

17th March 2026

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Ms Tanya Coleman
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

INTO THE WOODS WOWS PENRICE

What an unforgettable few weeks it has been at Penrice. Our production of Into the Woods was nothing short of magical! It was a beautiful showcase of our students' imagination and sheer passion for performing. We are incredibly proud of each and every student involved. I'd also like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to the teachers and staff behind the production for dedicating their time to create these opportunities for our young people. Their commitment and belief in our students make experiences like this possible.

[Full Image Gallery](#) 



School Production:
Into The Woods

LOOKING AHEAD

This Wednesday, we host our Zanzibar 2027 Launch Evening, inviting families of Year 9 and 10 students to learn more about what could become an African adventure of a lifetime!

[Learn More](#) 



Zanzibar 2025

On Thursday, we look forward to welcoming families to our Year 8 Progress Evening, a valuable chance to hold constructive conversations and plan for a strong finish to the year.

Last but by no means least, the Year 9 Progress and Options Evening will take place on Thursday 26th March. This is a pivotal milestone, where students begin shaping their future pathways and discovering the subjects that inspire them most. Your support at this stage truly matters and we look forward to seeing you there!



Into the Woods



Miss Brown
Head of Year 8

YEAR 8 PROGRESS EVENING REMINDER

We would like to invite parents and carers of Year 8 to attend our upcoming Year 8 Progress Evening. This event provides an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, discuss their progress so far this year, and explore ways to support their continued learning and development.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 19th March and working together to help your child achieve their full potential.

You can book appointments via the online system (instructions have been emailed to parents/carers). If you experience difficulties in booking appointments, please speak to our Reception team who will be able to assist.




Prom Donations Welcome

To help make Prom accessible for all, we're reaching out to our amazing Penrice community for support. If you have any items or services that you'd be happy to donate - big or small - they would make a huge difference!

Ideas include: Dresses, shoes, suit jackets, trousers, shirts, ties, jewellery, handbags, hair or beauty services, and transport.

Donations can be dropped off at Penrice. Once items are used at the Class of 2026 prom, we kindly ask that items are given back to Penrice to ensure that future year groups can benefit.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION



Mrs Johns - Assistant Headteacher



Year 9 Options Taster
Lessons Today



YEAR 9

**PROGRESS AND
OPTIONS EVENING**

Thursday 26th March 2026

A combined evening offering progress discussions with core subject teachers and the chance to explore GCSE options. Booking required for core subjects. Further details available online.

WORLD BOOK DAY

A PENRICE CLASSIC: WORLD BOOK DAY DOOR DECORATIONS

On World Book Day, staff and tutor groups embraced a long-standing Penrice tradition and decorated classroom doors as their favourite books.

From timeless tales like *The Gruffalo* and *Matilda* to countless other favourites, our classroom doors were transformed into vibrant celebrations of the stories that spark imagination and inspire a love of reading. There was even a *Where's Wally?* hunt in the Student Family Centre where students were warmly welcome to visit and have fun finding the six hidden 'Wallys' in the room.

You are welcome to enjoy the short video reel here which features some of our favourites. Thank you to all those staff and students who took part!



Story Republic Inspire Penrice Students

Also coinciding with World Book Day was a visit from Story Republic, who brought colour and the joy of storytelling to Penrice. Their vibrant performances of stories and poems sparked Year 7 imaginations in assembly before surprise drop-ins to classes across the school.

Story Republic also worked with our Year 10 Drama students, offering a short performance and Q&A. Enrichment experiences like this help our students discover a lifelong love of reading, language and creative careers.



