

“Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting.” – Edmund Burke

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a wonderful week welcoming everyone back and seeing so many new faces! It is always a delight to see the youngest children taking their first day at school! There were so many smiles and of course the odd tear from parents! We are delighted to welcome you all into our Dobwalls community.

Over the summer, we have had new carpet in our main corridor, flooring in the Y3/4 practical area and a new carpet in Year 3. We are looking super smart!

This week has been Book Week and all classes have been engaging in a range of learning, reading, writing and creative activities linked to a wide range of authors. We love reading at Dobwalls and this really has set us off to a great start! Don't forget we have our reading swap or borrow shed at the front of school - help yourself any time. Any good quality book donations are welcome into the office. We have the Scholastic Book Fair coming into School during the week of the 15th September and can't wait to see the latest books for you to view and purchase.

Next week, we start our topic learning. All classes will be sending home their homework menus, topic overviews and knowledge organisers during the next week for you to share with your child. We hope you enjoy reading these together.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Best wishes (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella). Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Walking Home—Juniors

If you would like your child to walk home or walk to meet you at a place off the school site a permission slip must be signed and handed into the office. We already have permission in place for many of our older children and this will carry forward into this academic year unless we hear from you. If you are unsure whether or not we hold permission for your child, please pop into the school office.



Snacks and Water

Please can you ensure that children bring a named drink to school each day. This should contain water only. We can refill water bottles but in the current climate we cannot provide the reusable bottles as we did before.

We have always tried to encourage healthy eating in school and are very lucky to have free fruit provided for all infant children for their morning break. Junior children are also welcome to bring in a snack but in an effort to encourage all children to eat a healthy snack, we ask that only fruit, vegetables or another healthy alternative be provided (unwrapped) in a suitable, named container. Obviously this is subject to individual dietary requirements and our 'no nuts' policy, but we would appreciate your support in providing healthy food. This also includes sweets. Can we ask that you don't send your child into school with sweets, even if it is for sharing on a special occasion such as a birthday.

We do however have a treat on Fridays! Children can bring in a sweet treat/crisps if desired on Fridays for break time. Thank you



Admission to Reception Year 2025/2026

Applications for a place at the primary school of your choice are now being accepted by Cornwall Council. If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a place by 15th January 2026. Cornwall Council are encouraging parents to apply online rather than submit paper applications. The website, www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions is currently open and will close on 15th January 2026. It is important that you name more than one preference when completing the form (Dobwalls first obviously) as this does not reduce your chance of securing a place but if the preferred school is full, your subsequent choices can be reviewed quickly. To increase your chances of securing a place of your choice, please get your application in on time. If you need help in completing the form, please contact the school office or the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

Y6 Secondary school 2026 applications

Applications are also open for applications to secondary school via the same website. The closing date is 31st October 2025.

See page 4 for more details



PE Kits

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

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)

PE Days

Monday	Y2 & Y3
Tuesday	Y5
Wednesday	Y1
Thursday	Y4
Friday	EYFS & Y6

Attendance Stars



Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
99%	93%	97%	99%	99%	92%	99%





Star Learners this week are our Y6 Wild Tribers! Year 6 were looking at Light and Shadows. After dodging the showers the class were able to conduct a shadow experiment to see whether the shadows changed throughout the course of the morning. They also created fantastical beasts as modelled by the Room on the Broom book and created shadow puppets.





