

27th February 2026

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Ms Tanya Coleman
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new-look newsletter! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break and are feeling recharged for the weeks ahead. It has been wonderful to see the school come alive again with the energy and curiosity of our students.

PARENT EVENINGS

It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into school this week for our two parent evenings. We began with our Year 11 Exam Success Evening on Wednesday, where families explored revision strategies, wellbeing and preparations for the months ahead. This was followed by a vibrant Year 7 Progress Evening on Thursday. The hall buzzed with positivity as teachers held a wealth of constructive conversations and looked ahead to the opportunities awaiting our newest cohort. Your support and partnership make a powerful difference, and we are grateful to everyone who attended each of these events.

JOIN US AS WE STEP INTO THE WOODS

Looking ahead, excitement is building as we prepare to raise the curtain on our 2026 School Production next week. Into the Woods blends classic fairytales with a clever, modern twist, brought to life by a dedicated cast and crew who have worked tirelessly on every detail! Their commitment shines through, and we cannot wait to share this magical production with you. Tickets are still available, but selling quickly!



Into the Woods
Dress Rehearsals



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CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

9-15
FEB
2026

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH ASSEMBLIES

Children's Mental Health Week took place between 9th - 15th February, and the theme for this year was 'Belonging'.

To mark the occasion, Mrs Taylor led assemblies for every single year group, opening up important conversations around children's mental health.

As well as raising awareness, Mrs Taylor also reminded students of the available support channels both in and out of school, all whilst offering practical tips to help our students look after their well-being.



Mental Health
Assemblies



Introducing
Mrs Allen-Trevarton

INTRODUCING OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PRACTITIONER

We're delighted to introduce Mrs Allen-Trevarton, our new Mental Health and Well-being Practitioner, who joined Penrice in November. This vital role has been created in response to the growing need for emotional support, both in school and beyond, as external services continue to face pressure.

She will work closely with students through one-to-one and group sessions. We know there is still more progress to make, and more resource is still needed in this area, but we remain committed to growing our support and championing the well-being of every single student.



SINGERS SHINE AT CORNWALL YOUTH CHOIRS JAMBOREE

On Wednesday 11th February, members of the Penrice Senior Choir were invited to attend the Cornwall Youth Choirs Secondary School Jamboree at the Princess Pavilion in Falmouth.

The students were extremely excited to perform on stage at this iconic venue and Penrice Academy's performance involved some stand-out solos from Sadie (Year 7), Rosie (Year 9) and Edie (Year 11).

The evening was a brilliant celebration of secondary school singing and the choir were able to enjoy performances by their peers from Helston Community College, Pool Academy, Bodmin College, Falmouth School and the Cornwall Youth Choirs.

Words by Mr Brodey
Director of Arts and Technology



2027 African Adventure Opportunity

We're excited to share that students currently in Years 9 and 10 can apply to join our incredible educational volunteering trip to Zanzibar, Tanzania in July 2027. They'll spend 10 nights supporting local schools through teaching, sports coaching, or building projects.

Families can learn more via the link below and during an Information Evening at 6pm on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at Penrice Academy (advanced registration required).

[Learn More](#)



Penrice Parkrun Review

Our latest Penrice Parkrun was bursting with encouragement and a touch of friendly competition on Saturday 7th February.

A huge congratulations to Mr Brodey, who stormed ahead to claim first place, giving the staff team plenty to chase! Year 11 also made an impressive showing, with 11GT turning out alongside Mr Thomas.

In a standout moment, Ms Coleman was outpaced by not one but two students - well done to Josh (Year 8) and Jay (Year 10) for rising to the challenge!



[Read Full Story](#)



STUDENTS CAST THEIR VOTES IN YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTION

We were proud to play our part in the Cornwall Youth Council Elections on Wednesday 5th February, as every student across the school had the opportunity to cast their vote and make their voice heard in the county. In an exciting development, we were delighted to hear that we have one anonymous Penrice candidate standing in this year's elections!

FUTURE MEDICS IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE WORKSHOP

Our Future Medics students had an inspiring afternoon on Friday 6th February as we welcomed Ashleigh Pestridge for a brilliant lecture on Emergency Medicine.

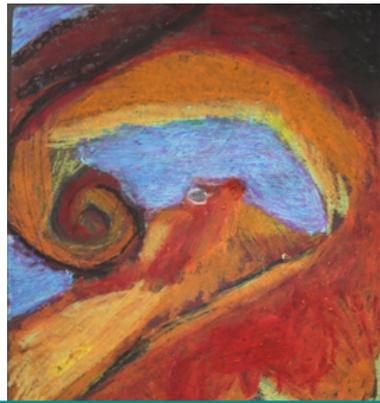
Ashleigh, who currently works at Treliske Hospital, shared an honest and insightful look into what it truly takes to become a doctor. Students explored a range of medical specialisms through an engaging Q&A session, before trying their hand with specialist emergency medicine equipment - an invaluable experience for those aspiring to careers in healthcare.

A huge thank you to Ashleigh for her time yesterday and for helping to inspire the next generation of medical professionals.



[Learn More](#)





Year 7 Art Project Work
'Into the Deep'



Cup Final Disappointment

Our Year 11 Boys' Football team experienced disappointment in the County Cup final on Wednesday with a 2-0 loss to Helston Community College.

While the result brings their incredible journey to an end, it in no way dims their achievements. County champions in Year 10 [pictured] and arguably one of Penrice's most successful sports teams ever, they've given us years of pride and unforgettable moments. Well done to all, and a big thank you to the parents and carers who have been relentless in their support from the sidelines.

Homework Club Reminder

Homework Club is available to all students. Students can access and use the school's computer suite whilst also being able to ask for support from a supervising teacher.

A member of the SEND team is also available at every Homework Club to support students.

BREAK 1

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Room CS3.

AFTER-SCHOOL

Mondays - Thursdays, 3-4pm. Room CS3.



Ten Tors Training



[View Full Calendar](#)

Coming up at Penrice Academy



Tuesday 3rd March

School Production Opening Night. Ends on 5th March.



Wednesday 18th March

Zanzibar 2027 Information Evening



Thursday 19th March

Year 8 Progress Evening



Thursday 26th March

Year 9 Progress Evening



Thursday 2nd April

Year 7 Disco

COMMUNITY CORNER

Free, local events in the St Austell area.



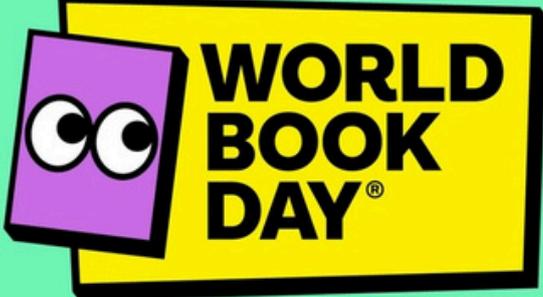
Free trees for St Austell

Saturday 28 February 2026
10.30am-12.30pm
at St Austell Library
PL25 4LD

Pick up a free tree to plant in your front or back garden.
There's no need to book, just come along on the day.

cornwall.gov.uk/forestforcornwall

Help nature in your local area to grow



Book Giveaway!

Members from Soroptimist International St Austell & District will be here offering FREE children's books! For ages 0-teens.

St Austell Library
Sat 7th March
10.00am-12.00pm

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PRESENTS

INTO THE WOODS



3RD, 4TH & 5TH MARCH 2026 | 6PM START

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
Book by JAMES LAPINE

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine
Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI: www.mtishows.co.uk.

Tickets £7 | Available online. Search 'Into the Woods' on the Penrice Academy website.