St Piran's Day Pasties and Cream Teas



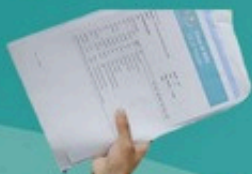
British Science Week at Penrice

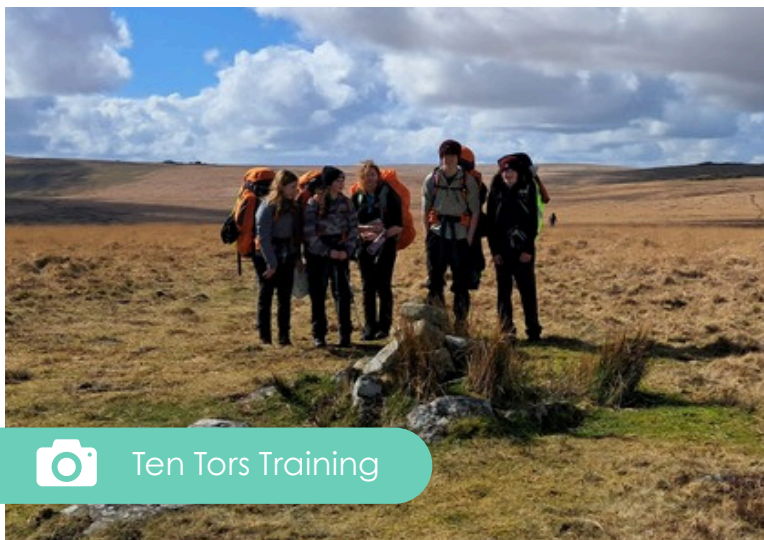
YEAR 11 EXAM SUCCESS EVENING RECAP



Pride
Respect
Success

Exam Success Evening 2026





Ten Tors Training



Introducing the Attendance Streaks Tracker

We're excited to launch the new Attendance Streaks Tracker at Penrice Academy - a positive, student-friendly way to celebrate consistent attendance. Each full week in school builds a "streak," giving students more entries into our weekly prize draws for vouchers, treats and fun rewards. The tracker helps students take ownership of their progress, while tutors can recognise early wins and offer timely support. Thank you for continuing to champion strong attendance and positive routines.

[Full Information Letter \(PDF: 210KB\)](#)



We would like to invite you along to share your views at our Spring Term Parent Forum on Monday 30th March, 5.00pm - 6.30pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet some of the Senior Leadership Team and share your feedback both in terms of what you think is working well but also areas that we can improve.

[Register Here](#)



Kernow Health Immunisation Catch up sessions

Kernow Health are running catch-up clinics across Cornwall for children in Years 7–11 who may have missed their routine school vaccinations, including:

- HPV vaccine – from Year 8
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) – final booster from Year 9
- Meningitis ACWY – from Year 9

If you're not sure whether your child has missed a vaccination, please get in touch with Kernow Health via 01872 221105 or kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net.

UPCOMING CATCH-UP CLINIC DATES*

23 March, New St Austell Family Hub
25 March, Bodmin Family Hub
26 March, Newquay Family Hub

*All catch-up clinics are by pre-booked appointment only.



Thinking about becoming a teacher?

Cornwall Education Learning Trust offers welcoming, accessible routes into primary and secondary teaching, all delivered locally in partnership with Plymouth Marjon University.

You'll train in supportive school communities across our 16 academies, learning from passionate teachers who are ready to guide you every step of the way. Our Centre of Excellence at Penrice Academy provides high-quality training close to home.

Learn More Webinar
Tuesday 31st March, 5:00pm - 6:00pm



Helping Every Family Eat Well

Penrice Academy is delighted to partner with Gleaning Cornwall, a volunteer organisation that collects surplus farm produce to reduce food waste and support local communities. Through this collaboration, our school can offer fresh vegetable bags to families who would benefit from them.

If you would like to receive a bag of seasonal vegetables, please contact khooper@penrice.celtrust.org and we will be happy to arrange one for you to collect or for your child to take home.



HOMEWORK SPOTLIGHT

Mandarin: Chinese New Year Dumplings and Chinese Lanterns





E-Scooters and the law Devon and Cornwall Police have received numerous complaints

regarding the use of Electric

scooters on the roads and pavements around the area of St Austell, both by adults, and by young people of school age. There have been reports of these E-scooters being used in a dangerous manner and causing collisions. Although a fun and cost-effective way of transportation E-Scooters are not to be used in public spaces.

The Police would like to take the opportunity to clarify the law and the consequences for those not adhering to the advice given.

Electric scooters are classified as PLEVs (Private Light Electric Vehicles). They are not subject to taxes or registration, and as such cannot legally be used on the road in the UK. This includes the pavement or footpaths (s.34 Road Traffic Act 1988 (RTA 1988) and s.72 Highways Act 1835).

As a motor vehicle, offences of dangerous and careless driving, and drink and drug driving may also be committed dependant on the location and circumstances.

To reiterate, it is illegal to use an E-scooter:

- on a public road without complying with a number of legal requirements, of which users will find very difficult (i.e insurance)
- in spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse- riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes.

Any person who uses an E-Scooter on a public road or other prohibited space in breach of the law is committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted. The only exemption to this under existing legislation is as part of a trial hire scheme. Trials are for approved rental E-Scooters only within the designated trial area. (Cities such as Bristol and London currently have these schemes, but nothing in Devon and Cornwall)

It is only legal to use an E-Scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner.

As E-Scooters fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988 they will be treated as such when being dealt with. The Police officer dealing with a report will seize the E-scooter and report the rider for consideration of prosecution on the first occasion of being stopped, where the rider is 18 or over. Under 18's will be taken home to a parent/guardian and will still potentially face prosecution. Once seized these E-scooters will be disposed of and not returned to the user/owner or parent/guardian.

Kind regards

PC 5929 Gareth Hawken – Youth Intervention Officer