

Newsletter  
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# Dobwalls C P School



**"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him." – Maya Angelou**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday this week, Valency Class held an Egyptian Day to celebrate their learning from the half term. They came dressed in an array of costumes, so much fun and learning took place. The classroom floor wasn't quite the same colour at the end of the day as the start from making flatbreads and mummifying tomatoes but the tasting of flatbreads went down a treat! On Thursday, Fowey class held a fairy tale day and today Lerryn came dressed as a character from a traditional tale.

Such a brilliant love of books from both classes. Thank you so much parents/carers for such brilliant costumes.

A huge well done to our girls football team who won 9-0 earlier in the week. Big thank you to Chris King for leading the team and being with them.

Last night was an AMAZING PTFA disco! The infants danced and danced and I have to say the Juniors were just a little louder! I'm sure the whole village heard Sweet Caroline! So much dancing and singing from one and all. Thank you so much to all the PTFA members who helped to make the evening such a success, the children absolutely loved it! The total raised so far is £300 but the PTFA are still counting.

The school council met and discussed the options put forward by pupils as to the charity we are to support this year. The chosen charity is the Cornish Seal Sanctuary

I wish you all a lovely half-term and hope the children have a good rest. I look forward to seeing one and all for the half-term leading up to the exciting Christmas performances on Tuesday 31st October.

Best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher



### Parent/Teacher meetings

Thank you to everyone who has already booked their parent/teacher meeting. These meetings are primarily for parents and there will be no supervision provided for children. Remember bookings close the day before the meeting.

### Bonfire Night Menu

Please note that there is a change of menu on 2nd November in honour of bonfire night. Please see page 4 for details.



### Apply for a Blue Peter Book Badge!

All you have to do is complete the online form, telling Blue Peter about books you have read, send in pictures of book characters; all the things you do here in school anyway! If you receive a badge, we'd love to see them in school! Bring them in for our celebration assembly. Use this link to apply—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

### Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached October's newsletter. This month provides useful tips and facts for children watching live stream and playing games online.

### Half Term

A reminder that next week is half term and school reopens Tuesday 31st October (Monday 30th October is a non-pupil day). Please note that we have another non-pupil day during the next half term on Friday November 24th.

### Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Xena & Rory	Tamar	Jaxon & Arlo
Fowey	Chloe & Imogen	Lynher	Finley & Harrison
Loveny	Kadance & Thomas	Camel	Maggie & Billy
Valency	Ella & Alfie		

### PE Kits

Please see our [website for uniform reminders](#).

### PE Days

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days.

Long hair should be tied back. Please wear their usual school jumper/cardigan.

### A reminder of the school PE Kit...

Black shorts/leggings/skorts with plain coloured t-shirt (team colours) or white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. (No team football kits, running gear or other attire should be worn for P.E. or after school clubs unless specified by the teacher in charge of that club.)

During the winter, plain black leggings or jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games.

Monday	Y3
Tuesday	Y5
Wednesday	Y1/2
Thursday	EYFS/Y6
Friday	Y4



## Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
98%	95%	99%	93%	93%	94%	98%





The star learners this week come from Year 1. This term Fowey class have been learning about primary and secondary colours and about mixing colours. The children used their knowledge, skills and techniques learnt to create their final piece. Olivia W and Jowan C created colourful representations of Kandinsky 'circles'. Well done, they look incredible!



## Absence Requests—Reminder

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. We publish the dates of school terms well ahead, this is to help you plan your holidays and check that it does not clash with the school term. **Permission must be sought in advance.**

When deciding whether to allow term time leave, for any reason, the school will consider:

- **Are the circumstances surrounding the request exceptional**
- The time and duration of the leave (e.g. closeness to Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) in Year 2 and Year 6)
- Your child's record of attendance
- Learning that will be missed

**Warning:** if the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**.

### **The Law**

The law does not say that parents have an automatic right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time. You have a legal duty to make sure your child attends school regularly and punctually. Research shows that pupils perform better if their parents or carers emphasise the importance of attending school. The school and the Local Authority monitor your child's attendance and will take action if it is poor.