Diary Dates



15,17 & 18 Sept	Book Fair	19 Dec	Children finish at 1:30pm
4 Sept	Y6 Wild Tribe	20 Dec—5 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
11 Sept	Y4 Wild Tribe	26 Jan	Governor meeting
15,17 & 18 Sept	Book Fair—after school	16-20 Feb	HALF TERM
18 Sept	Y5 Wild Tribe	23 Feb	Non-pupil day
	Y4 trip to The Box	5 Mar	World Book Day
29 Sept	Christmas Art Day	9-20 Mar	Y3 & Y5 swimming lessons
2 Oct	Y3 Wild Tribe	16 Mar	Governor meeting
16 Oct	Harvest Foodbank collection	23 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
7 Oct	Photographer in School—Individual photos	3-17 Apr	EASTER BREAK
8 Oct	Governor meeting	4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
9 Oct	Y2 Wild Tribe	11-14 May	KS2 SATS week
16 Oct	Y1 Wild Tribe	13 May	Governor meeting
20-31 Oct	HALF TERM	25-29 May	HALF TERM
6 Nov	Open Evening New Intake 2026 4-6pm	1 Jun	Non-pupil day
10 Nov	Odd Socks Day	22 Jun	Governor meeting
13 Nov	Nasal Flu immunisations	24-26 Jun	Y6 Residential
18 & 19 Nov	Parent/teacher meetings after school	23 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
17-19 Nov	Book Fair	27&28 Jul	Non-pupil days
21 Nov	Non-pupil day	29 Jul	SUMMER BREAK
1 Dec	Governor meeting		

TERM DATES 2025—2026

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School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

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AUTUMN TERM (73 days)

1 September - 19 December 2025
(HALF TERM 20 - 31 October 2025)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

5 January - 2 April 2026
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)

20 April - 28 July 2026
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

Academy, trust and voluntary-aided schools set their own term dates and INSET days.

- Non-Pupil days
- October Half Term

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Reading at Dobwalls

WELCOME
BACK



The Book
Shed is open!



If you love cats
and history, then
this is the book
for you—
Jagoda Y5

Scholastic Book Fair will be with us on
Mon 15th, Weds 17th and Thurs 18th
September. There are lots of super
books on sale for you to either buy
there and then or order and receive at
a later date. Please note that the book
fair is cashless – payment is made via a
QR code.



www.dobwalls.net

NEW LEAFLETS NEEDED



Together  for Families

Starting school September 2026

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Together  for Families

Transfer to secondary school September 2026

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2025**

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



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Applying for a reception class place for September 2026

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2026

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2026. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Harrison's Head Shave for Cancer Research UK for Children & Young People



Harrison Bennett is raising money for Cancer Research UK for Children & Young People



£4,097 raised of **£1,000** target by **33** supporters

I am delighted to inform you that Harrison has raised £4097 to date for Cancer Research UK Children and Young People. We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude for everyone's support - what an outstanding accomplishment!

ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST SATURDAY MORNING CENTRES

EVERY SATURDAY (EXCL BANK HOLIDAYS) 9:00-10:00

LAUNCESTON 3G DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB MOUNT KELLY PREP

MORE INFORMATION
RYAN.MATTHEWS@PAFC.CO.UK

Healthy Cornwall

Healthy Lifestyles Drop-in

Liskerrett Centre, Varley Lane, Liskeard, PL14 4AP
Every Tuesday starting 9th September 1:30-4:30pm

Come in and chat with a health improvement practitioner about:

- ▶ Healthy weight (including optional weigh-in)
- ▶ Physical activity and healthy eating
- ▶ General wellbeing, sleep and hydration
- ▶ Quitting smoking

CONTACT US :
01872 324200
www.healthycornwall.org.uk

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NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED
ALL CLASSES AT MENHENIOT PARISH HALL

TUESDAYS

FUNDAMENTALS DANCE
SUITABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 4-10
4:15PM - 5:15PM
£6 PER SESSION

CONTEMPORARY FUSION
SUITABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10+ OR INTERMEDIATE EXPERIENCE
5:20PM - 6:20PM
£6 PER SESSION

HIP HOP
SUITABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10+ OR INTERMEDIATE EXPERIENCE
6:20PM - 7:20PM
£6 PER SESSION

WEDNESDAYS

HIP HOP
SUITABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 4-10
4:15PM - 5PM
£5 PER SESSION

LYRICAL
SUITABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8+ OR SOME EXPERIENCE
5:15PM - 6PM
£5 PER SESSION

TO SAVE YOUR PLACE:
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