



"Kids lose themselves in books, they find themselves there too." – Lewis Keegan

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday morning started with our Year 5 and Year 6 School Councillors attending a SMART Trust Council meeting. Ava, Evelyn, Tarryn and Ella were excellent at participating in the meeting via Teams and sharing their views on science lessons. They also shared the top things they recommend about Dobwalls being the pupil leadership groups, the memory garden and our daily mile track. It was a pleasure to be part of!

Tuesday saw a fantastic owl themed bake sale! Dobwalls your excellent baking skills did not disappoint! A HUGE thank you to everyone for all the time you took at home to make the cakes. They looked, smelled and tasted delicious! See P6. We really appreciate all your effort. The winners chosen by the School Council were Jude Y6, Beth Y5, Nyla Y4, Mina Y6, Matilda Y5 and Renley Y1. They had such a difficult decision. In total, we have raised nearly £200 for The Screech Owl Sanctuary. Also, on Tuesday afternoon we were delighted to welcome Gary and Barney from The Screech Owl Sanctuary who brought an owl called Trelawney and a pole cat called Steve with them to talk with us all. They told us how our fundraising will help and support them in their conservation projects and a Cornwall Stork Project. Amazing projects in action, do pop along and visit them if you can. We will keep fundraising this year. Thank you one and all!

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. We'll share our learning with you next week.

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



PTFA Disco

The PTFA Disco is on 12th February—see P5 for details. Tickets are still available (£3) from the school office.

World Book Day

We will be marking World Book Day on Friday 6th March. Children can come to school dressed as a Disney book character of the following.

Year R – Alice in Wonderland Year 1 – Inside Out
Year 2 – Peter Pan Year 3 – Pirates of the Caribbean
Year 4 – Toy Story Year 5 – Little Mermaid
Year 6 – Jungle Book

Please don't spend a lot, keep it simple! For any ideas, please talk with teachers.



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for 9th and 10th March. Bookings will open at 8am on 9th February and close at 8pm the day before the meetings. See P3 for instructions if needed.

After School Clubs

Please remember that there are **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** that week as we have parent/teacher meetings taking place.



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	George & Alice R	Tamar	Emmie & Leah
Fowey	Tommy & Joshua	Lynher	Matthew & Matilda
Loveny	Ivy & Harry	Camel	Ava & Hugo
Valency	Teddy T & George C		

Diary Dates

12 Feb	Y6 Wild Tribe
	PTFA Disco
16-20 Feb	HALF TERM
23 Feb	Non-pupil day
5 Mar	St Pirans Day
6 Mar	World Book Day
19 Mar	Y4 trip to Eden Project
	Johnny Cowling evening (adults only!)
9-20 Mar	Y3 & Y5 swimming lessons
16 Mar	Governor meeting
23 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
1 Apr	EYFS trip to Hall for Cornwall
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



PTFA Doughnuts (known doos) & Hot Chocolate

Thank you to those who came along and purchased Doughnuts & hot chocolate last week. The PTFA raised £50.35. Thank you once more to our PTFA.

Online Safety Newsletter

This month's online safety newsletter is being sent home with this newsletter. This month's issue covers AI and TikTok amongst other useful information.



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.

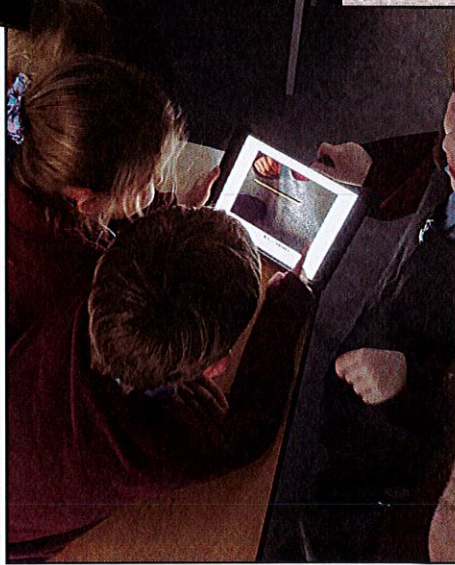


Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
96%	98%	94%	95%	94%	92%	96%



Star Learners this week are from Y2. This week in computing, Loveny Class explored the effect that light has on a photograph. They used their learning about photography so far to test how different levels of light affect how clear a photograph is. They took photographs under a table, in front of a light source, in a dark room and outside. They then evaluated their photographs and discussed how they could improve them, using key vocabulary from their learning over this half term. Wow what a lot of hard work Loveny Class—well done!



Your Details

First Name: [Text] Surname: [Text]
Email: [Text] Confirm Email: [Text]
DOB: [Text]

Student's Details

First Name: [Text] Surname: [Text] Date of Birth: [Text]

Step 1: Login

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.

September Parents Evening

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 12th and 14th September. Note that on the 12th there will be no sessions available both in-person and via video call.

Click a date to continue

Monday, 12th September
In-person & video call
Open for bookings

Tuesday, 14th September
In-person
Open for bookings

Not available to attend

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

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

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

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

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.

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

Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00

Step 4: Select Availability

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

Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please un-tick them before you continue

Ben Abbott

☒ Mr J Brown
Class 10C

☒ Mrs A Wheeler
Class 11A

Continue to Book Appointments

Step 5: Choose Teachers

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

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been selected for your booking. If you're happy with them, please choose **Accept** button at the bottom

Teacher	Student	Subject	Time
Mr J Brown	Ben Abbott	English	15:00
Mrs A Wheeler	Ben Abbott	Mathematics	15:30
Mr J Brown	Ben Abbott	English	16:00

Accept Appointments **Cancel Appointments**

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

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.

Book Appointments

Mr J Brown (Class 10C) Mrs A Wheeler (Class 11A) Ben Abbott

15:00 15:30 16:00 16:30

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Step 7: Book Appointments

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.

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Mr J Brown	Ben Abbott	English
Mrs A Wheeler	Ben Abbott	Mathematics

September Parents Evening Monday, 12th September 15:00 - 16:00

September Parents Evening Monday, 14th September 15:00 - 16:00

Step 8: Finished

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**.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Here at Dobwalls Primary School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under '*exceptional circumstances*'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's '*Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances*' request form.

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.

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.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

Dobwalls PTFA welcome you all to

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THURSDAY 12TH
FEBRUARY

INFANTS 5PM-6PM
JUNIORS 6.15PM-7.15PM

Snacks 20 - 40p

TICKETS £3
FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026



Mrs Pipe is very excited about two new pupils who joined us this week, more information to follow!

Did you know?
We know some water bottles are tricky to clean and residue can build up from daily water. Milton can be used to soak for a few minutes and removes this.





Thank
you

