

Newsletter
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Dobwalls C P School



"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book." – Groucho Marx

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week at Dobwalls! The Eco Council had their first meeting on Monday - Mr Jones was delighted with their great ideas. Valency Class had a brilliant day exploring Ancient Egypt through stories, artefacts, photos, videos, mummification and more! They welcomed a very special visitor, who had recently returned from a trip to Egypt. We are very grateful for the time taken to visit us.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Tom from Healthy Cornwall who led an assembly for children in Key Stage Two talking about vaping and smoking. Tom shared the key message, 'protect your health, say no to smoking'. We learnt a little about how the brain works and what addiction means. The children all listened excellently and used their SECRET of 'ask why?' to ask so many thoughtful questions.

On Wednesday, Loveny Class had a wonderful day at Dartmoor Zoo! They enjoyed an exciting workshop all about African habitats. Then they explored the zoo spotting tigers, lions, jaguars and otters! To end the day, they took part in a close encounters workshop using the SECRET skill 'get involved', where they had the opportunity to get up close to a stick insect and a skink. The children followed all our Diamond Rules and were an absolute pleasure to take on the trip.

On Thursday afternoon, we welcomed Reverend Mark and Nicki along with Pat and Dave from Dobwalls United Church for our Harvest Assembly. We enjoyed listening to a story from the Bible, a harvest poem by Year One and of course we sang together. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Foodbank, there was a brilliant range of foods which will be donated today.

Last night, well what can I say! There was dancing, laughter, smiles, singing, glo sticks, face paints, sweets, bubbles and even ended with snow! Thank you so much to all the PTFA volunteers and staff who supported the disco so the children could all enjoy. We'll let you know the total raised in due course.

Wishing you a lovely half-term break and we'll see you on Monday 2nd November.

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

Diary Dates Na wra ankevil!

19-30 Oct	HALF TERM
5 Nov	Y4 Wild Tribe
10 Nov	Open evening for intake Sept 27 4-6pm
12 Nov	Y5 Wild Tribe
16 Nov	Parents evening
17 Nov	Parents evening
19 Nov	Y6 Wild Tribe
	Y1 Parents Evening
20 Nov	Non-pupil day
26 Nov	Y1 Wild Tribe
1 Dec	Y1 hearing tests
3 Dec	Y2 Wild Tribe
9 Dec	Infant Nativity 2pm
	Y3 Nativity
10 Dec	Infant Nativity 9:30am
	Juniors Xmas performance 5:30pm
14 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fair
16 Dec	Rocksteady concert 10am
17 Dec	EYFS Wild Tribe
18 Dec	Children finish at 1:30pm
21 Dec	Non-pupil day
22 Dec	CHRISTMAS BREAK
4 Jan	First Day back
1-5 Feb	Y3 swimming lessons
8-12 Feb	Y5 swimming lessons
15-19 Feb	HALF TERM
22 Feb	Non-pupil day
4 Mar	World Book Day
22 Mar	Photographer in school—classes
26 Mar-9 Apr	EASTER BREAK
3 May	BANK HOLIDAY
10-13 May	KS2 SATS week
31 May-4 Jun	HALF TERM
7 Jun	Non-pupil day
28-30 Jun	Y6 Residential
23 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
26&27 Jul	Non-pupil days
28 Jul	SUMMER BREAK

Photos

Today (16th) is the last day to place your photo order for free delivery to school.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for 16th and 17th November. (Y1 also on 19th) Bookings will open at 8am on 2nd November. See P3 for instructions if needed.

British Legion Poppies

We will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion the first week back after half term. They also offer items with suggested donations—zip pulls/reflectors (50p), wristbands (£1) and snap bands (£1.50). These are suggested donations but are based on covering their cost plus a small profit. The poppies of course are available for whatever you wish to donate.

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Half Term

Next week is half term—and the week after! Yes 2 whole weeks! Have a lovely break and we will see you all when we return to school on Monday 2nd November.

PE Kits

Please see our [website for uniform reminder](#)
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.
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.

PE Days

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

After School Clubs

This week was the last Nerf Club. Laser Tag starts 11 Nov. All other after school clubs will continue after half term. Please note that there will be no clubs week commencing 16th November due to Parent/Teacher meetings taking place.

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Jax & Brodie A	Tamar	Charlie & Madeleine
Fowey	Henry & Evie	Lynher	Hollie & Theo
Loveny	Elodie & Hallie H	Camel	Freya-Rose & Cian
Valency	Kai & Ruby		

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
91%	97%	93%	97%	94%	89%	94%

Star Learners this week are from Reception and Year 1.

Lerryn class have been taking part in "Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle". It is an early-years movement-based writing programme that uses music, dance, and bilateral motor movements to build the muscle strength and coordination needed for mark-making and early handwriting.