Only in exceptional situations will Governors give permission for any absence.

Advice from the Department for Education in March 2008 states that schools can only approve absence for family holidays if they consider there are special circumstances. Holiday prices, and the fact that the parents have booked a holiday before checking with the school, are not special reasons.

### **Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence**

If you decide to take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who as the issuing officer will may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carer, per child. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences.

Local Education Officers make termly visits to schools to review individual attendance figures and will visit families where children's attendance is low or there is persistent absence.

### **Guidance**

#### **Other absence from school will be authorised if it is for the following reasons:**

- Genuine illness
- Unavoidable medical / dental appointments (but try to make these after school if at all possible)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional circumstances, such as bereavement
- Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces
- External examinations
- When Traveller

#### **Other absence from school will not be authorised:**

- For any type of shopping
- Looking after brothers, sisters or unwell parents
- Minding the house
- Birthdays
- Resting after a late night
- Relatives visiting or visiting relatives



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## North Cornwall Rocks - the ultimate guide for families

OCTOBER 2023

Autumn is here - and the weather seems to have finally realised! There are lots of activities happening across North Cornwall this October Half Term. Pumpkin picking, spooky mazes, Halloween discos and parties, rockpool rambles and nature trails. Head over to the website and use our simple search features to have a look at what's on near you!



### HALLOWEEN

There are over 140 suggestions for events and days out in North Cornwall featured in our Half Term Guide including autumn trails, crafty events, storytelling and special effects makeup!  
[October Half Term Fun!](#)



### ARTICLES

As well as great days out, local clubs and family based events, we also publish articles and guides to the website. Download free colouring sheets, find out about discounts for locals, read some top parenting tips or get some ideas for autumn crafts to do at home. If you'd like to add something to our guides, if you have a business or service we should be shouting about - please get in touch!



### PARTY DIRECTORY

Have you seen our Party Guide? With venues, local entertainers, cake makers, balloon and decoration providers and caterers, it really does have everything you need to plan a kids party!  
[Have a look at the directory today!](#)

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2nd November

# LET'S ROCKET

## MAINS

Rocket Dog OR  
Veggie Rocket Dog

## SIDES

Chips  
Corn on the Cob

## DESSERT

Orange & Ginger Firework Cake  
with Custard

### FOOTBALL ROADSHOW

Our Soccer Roadshows are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, techniques, competitions and small sided games.

### GIRLS ONLY ROADSHOW

Girls of all abilities have the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and really feel part of the football community. These sessions are in place to shatter any lingering pre-conceptions about 'women's and girls' football and boost participation whilst learning skills and techniques and playing small sided games.

### MINI PILGRIMS 10AM - 11PM

Mini Pilgrim football sessions are aimed at three - six year olds, who are experiencing their first taste of a structured coaching session. The sessions are staffed at a ratio of 1 coach to 12 children. The emphasis is to improve the children's listening and concentration skills whilst working on balance and co ordination. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions.

### STRIKERS & GOALKEEPERS

This specific day will cover a variety of shooting activities and goalkeeper training. With opportunities for defenders and attackers to showcase their skills.



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## OCTOBER HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON OCTOBER 2023 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)  
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

### MONDAY 23RD

St Joseph School, Launceston (Multi Skills)  
Lanivet Community Hub (Football Roadshow)

### TUESDAY 24TH

Dobwalls Football Club (Football Roadshow)  
St Teath Football Club (Football Roadshow)

### WEDNESDAY 25TH

Holsworthy Youth FC (Football Roadshow)

### THURSDAY 26TH

Saltmill 3G, Saltash (Football Roadshow)  
Bude Football Club (Football Roadshow)

### FRIDAY 27TH

St Joseph School, Launceston (Football Roadshow)  
St Joseph School, Launceston 9:00 am - 12:00pm (Mini Pilgrims)  
Polperro Football Club (Football Roadshow)

### DISABILITY ROADSHOWS

### WEDNESDAY 25TH

Launceston College 4-8 year olds, 9:00 am - 11:30pm  
Launceston College 8+ years, 12:00pm - 2:30pm



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