



"I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage." – Roald Dahl

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may remember our 'Dobwalls do the Flora Dance' back in May. I entered us into the Gorsedh Kernow Awards and I am delighted to announce that we have won an award! I shared this news in assembly yesterday with Steve from Liskeard Town Band. A huge thank you to them both for their support.

As we start the new half-term, this brings new topics for all classes. Teachers have sent home an overview of each topic along with the homework menus. We hope you enjoy these with your children.

This was the first year as a Trust we have had a two week October half-term. Across the Trust, we are seeking feedback and would be grateful if you would share your views by completing the online survey. [Two week October half term survey- Parents – Fill out form](#)

Yesterday, we welcomed a member of the Cornwall Music Service Trust into assembly to demonstrate a range of instruments include the trombone, cello and piano! A super assembly. See P5. Payable lessons are available which would take place in school. A further letter will be sent out and if you are interested please contact us if you have any questions.

Next week, we start the week with Odd Sock Day as part of national anti-bullying week. We look forward to seeing an array of socks to share the important message that we are all the same but also different- being unique is a good thing we celebrate! Next Friday, brings Children in Need. We look forward spots galore and collecting money for this important charity. Mr Ryan and the events team have planned challenges for everyone during break and lunch! Wishing you a lovely weekend

Best wishes (Gorhemyrnadow a'n gwella). Mrs Pipe, Headteacher



Xmas Fair

The PTFA would like any donations of good quality soft toys for the Xmas Fair and/or items for their raffle. Please could you drop them in to the school office. Thank you in anticipation.

Odd Socks Day

We will be marking Odd Socks Day on Monday (10th November) when children can come into school wearing odd socks. This day is part of Anti-bullying Week and encourages individuals to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and promote awareness against bullying. No donations required for this event.



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Huge apologies for the delay in getting this up and running. The system is now open—please see P4 for instructions. For those of you who booked before we closed the system having realised that children had not been moved into their current years groups, your appointments have been moved to the correct teacher. Please check and let the office know if there are any issues.

Children in Need—Friday 14th Nov

Children can come to school accessorised in spots! Spotty hair accessories, ties, face paints, socks, spotty stickers combined with normal school uniform are welcome along with any donations.



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Jenna & Jack	Tamar	Leo & Sennen
Fowey	Reggie B & George T	Lynher	Albion & Matthew
Loveny	Joel & Ruby	Camel	Cali & Cody
Valency	Freya & Darcie		

Diary Dates

10 Nov	Odd Socks Day
13 Nov	Nasal Flu immunisations
14 Nov	Children in Need
18 & 19 Nov	Parent/teacher meetings after school
17-19 Nov	Book Fair
21 Nov	Non-pupil day
27 Nov	Y5 Wild Tribe
1 Dec	Xmas Wreath making in school hall Governor meeting
4 Dec	Y4 trip to Bodmin recycling centre
10 Dec	Infant Xmas perf 2pm school hall
11 Dec	Y3 Wild Tribe Infant Xmas perf 9:30am school hall Junior Xmas concert 6pm at Carnglaze
16 Dec	Christmas parties Pupil Xmas lunch
18 Dec	Y2 Wild Tribe 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.

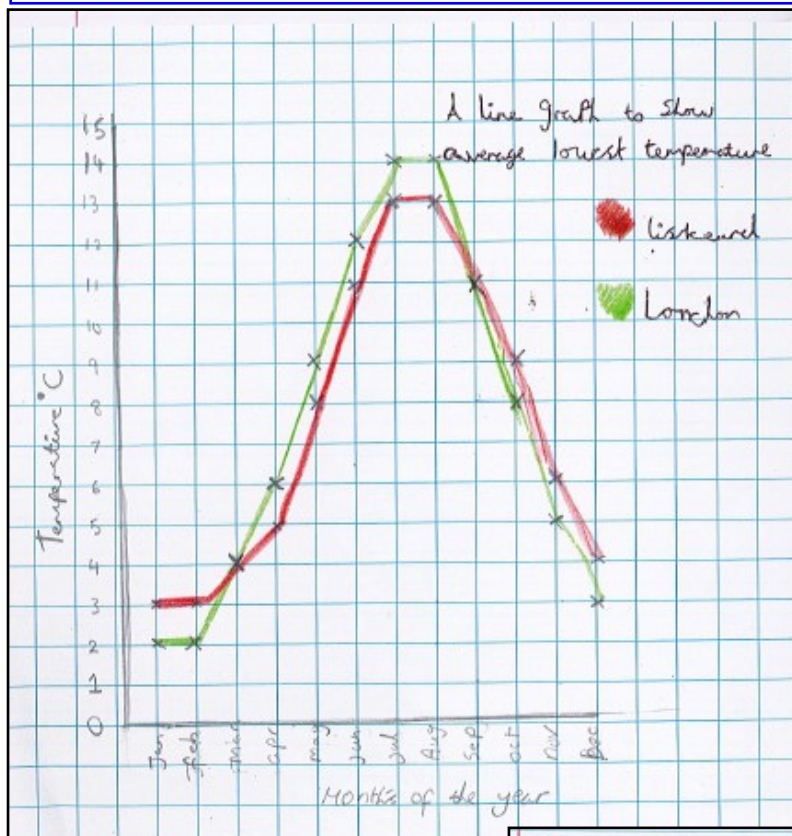


Attendance Stars

	Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
	99%	98%	91%	95%	98%	92%	98%



