



## Kennall Vale School

### Welcome to our School

Thank you for showing an interest in applying for a position at our school. Welcome to Kennall Vale School – a small village Primary school serving Ponsanooth near Truro. We are on the A393 Redruth – Falmouth road, close to the Kennall Vale Nature reserve, a picturesque river valley containing the remains of Kennall Vale Gunpowder Works. Kennall Vale School opened in new, purpose built premises in 1993 and, since then, has been extended and completely refurbished. The school has 5 classrooms, and at present 132 pupils on roll organised into mixed-age classes.

At Kennall Vale, we believe in nurturing the whole child in a supportive and vibrant community. Our school is more than just a place of learning; it is a home away from home where every child is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. Our core values 'Kennall Vale CARES' are Community, Aspiration, Respect, Excellence, and Success are at the heart of everything we do.

We pride ourselves on fostering a strong sense of community. Our school is a place where children, parents, and staff work together in a spirit of mutual support and cooperation. We believe that a close-knit community is essential for creating a nurturing and safe environment where every child can thrive. We have a very strong 'Friends of Kennall Vale School' who raise a huge amount of money to enhance everything we do in school.

### Aspiration

At Kennall Vale School, we inspire our students to dream big and aim high. We encourage them to set ambitious goals and provide the guidance and support they need to achieve them. We believe that fostering a spirit of aspiration helps children develop the confidence and resilience they need to succeed in all areas of life.





## **Our Curriculum**

### **Intent**

At Kennall Vale, our intent is to create a truly collaborative learning environment where students, staff, and parents work together to unlock the full potential of every child. Through our Collaborative Curriculum, we aim to equip students with the skills and values they need for success beyond school – focusing on creativity, critical thinking, effective communication, and adaptability. We have been working with the Arts Council, Exeter University, and Penryn College to engage in this exciting 'Creativity Collaboratives' programme – enhancing our students' educational journey, fostering a sense of curiosity and community.

We believe in nurturing creativity as a vital skill, not only in the arts but across all disciplines. Our curriculum is designed to encourage students to think outside the box, solve problems, and embrace new ideas with resilience and confidence.

### **Implementation**

Our Creative Curriculum is brought to life through engaging, hands-on activities and a range of collaborative projects. Our partnership with the Arts Council, Exeter University, and Penryn College provides unique opportunities for students to learn from industry experts, engage in real-world problem-solving, and develop workplace-ready skills. In projects like "Preparing for a Creative Future," students work together to explore creative thinking, collaboration, and dialogue—key skills for further education and the workforce.

Through cross-curricular learning, students develop the ability to connect ideas, adapt to challenges, and contribute meaningfully to group efforts. We encourage active dialogue, listening, and idea-sharing, allowing students to gain empathy and mutual respect while honing their communication skills. Additionally, our curriculum fosters critical thinking and problem-solving by allowing students to take risks, explore new solutions, and learn from both successes and setbacks.

### **Impact**

The impact of our Creative Curriculum is visible in the well-rounded, resilient, and resourceful learners who leave Kennall Vale ready to face future challenges. Students acquire vital life skills, including problem-solving, adaptability, and teamwork, making them workplace ready and prepared for an evolving world. With a strong foundation in creativity and collaboration, they are equipped to excel in any path they choose, whether in further education, a professional career, or community endeavours.

Our commitment to creativity shapes students who are curious, confident, and willing to take intellectual risks. They learn to connect ideas and recognise the value in different perspectives, gaining the tools they need for both personal and academic growth. By embedding creativity, empathy, and resilience into our curriculum, we ensure that each student develops a lifelong love for learning and the ability to thrive in any environment.

## **Our School Structure**

We are a mixed-class structured school which enables us to support all of our children academically. Our EYFS pupils and half of Year 1 are in our Piskies Class. The other half of our Year 1 children and Year 2 children can be found in our Cormoran Class. Year 3 and Year 4 reside in Morgawr Class with Zennor Class being the place for more Year 4 pupils and Year 5. Year 6 children are the stars of our Bedruthan Class where they finish their time at Kennall Vale.

## **OFSTED**

Our school was inspected by OFSTED on 7th January 2025 and was graded as GOOD in all aspects. Our report can be viewed on OFSTED's website: [Kennall Vale School OFSTED Report](#)

## **TPAT**

Kennall Vale School is proud to be part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust. TPAT work alongside our ethos of every child deserving the opportunity to succeed regardless of location or circumstance. Likewise, every school, regardless of size or level of geographical isolation, deserves the support necessary to make this happen.





## Safeguarding

TPAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, workers, volunteers, governors and trustees to share this commitment.

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