



**"Reading is a passport to countless adventures." – Mary Pope Osbourne**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday we held our annual School Council elections. Children have been amazing at writing their manifestos then sharing in class why they should be the new School Council leader. A big thank you to everyone who put their names forward and took the time and courage to go for it. Classes Year 2 through to Year 6 have all voted in a secret ballot and they will be announced in assembly this afternoon as follows:

- Loveny class - Luke and Joel
  - Valency Class - George W and Madeleine
  - Tamar class - Nyla and Emmie
  - Lynher class - Tarryn and Ella
  - Camel Class - Evelyn and Ava
- Congratulations to our new Councillors!

Yesterday, we welcomed Cricket Chris from Cornwall Cricket into Dobwalls. He led an assembly for children in Years 3 - Year 6. The assembly shared all the life skills and resilience needed within the game of cricket. Throughout the day, they had lessons led by Cricket Chris learning the equipment needed to play and a focus on catching. Year 6 enjoyed a sports leadership session with him too! Children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 will have further lessons with him this half-term.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.  
Best wishes (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella).

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

### Diary Dates

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

Welcome back—change of menu. See P4

### Memorial Hall Parking

Thank you to those parents making use of the Memorial Hall carpark but there are still lots of spaces available. Despite this, we are getting reports that cars are still parking dangerously. Particularly on street corners and/or on the footpaths thereby blocking the view of any on coming traffic and forcing the public (your children) in to walking in the road. Please can we start the year with the children's safety foremost in our minds. Park safely and considerately—if possible in the Memorial Hall car park. Safety first for everyone's sake.



### Admission to Reception Year 2025/2026

To apply for a place in reception class 2026, go online to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). Applications will close 15th January 2026.

SEE P5 FOR OUR OPEN EVENING FOR THOSE STARTING SCHOOL SEPT 2026

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.



### National Immunisation Process

Kernow Health are working with the Government this year to support the national immunisation process and increase uptake. All schools are being asked to share parents contact details with Kernow Health Team. We understand some parents may not like this to happen. If you DO NOT want your contact details shared, please email the office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. A further letter from the Kernow Health Team is being sent out to you separately. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

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...

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

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 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.



### Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Fowey	Reggie B & Emma	Tamar	Nyla & Kadence
Loveny	Daniel & Rory	Lynher	Tilly & Harry
Valency	Florence & Imogen	Camel	Arlo & Jocelyn

## Attendance Stars

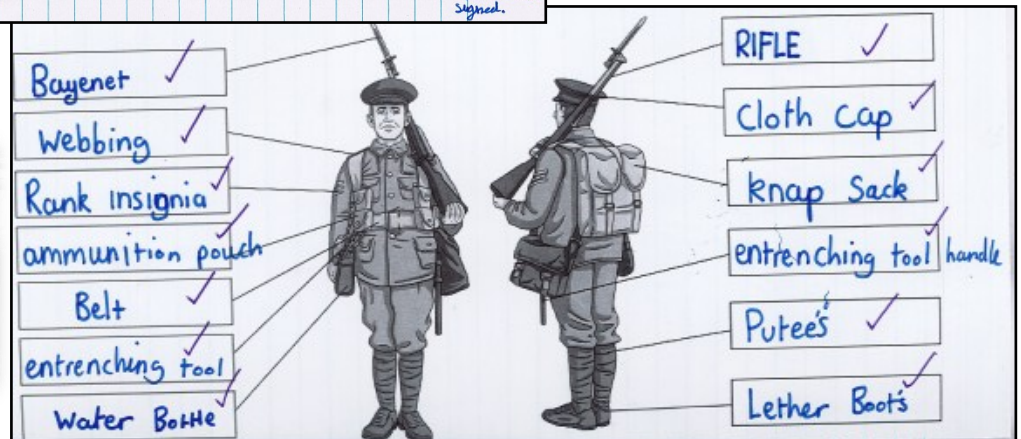
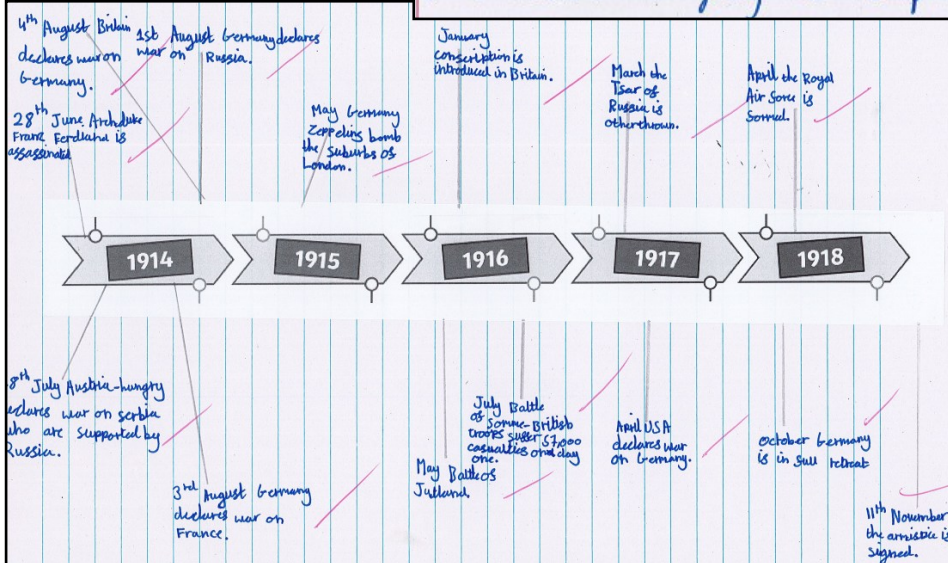
Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
97%	98%	92%	99%	97%	92%	97%