Star Learners this week are from Y6. This week Camel class have been exploring our locality, in particular the village of Dobwalls. They have explored what makes Dobwalls a rural village and how it has changed over the recent past with particular focus on the bypass which Millie has created a fantastic piece of writing about. Year 6 have also compared the climate of Dobwalls to other places around the UK and created comparative line graphs with Nyah's excellent example shown here. Camel class are looking forward to making use of their SECRET skill of plan, do, review to create information leaflets all about Dobwalls and the surrounding areas next week. Well done Nyah, Millie and Year 6!



The bypass being built in 2008 has helped the village of Dobwalls in a range of ways such as less cars driving through the village which is safer for school children walking to and from school. It's safer for pedestrians and other cars on the road.

Secondly, the bypass has also helped with traffic by making it quicker so not all the cars go through Dobwalls and cause loads of traffic jams. It has also helped by the pollution and car fumes in the village so the people who live in Dobwalls won't get mad with the pollution. It has also helped when it's summer because all the holiday makers come down so there's more cars on the road and you can't get to where you want to go.

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.

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. In cases where parents subsequently report their child as ill during this period, medical evidence may be requested to support this. This unauthorised absence meets the criteria for a penalty notice, which we must request is issued.**

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

Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

Browse to <https://dobwalls.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Step 1: Login

Requires an internet access capable personal computing system. Appointment can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
Mrs	Barbara	Abbot
Email		
1.rose4@gmail.com		
1.rose4@gmail.com		

Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date Of Birth
Ben	Abbot	20 / Aug / 2000

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button. A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

September Parents Evening

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that on the 13th there will be sessions available both in-person and via video call.

Click a date to continue

- Monday, 13th September
In-person & video call
Open for bookings
- Tuesday, 14th September
In-person
Open for bookings

[I'm unable to attend](#)

Click on the date you wish to book. Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose Booking Mode

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then hit Next.

- Automatic
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability
- Manual
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher

[Next](#)

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*. We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Step 4: Select Availability

Choose Teachers

Set the earliest and latest times you can attend, select which teachers you'd like to see, and then press the button to continue.

Choose earliest and latest times

14:00 14:30 15:00 15:30 16:00 16:30 17:00

Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Step 5: Choose Teachers

Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please untick them before you continue.

Ben Abbot

- Mr J Brown
SENCO
- Mrs A Wheeler
Class 11A

[Continue to Book Appointments](#)

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been reserved for two minutes. If you're happy with them, please choose the Accept button at the bottom.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
Mr J Brown	Ben	English	8a
Mrs A Wheeler	Ben	Mathematics	M2
Dr R Macnamara	Andrew	French	L4

[Accept Appointments](#) [Cancel Appointments](#)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left. If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

Step 7: Book Appointments

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
Mr J Brown SENCO (A2)	Ben	English	8a
Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A (L1)	Ben	Mathematics	M2
Dr R Macnamara Class 11A (L1)	Andrew	French	L4

16:30

16:40

16:50

17:00

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable. To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time. Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.

Step 8: Finished

September Parents Evening
2 appointments from 14:30 to 16:45

Print Amend Bookings Subscribe to Calendar

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that on the 13th there will be sessions available both in-person and via video call.

Teacher	Student	Subject
Mr Mark Lubbock	Jason Aaron	English
Mrs Sara Patel	Jason Aaron	Religious Education

September Parents Evening
2 appointments from 14:30 to 16:45

Monday, 13th September
Video call

September Parents Evening
2 appointments from 13:00 to 15:45

Monday, 13th September
In-person

All your bookings now appear on the *My Bookings* page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar. To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

THANK YOU



A big thank you to our wonderful PTFA who have donated £200 towards the purchase of new books for our library. Take a look at what we bought - so many, and so excited to start reading



Coffee and Cake Morning



Tuesday 25th November

8:50am - 9:50am in the hall

Lerryn and Fowey Class will pop in to share a short poem or rhyme with you!

Please bring a re-usable cup to enjoy a cuppa with us!

Toasty Tuesday

Tuesday 25th November



40p



**In aid of
The Owl Sanctuary**



PTFA Disco

A huge **THANK YOU** once again to our wonderful PTFA. The Disco at the end of the last half term was amazing and they raised £548!



*Rights Respecting - Article 12 – respect for children's views
charity chosen by the children at Dobwalls*