



“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.” – Frederick Douglas

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 all travelled into Liskeard for our SMART Trust Primary Arts Day centred around the theme ‘Transporting Through Time’. What a brilliant day we had joining with Landulph and Trewidland to experience a range of activities. All schools sang two songs together which sounded brilliant! There was art, drama, music, dance, history and more! Big thank you to all the workshop leaders during the day including Mark Gregory, Reverend Mark, Bronwen, Andy, Sally Butlin and teachers from Looe and Saltash Secondaries. We look forward to coming together again in the future.

Next week is Dyslexia Awareness Week and in school we will be raising awareness through a special assembly led by Mr Spencer, daily activities and a No Pens Wednesday! No Pens Wednesday emphasizes spoken language, using activities and games to develop oral skills, rather than writing. If you would like to know more about Dyslexia, The British Dyslexia Association (BDA) are holding a virtual get together online on Thursday 9th October 1930-2030.

The BDA’s virtual get-togethers give families of children/young people with dyslexia (or possible dyslexia / literacy difficulties) a space to chat, share ideas and support each other. This group is not suitable for young people themselves. Find out what approaches help others with school and learning, talk about the impact of dyslexia on your child or your hopes for their future. Anything you want to ask! These small friendly groups are facilitated by a BDA representative. The groups are a relaxed atmosphere where everyone is included, but there is no pressure to speak if you prefer just to listen.

Sign up here: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/community-virtual-get-together-families>

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



PTFA Disco

The PTFA Disco is on 16th October—see P5 for details. Tickets will on sale (£3) from Monday 6th Oct from the school office.

Online Safety Newsletter

This month’s newsletter includes advice on WhatsApp, links between AI and mental health, and YouTube.



Football and Pokemon Cards

These have started to creep in to school. Please can you ensure that your child does not bring them in to school? They can cause friction and squabbles between children. Thank you



Scholastic Bookfair

Thank you to everyone who came along to the recent bookfair. We sold £655 worth of books, raising the school £266 in books. THANK YOU!

Photographer

A reminder that the school photographer will be in on Tuesday (7th Oct). He will be taking individual photos and sibling photos for those siblings in school. If you would like to include more family members, he will be around at the end of the school day—just pop along to the school hall.



Last week’s SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Nieve & Albie	Tamar	Logan & Chloe
Fowey	Phoebe & Elwyn	Lynher	Ella & Tarryn
Loveny	Ralph & Luke	Camel	Esel & George
Valency	Hazel & Jack H		

Diary Dates

6 Oct	Y2 Trip to Dartmoor
7 Oct	Photographer in School—Individual photos
8 Oct	Governor meeting
9 Oct	Y2 Wild Tribe
16 Oct	Y1 Wild Tribe
	PTFA Disco
17 Oct	Harvest Foodbank collection
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	Xmas Wreath making in school hall
	Governor meeting
10 Dec	Infant Xmas perf 2pm school hall
11 Dec	Infant Xmas perf 9:30am school hall
	Junior Xmas concert 6pm at Carnglaze
18 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fayre
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
12 Mar	Johnny Cowling evening
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
24 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
27&28 Jul	Non-pupil days
29 Jul	SUMMER BREAK

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

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.



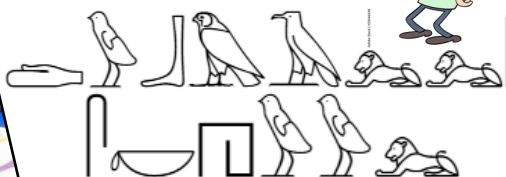
Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
94%	90%	92%	98%	100%	92%	99%





Star Learners this week are from Y3. Valency Class have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They mummified tomatoes using salt and tissue paper, and also researched, planned, and began creating their supersized Egyptian rings. Additionally, they made Egyptian-style paper and learned how to write their names in hieroglyphics. Wow, what a lot of hard work! Well done Valency Class!



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
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

2025 *Celebrate*



APPLE DAY
APPLES ORCHARDS
COMMUNITY

2025

Saturday
11th October
11am until 6pm



Refreshments & Bar

Children's Games & Activities

Live Music all day, Procession
Orchard Blessing, Ceilidh

Rural Crafts & Demonstrations

Exhibition, Tasting, ID, Trees, Orchard Tours
& Advice, Juice & Juice Pressing, Games,
Traditions, Crafts, Cakes, Cider & more

Join Us!
TRI4 ODD

The Apple!

Please car-share if you can
or come by bus (T1 T2)...or
on your bike...or your feet!



It's cheaper to book in advance
Adults £5 (£6 on the day) Children
6-16 £3 (£4 on the day) Carers and
children 5 & under FREE

TICKETS





www.kehellandtrust.org.uk



**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




The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with
Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National
Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild
Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help
understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

- Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October
- Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October
- Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October
- Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October

*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours
Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online
form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv>



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**Cornwall Mental Health Support
Team (MHST)**



DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH

**HARVEST
SERVICE**

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER
9.30AM



**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS
FOR THE LISKEARD AND
LOOE FOODBANK.**



DOBWALLS SCHOOL PTFA K-POP

DISCO PARTY

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

INFANTS 5-6PM

JUNIORS 6.15-7.15

£3

SNACKS 20-40P

GLOW STICKS 20P EACH

OR 3 FOR 50P

