

"Readers are lucky – they will never be bored or lonely." – Natalie Babbitt

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, the 3rd cross-country league event took place at Cotehele in slippery conditions underfoot. 27 of our children took part from Dobwalls - amazing! A huge well done to our Dobwalls team for determined running - using their SECRET skills to get involved and go for it finish it.

On Monday, Reverend Mark joined us for assembly. This half-term, our British Value is tolerance and the assembly supported our ongoing discussions. Rev Mark shared the story of The Good Samaritan - there were some brilliant actors in action first thing on a Monday morning! A great way to start the week.

Today, Tamar Class (Y4) are taking part in a Roman Day to enrich their topic learning all about the Romans. They look absolutely fantastic in their costumes along with their homework shields! Thank you for the support. They are absolutely using their SECRET skill of 'getting involved!'

You may have seen in the press that 2026 is the national year of reading and we are of course right behind this! Reading is so important and has a huge impact on the success of children now and for their futures. See P4. We'll share more in due course.

Next week - PTFA hot choc and doughnuts. We always look forward to this treat on a Friday! See P4 for details.

Best wishes (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella).

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Diary Dates

26 Jan	Governor meeting
29 Jan	Y4 Wild Tribe
30 Jan	PTFA Doughnuts & Hot Choc after school
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—Tues 3rd Feb

We know Dobwalls loves to bake and can't wait for the bake sale! See page 3 for further details ...



Library Loyalty Card

Do you want to encourage your child(ren) to become more engaged with their local library? New for 2026 is Cornwall Libraries Loyalty Card – simply visit the library and use it's resource 6 times to earn entry into free monthly draws for prizes such as: bakery vouchers, cinema tickets, entry to attractions. It is completely free to sign up to and use. Stamps will be awarded for engagement with e-resources as well as physical library activities. Use the following link to find out more

[Cornwall Libraries Loyalty Card - Cornwall Council](#)

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Alfie & Evie	Tamar	Scarlet & Esmal
Fowey	Leonardo & Reggie B	Lynher	Alfie & Zara
Loveny	Erin & Grayson	Camel	Cali & Morgan
Valency	Florence T & Harrison		

After School Clubs

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

Wanted!

Lerryn Class are looking for empty, clean plastic bottles. If you have any, please drop them either in to the school office or in to Lerryn Class. Thank you

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
92%	90%	95%	99%	97%	97%	93%





Star Learners this week are from Y4. Linking to their History learning on the Roman impact on Britain, Tamar Class have been developing their non-fiction writing skills in English.



The children worked extremely hard to produce discussion texts, carefully considering different viewpoints and using historical evidence to support their ideas.

Well done to Esmai and Alfie, whose work clearly demonstrated thoughtful research and excellent writing skills.

The Roman impact on Britain - Discussion text


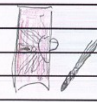
The Roman invasion of Britain was when Roman soldiers first came to make it part of the Roman empire. The Romans invaded in 43 AD they ruled Britain for 400 years. There are both positive and negative changes that can be seen. Some people helped but the others called themselves slaves. It is important to explore both sides of the Roman invasion based on a first and more.

There are many positive changes that the Romans brought to Britain. Roman roads made travel, trade and communication easier by being straight, quicker and easier to travel and get to places and easy to connect towns, villages and Roman cities. People stayed clean and healthy because the Romans brought fresh water and returned the dirty water with the clean water they got up. The Roman bathhouse helped in getting and trade in Britain by bringing clean water, new food and some food. Roman laws and government help by new laws which reduced laws which in my opinion, these changes helped improve life in Britain because agriculture help us stay fit and healthy.


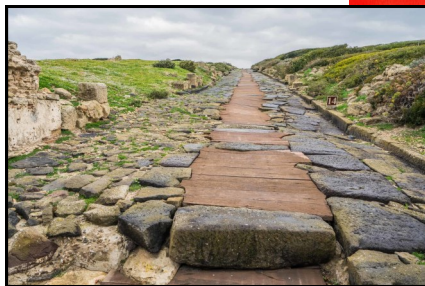



On the other hand, the Roman invasion caused problems for the people of Britain. The Romans had lots of farms because they needed more land. Soldiers that were sent that everyone was angry. The slaves were very to be angry. So Britain struggled to pay. The Romans gave changed life in Britain and all traditions were destroyed. I think some British felt that the Roman invasion was unfair because they were losing their stuff.

In conclusion, the Romans changed many ways that we still use today. The important things are agriculture, education and roads. The problems were there were lots of unhappy people and farms. You can now see the positive and negative in my opinion. There were good things but also bad things. What do you think? Did the Romans cause too much harm or not?

Esmai






Discussion text
The Roman impact on Britain

The Roman invasion happened because the leader of the Roman Empire wanted to invade Britain because the land was really rich for growing crops and they had lots of money. The Roman Empire had 3 times before successfully invaded Britain in 43 AD. The Roman ruled Britain until 410 AD. Until the Roman Empire was too big to guard and run out of money and couldn't pay soldiers. There are many negatives and positives when the Romans invaded Britain like straight roads and aqueducts and good food that we still use like our Dorset and burger King. Some soldiers helped and some went against the Romans.

Positive


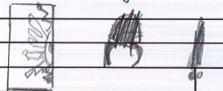
There were many positive changes that the Romans brought to Britain. When the Romans invaded Britain they built straight roads because it was easy to travel and transport things.


Negative

Also the Romans built aqueducts so they can drink clean water and they also used public baths to stay clean and healthy. As well the Romans invaded Britain they made money gold coins to buy stuff and the Roman brought laws to reduce crime.

Although the Romans invasion caused positive for Britain but there are also of negatives things for people in Britain. The Romans just ruled Britain as much as they like and that made Britain unhappy. The Romans made taxes to much money. When the Roman ruled Britain they came with such force and all traditions were destroyed. I predict the Roman invasion was unfair because they don't need to come with such force.

Alfie



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.



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



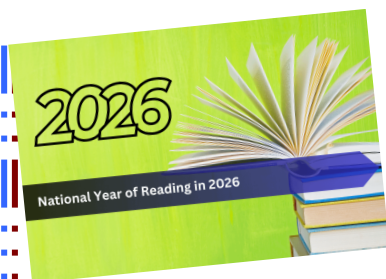
There will be four categories and a prize for the winner of each category judged by The School Council! Children will be able to choose a prize from a selection!

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!



National Year of Reading 2026

It's the National Year of Reading 2026! Let's read more and let's do this together!

Can you spare 10 minutes a day?

10 minutes of reading together. Every day. For a year.

The impact? **HUGE.**

- Children who read for pleasure are 13 x more likely to read above their expected level
- 10 minutes daily = 1 million words per year
- Better vocabulary, maths, empathy and wellbeing.

Bedtime stories, comics at breakfast, audiobooks in the car, books, a magazine, a cookery book - whatever fits your family.

We've got something exciting new coming to Dobwalls who can't wait to get reading! Coming soon...!