Star Learners this week are from Y6. In Camel class they have begun exploring World War 1 and the events that led to it beginning. Millie has created a timeline which shows the key events of the war using what she has learned and further research in class. Barnaby has created a piece of writing using the five senses to try and capture what it would have been like for a soldier in the trenches on the frontline of battle. Arlo has listened well as they learnt about some of the equipment that British soldiers would have used and has been able to label them as well as explaining their uses. They can't wait to continue their learning on WWI and create their own extended writing next week using all that they have learnt. Well done!



I woke up this morning to the familiar squelch of mud as I got out of my dug-out. Oh how I wish to be back in old blighty! The smell of dead bodies and stagnant, overflowing latrines stung our nostrils and made me want to throw up my breakfast (of cold, soggy beef out of a tin) for the millionth time out here in the mud and blood of France. My fears started up again as the cacophony of gunfire and shells suddenly reached a crescendo and you could almost taste the cordite in the air from the shells and rifles. I quickly peered my - very obvious - head above the parapet and sandbag to see a mess of corpses water-filled shell holes and dead, rotting trees. I ducked back down only to find a massive rat the size of a cat. I think well be going over the top soon so I'll stop writing for now.



## 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.**

Headteachers no longer have the authorisation to grant leave during the term time unless it is for exceptional circumstances as outlined by the Department for Education. If you believe your request for the absence is exceptional, please complete the below form at the bottom of this notice.

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**.

### Please be aware of the legislation regarding unauthorised absences-

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 (1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

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

# Story Garden

Take part in your language with



Libraries

## Ends 13<sup>th</sup> September!

### The Summer Reading Challenge closes soon...

Libraries across Cornwall have been challenging 4-11yr olds to read 6 books over the summer.

**Don't miss out - visit your local library to take part** and claim your finisher's medal, certificate and free swim voucher.



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### Community Speed Watch Volunteers

The Liskeard CSW Group is looking for volunteers to carry out Community Speed Watch sessions - these last one hour.

Dobwalls has the highest percentage of drivers exceeding the speed limit / travelling at 35mph and over, in a 30 mph zone, within the whole group area.

If you would like to volunteer, please let the school office know and we will forward your details.



## Looe Community Academy

*bydh gwella gylli - Be The Best You Can Be*

# OPEN EVENING

## Tuesday 23 September 6.00-8.00pm

Presentation by the new Headteacher Paul Boyes  
at 6.00pm in the Main Hall

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**DENSILVA COMMUNITY  
TABLE TENNIS CLUB  
NORTH CORNWALL DIVISION  
THREE CHAMPIONS.**



**THE NEW TABLE TENNIS SEASON STARTS ON FRIDAY  
12th SEPTEMBER 2025 AND WILL CONTINUE ON MOST  
FRIDAY'S THROUGHOUT 2025 AND 2026.**

**MILLENIUM HOUSE, PENSILVA.**

**UNDER 16's 3:30-5:00pm**

**Over 16's (Adults). 6:30-7:30pm**

**COME AND JOIN US IN THIS NEW AND EXCITING  
VENTURE FOR A PAYMENT OF ONLY £3 PER SESSION.**

**NO EQUIPMENT NECESSARY, JUST BRING YOURSELF  
AND ENJOY THE COACHING AND PLAYING.**

# Welcome Back Change of menu

## 18th September

Golden Meatballs  
in Tomato Sauce  
(Chicken Meatballs)

Rainbow Roast Vegetable  
& Butterbean Traybake

with

Sweet Potato Wedges,  
Sweetcorn and Broccoli

and

Sparkle  
Sprinkle Cookie



## Dobwalls Community Primary School



100% Success in the 2025 National Year 1 Phonics Check

Starting school in September 2026?  
Come along and see us here at Dobwalls

### Open Evening

#### Thursday 6th November

Drop in anytime between 4pm - 6pm



For more information:  
Call: 01579 320527  
[www.dobwalls.net](http://www.dobwalls.net)

**SMART**

# WeAreMusic

FIRST  
TWO  
LESSONS  
FREE!

Join "WeAreMusic" (WAM), a fresh music group open to all from KS2 onwards, whether you're a beginner or up to Grade 4, adults are welcome too! Led by Sally Butlin and Daniel Grint, this musical journey takes place at Looe Community Academy Music Department on Barbican Rd, Sunrising, Looe PL13 1NQ.

Hear Music.

Learn Music.

Play Music.

Tuesdays  
4-4.45

Contact [wam@cmst.co.uk](mailto:wam@cmst.co.uk) to book a place



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