 young people cast their votes. Across Cornwall, just 18 young people were appointed as Elected Members, and Sofia is one of them.



Whitemoor Primary Visit the Penrice Farm



Ten Tors Training, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March





## Bringing French to Life at Penrice

On 18<sup>th</sup> March, we were delighted to welcome the brilliant Onatti Productions to Penrice for a live French performance on stage.

Their interactive plays are designed specially for beginner and intermediate learners, helping our students see the language come alive through fun, relatable scenarios they study throughout their five years with us - from organising a party to choosing an outfit and meeting new people.

Our students loved the energy, the humour and, of course, the chance to get up on stage and take part themselves!



**MRS JOHNS**  
Assistant Headteacher

### Reminder: Year 9 Options Form – Due 10th April

A gentle reminder that the Year 9 Options Form must be completed by 10th April.

This is an important step in shaping your child's GCSE pathway, and all families should ensure preferences are submitted via the online form.

Please remember students need five ordered preferences, and forms must be checked carefully to avoid errors or duplicate subjects.

Parental consent is required before submission. Thank you for your support in helping students make informed choices for their Key Stage 4 journey.



**Options E-Booklet**  
[PDF: 6MB]



**7SM Tutor Wellbeing Farm Visit**



**HOMEWORK SPOTLIGHT:**  
Year 7 Science - Under the Sea



# COMMUNITY CORNER

Local news and free events in the St Austell and surrounding areas.



## St Austell Town Youth Band Crowned National Champions

Some amazing news from the weekend! St Austell Town Youth Band are now National Champions of Great Britain!

Under the leadership of Musical Director Anna Minear, the band travelled to Birmingham to compete on Saturday and finished first in their Challenge section. This is such a phenomenal achievement and the result of so much time, hard work and dedication from the young people in our community and the adults supporting them.

We are proud to have five Penrice students in St Austell Town Youth Band. Whilst we congratulate everyone involved in this band, we wish to give a special mention to:

Senara (Year 8 – Tenor Horn)  
Alanna (Year 9 – Cornet)  
Noah (Year 9 – Tuba)  
Bailey (Year 10 – Tuba)  
Jamie (Year 11 – Percussion)

If anyone is interested in joining the band, they are encouraged to reach out to St Austell Town Brass Band via social media, or by emailing [staustelltownband@gmail.com](mailto:staustelltownband@gmail.com).



## Youth Production Opportunity

The award-winning TADS Youth return this summer with *Let the Right One In*, adapted by acclaimed writer Jack Thorne (*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*).

This dark, gripping story follows Oskar, a lonely boy who befriends mysterious newcomer Eli.

Open to performers aged 12–19, with two read-throughs on 27 March and 17 April. To get involved, email [tadsdrama@gmail.com](mailto:tadsdrama@gmail.com).



## Interactive Family Game Around St Austell

A fun, free, interactive physical activity game has been launched in St Austell this week for young people and families. Earn points by walking, cycling or wheeling between different 'Beat Boxes', with over 50 different sensors installed in our town.

[Learn More](#)



# Support Organisations



**In an emergency,  
call 999**



## Worried about a child?

Multi-agency Referral Unit (MARU)  
0300 123 1116

Out-of-hours number 01208 251300

[multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk)



Support for children and young people is available from

## Cornwall's Early Help Hub

(01872) 322 277

[earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk)

**NSPCC**  
0808 800 5000



Cornwall **foodbank**

Citizens Advice Cornwall who will be able to issue you with a **food bank voucher** - call 0800 144 8848

Financial support or advice on care and support services for families

0808 208 2138

[www.supportincornwall.org.uk](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk)



## YOUNGMINDS

Support young people with the tools to look after their mental health

Parents helpline -

0808 802 5544

Young person -

Text SHOUT to 85258



free, safe & anonymous advice at [kooth.com](http://kooth.com)

**shout**  
85258

"It's alright to ask for help"

**SAMARITANS**

116 123



0800 58 58 58  
Helpline for men  
[www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net)

**HOPELINE247**

0800 068 4141

TEXT: 07860 039 967



**PAPYRUS**

PROVIDER OF YOUNG MINDS



Support for young people aged 11 to 25

[youngpeoplecornwall.org](http://youngpeoplecornwall.org)

**SAFER**

**FUTURES**

Ending Abuse in Cornwall & Isles of Scilly

0300 777 4777  
Mon-Fri 9am-9pm  
Sat- 9am-5pm



LEARNING TOGETHER  
CORNWALL EDUCATION LEARNING TRUST