

Newsletter
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Dobwalls C P School



“Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house.” – Henry Ward Beecher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you SO much for your co-operation and support on Friday in once again unusual circumstances. We apologise for the inconvenience but safety for one and all is paramount. Also, we had a few unsafe tree branches which have now been sorted and we are back to full playground use. We will have a normal week in January!

Back to more exciting school news! On Tuesday, we welcomed a brilliant pantomime of Snow White into school performed by M and M Productions. Live drama right here, a special treat for one and all. There was so much singing, dancing and laughter that filled the hall! The children absolutely loved it and were joining in excellently throughout the whole show. Their listening and participation was a credit to us as a school and you as parents - thank you! Oh, and of course the classic panto lines...oh yes there were! What a Tuesday afternoon treat! Since watching the panto, all classes are writing poetry. I am looking forward to reading them once finished.



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



Diary Dates

22 Jan	Y2 Wild Tribe
26 Jan	Governor meeting
29 Jan	Y4 Wild Tribe
5 Feb	Y5 Wild Tribe
12 Feb	Y6 Wild Tribe
16-20 Feb	HALF TERM
23 Feb	Non-pupil day
5 Mar	St Pirans Day
6 Mar	World Book Day
19 Mar	Johnny Cowling evening (adults only!)
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



Bake Sale in aid of The Screech Owl Sanctuary—Tuesday 3rd February
We know Dobwalls loves to bake and can't wait for the bake sale!
See page 4 for further details ...

Snacks and Water

Please can you ensure that children bring a named drink bottle into school each day. This should contain water only. 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



After School Clubs
We have a wide range of clubs on offer. Please see page 3 for further details.

Online Safety Information Session for Parents
If you would like to join, please contact the office for the link to this useful session. See page 3 for further info.

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.

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Theo & Austin	Tamar	Alfie & Chloe
Fowey	Florence & Ella	Lynher	Sklar & Maedey
Loveny	Pat & Mason	Camel	Jaxon & Alfie
Valency	Charles & Teddy D		

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
97%	98%	96%	97%	93%	97%	98%





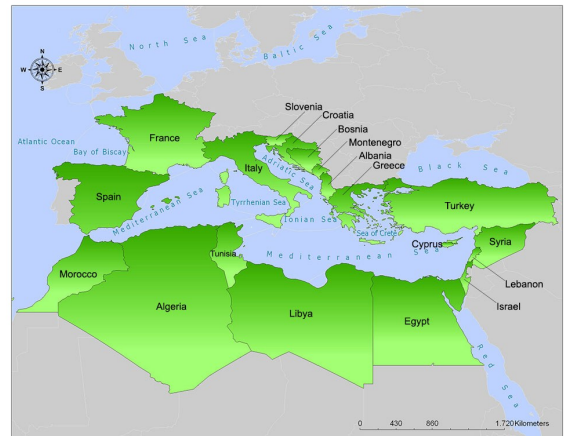
Star Learners this week are from Y5. In Lynher class this week they have been exploring the question: What influences the climate of the Mediterranean? Exploring the concept of maps skills, they discussed, analysed, and evaluated different physical, population, topographical and climate maps. The Lynher star learners are Tarryn, Layna and Alfie who have researched and produced posters about different regions in the Mediterranean, answering the class topic question. Well done Tarryn, Layna, Alfie and all of Lynher class, a great start to 2026!

What influences the climate of the Mediterranean?

Rome is in a really cool place. Rome, known as the 'eternal city' is the capital of Italy and a treasure trove of history, culture, and art, attracting millions of visitors each year.

Rome is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe, with a history that spans over 28 centuries. Traditionally, it was founded in 753 BC by Romulus, according to Roman mythology, the city served as the capital of the Roman Kingdom, the Roman Republic, and the Roman Empire, making it a significant center of western civilization and culture. Today, it is also a spiritual center of the Roman Catholic Church, housing the Vatican City, the smallest independent state in the world.

Alfie



Colomites

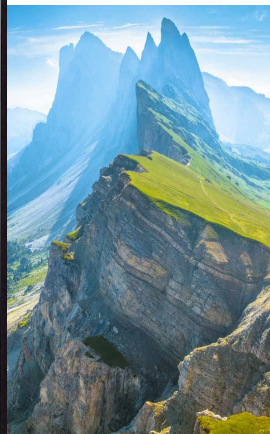
The climate at the Colomites is jagged, mountainy and rocky.

Facts: It is located in the eastern section of the Pyrenees. They reach nearly about 1000 feet tall.

The terrain of the Colomites is dramatic. It is made of dark and greyish rocks and is very steep.

Mediterranean
What influences the climate of the

Tarryn



What influences the Climate of the Mediterranean?

The city of Sicily

Sicily is the largest island in Europe. Lot's of History from the Greek ruins. They have their own language called Sicilian. Mount Etna, is a volcano.

Sicily has around 4.8 million people. The climate is affecting tourism in Sicily because of heat waves and wild fire.

The terrain in Sicily is primarily hilly and mountainous.

Layna

After School Clubs

The After School Clubs below start week commencing 2nd February for 7 weeks (last week for clubs is week beginning 23rd March)



				Finish time
Monday	Girls Football Fitness	Mr Frame/Mr Ryan	Y2 – Y6	4:00pm
	Boys Football Fitness	Mr Frame/Mr Ryan	Y2 – Y6	4:00pm
	Chat and Chill	Miss Laing	All	4:00pm
	Breakdancing	Mr Jones	Juniors	4:00pm
Wednesday	Music & Movement	Miss Jameson	All	4:00pm
	Science	Mrs Geeves	All	4:00pm
	Coding Club	Miss Gaskin	Y2 – Y6	4:00pm
Thursday	Board Games	Mrs Cotton	Infants	lunchtime
	Running Club	Mr Jones & Mr King	Juniors	4:00pm
	Dobnews Magazine Club	Mrs Pipe	Y2 – Y6	4:00pm
	TimesTables Rockstars	Ms Carter	Y3 & Y4	4:00pm

Please complete the online form using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/eUZzTQmFB4?origin=lpLink> or the QR code above. Forms should be completed by **Wednesday 28th January**. The confirmation slip will be returned to you by **Friday 30th January**

There will be no After School Clubs week commencing 9th March due to Parents Evenings.

For clubs where there are a limited number of places these will be allocated randomly.

GoActive are running a Junior after school Club – 'Dodgeball' on Tuesdays until 10th February. Details have been sent home.

For after school clubs, it is expected that children will attend each week. However there may be occasions where this isn't possible and we would be very grateful if you could inform the school prior to that week's session if your child will not be attending; a note, phone call or pop into the school office.

Finishing times are shown above; we would be grateful if you could collect your child/children promptly at the end of the session. If there are alternative arrangements regarding the collection of your child/children please let the school know as soon as possible.



Please contact the school office if you would like the link to this session

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Guide to Online Gaming - this session will cover the latest trends and emerging threats. We will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and the steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY
28TH JAN
2026
9.30AM – 10.15AM**





Dobwalls Primary School Council



Bake Sale in aid of The Screech Owl Sanctuary

50p

The theme for the cakes is...owls!



Tuesday 3rd February

All cakes will be sold at break time



There will be four categories and a prize for the winner of each category judged by The School Council! Children will be able to choose a prize from a selection!

1. Cake pops
2. Large cakes
3. Cup cakes
4. Biscuits/cookies



Please bring cakes to school on Tuesday morning with a name on.

Please include a list of the ingredients.

Happy Baking!