

Newsletter  
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# Dobwalls C P School



**"There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all."**  
– Jacqueline Kennedy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know Miss Mabin and Miss Stephenson are sadly leaving us at the end of this term. After a recent recruitment process I am pleased to announce that Miss Gaskin will be joining us as Year 2 teacher and Miss Naismith as Year 4 teacher from January. They are both looking forward to meeting the children and parents in due course and joining our team. We have also welcomed Mrs Luther as Teaching Assistant each morning in Y2. Mrs Vickers is now working each morning in Y6 and Mrs Smith is in the office each morning.

From January, we will be extending our school day to be in line with DfE requirements which are to be in place by September 2024 to ensure all children across the country are provided with 32.5 hours of school time education. This means our school day will commence at 8:50am and finish at 3:20pm. The morning gate will be open from 8:40am - 8:50am.

This week, classes have all started their new topics and parent information has been sent out via class teachers along with a homework menu and knowledge organisers. We hope you find these useful in keeping up to date with what your children are currently learning. Please note the homework menus do give an element of choice and we do not expect children to complete everything on there.

Next week, we look forward to parent's evenings on Monday and Wednesday where teachers will be providing you with a summary progress sheet of your children's current attainment, effort and attendance.

Best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

2 Nov	Open Evening New Intake 2024
3 Nov	Y1 trip to Truro Museum
10 Nov	Nasal Flu immunisations
13 Nov	Odd Socks Day
17 Nov	Children in Need Day
21 Nov	Governor meeting
20-22 Nov	Book Fair
24 Nov	Non-pupil day
28 Nov	Y1 hearing screening
29 Nov	Coffee morning
8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday
13 Dec	Infant Xmas performance 2pm at school
	Pupil Xmas lunch
18 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fayre
19 Dec	<b>**Children finish at 1:00pm</b>
20 Dec - 3 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
24 Jan	Governor meeting
12-16 Feb	HALF TERM
19 Feb	Non-pupil day
4 -15 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
4 Mar	Governor meeting
11 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
29 Mar-12 Apr	EASTER BREAK
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Governor meeting
13-16 May	KS2 SATS week
27-31 May	HALF TERM
3 Jun	Non-pupil day
24 Jun	Governor meeting
23 Jul	Children finish at 1:00pm
24 Jul	Non-pupil days
25 Jul -3 Sep	SUMMER BREAK

## Family Worker Drop in Session

Family Worker, Tara Lewis, is holding a drop in session on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2:15pm - 3:15pm here at school. All parents and carers welcome to pop in at any time during the hour for confidential and supportive parenting advice. She can give you ideas or sign post to help on a range of issues.

## Poppies

We will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion next week. They also offer items with suggested donations—zip pulls/reflectors (50p), wristbands (£1) and snap bands (£1.50). These are suggested donations but are based on covering their cost plus a small profit. The poppies of course are available for whatever you wish to donate.

## Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This year children can wear school uniform and accessorise with spots! Donations can be made via ParentPay using this link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12595> There will also be a bake sale - spotty cakes or biscuits! A prize will be awarded for the spottiest and the cakes will be sold at break time.

## After School Clubs

Please note that, with the exception of the GoActive club on Monday, there will be no clubs next week due to parent/teacher meetings.

## Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Zena & Erin	Tamar	Arlo, Isabel & Gracie
Fowey	Neveah & Freya	Lynher	Yasmin & Ebony
Loveny	Emmie & Scarlet	Camel	Coco-Rose & Harry
Valency	Bobby & Zara		

## Coffee Morning

Coffee morning 29<sup>th</sup> November here at school. Everyone welcome!

## 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.

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

## 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.

## Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
94%	97%	98%	88%	96%	92%	92%

The star learners this week are Spencer and Harry in Year 2. This half term Loveny class are learning about Florence Nightingale. In one of their lessons this week, we looked at evidence as to why Florence went to the Crimean war as a nurse. Spencer and Harry did an amazing job of writing two reasons why Florence went to war. Well done to both Spencer and Harry!



Florence want to war because  
she want to help people and  
her mam didnt want her to go  
but this made her want to.

Spencer



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Harry



# Dobwalls School Recommends



## Diary of a Wimpy Kid Recommended by Mrs Orchard

*This week's book recommendation in truth comes from Jo and Charlie in Camel Class. They have been so enjoying the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series that Mrs Orchard decided to give one a go over the half-term break. Well, she absolutely loved it and was reportedly laughing out loud as she read about Greg navigating through the art of street warfare on a snow day! If you are already enjoying books from this series but are looking to branch out, see the book tree image to give you some other reading ideas.*