We Use "flipper flappers" (fabric hand streamers) and music to encourage bilateral arm movements. Our Sessions last 10–15 minutes and combine movement ("wiggle") with mark-making ("squiggle"). Each movement is repeated for about three weeks to embed muscle memory. We then turn this into fine motor skills to make our beautiful handwriting.



Fowey Class celebrated the end of their 'Once upon a time' topic this week by taking part in a dress up day. They played games, explored new activities and created their own bear characters. All dressed in fantastic costumes. Well done Fowey class. What a fun day!



Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

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

email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
Mrs	Rachael	Abbot
Email	Confirm Email	
rabbot@gmail.com	rabbot@gmail.com	

Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date Of Birth
Ben	Abbot	20 July 2000

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.

	Classes	Times	Appts Open	Appts Close
Monday 16th Nov	EYFS, Y2—Y6	15:30—17:50	08:00 2nd Nov	20:00 15th Nov
Tuesday 17th Nov	EYFS—Y6	15:30—17:50	08:00 2nd Nov	20:00 16th Nov
Thursday 19th Nov	Y1	10:00—11:00 15:30—17:00	08:00 2nd Nov	20:00 16th Nov

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](#)

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



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 untick them before you continue.

Ben Abbot

☒ Mr J Brown
Class 10E

☒ 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.

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.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
17:10 Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English	ES
17:25 Mrs S Mumford	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:45 Dr Kikorianova	Andrew	French	L4

Teacher	Student	Subject
16:15 Mr Mark Ludbrook	Jason Aaron	English
16:30 Miss Bina Patel	Jason Aaron	Religious Education

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.

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*.



Dobwalls Community Primary School



Starting school in September 2027?
Come along and see us here at Dobwalls

Open Evening Tuesday 10th November

Drop in anytime between 4pm - 6pm



For more information:
Call: 01579 320527
www.dobwalls.net



Dobwalls PTFA GLOW DISCO

Thursday 15th October

Tickets available from the office
or on the night

£3 per child

Infants
5 - 6pm

Juniors
6.15 - 7.15pm



Raising money for
new school hall spotlights



Sunny Darling

Team DDF Fire & Ice

is taking part in the

Plymouth Hospitals Charity Santa Dark Slide

To sponsor them, please scan below:



www.plymouthhospitalscharity.co.uk
charity number: 1048679

Sunny (Y3) is undertaking the Santa to the Dark Slide, zip wiring over the Eden Project at night on 28th November 2026. I think you'll agree that Sunny is super brave in doing the Zip for charity. He will be doing it alongside his brother Harrison.

He is raising money and the support will mean they can continue to renovate hospital spaces, obtain state-of-the-art equipment, and create a more welcoming environment for patients. You'll be supporting the incredible ideas that dedicated staff have to improve the care and wellbeing of all who use our hospitals. We all need the NHS at some point in our lives, your fundraising will help improve the experience of hospital services over and above NHS funding.

From gardens to state-of-the-art medical equipment, artwork to small scale research, it makes a real difference to the quality of care and the environment of the hospital. Plymouth Hospitals Charity is dedicated to enhancing the experience and care of patients.

NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Please join us for our five week
**Parent Led CBT
Intervention**

- Does your child frequently anticipate that something negative will occur and doubt their ability to handle it?
- Does your child frequently report physical symptoms, such as headaches, stomachaches, shaking, or muscle aches, before participating in activities or going out?
- Does your child often seek reassurance by asking questions like, "Will I be okay?"
- Does your child shy away from activities or events they once enjoyed attending?

If you answered yes to any of these and would like to join us either online or in a face to face group please register your interest by completing the link below or scan the QR code.
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/UvJzbabn9J>



Bonfire Night Poster Competition



Can you make a poster to share the important safety messages about fireworks and sparklers?

Bring into school on Monday 2nd November, all will be displayed and dojos awarded.
Prize for Infants and Juniors!

Use your SECRET skills of 'share your learning' so everyone can 'handle risk' to keep safe.

We can't wait to see your creative posters!

Dear Pupils, Parents and Teachers of South East Cornwall,

I am delighted to launch my 2026 Christmas Card Competition and invite primary school-age children from across South East Cornwall to get creative and take part.

The theme for this year's competition is **"Christmas in Cornwall."** Whether it's festive harbour lights, Cornish winter landscapes, Christmas at the beach, local landmarks, family traditions, or anything else that reminds you of Christmas in our wonderful part of the world, I would love to see your ideas brought to life.

My Christmas Card Competition is open to all primary school-age children living or attending school in South East Cornwall. Entries can be hand-drawn or designed on a computer and should be submitted in portrait format. Please ensure each entry includes the child's name, age and school. By submitting an entry, parents or guardians agree that Anna Gelderd MP and her office may use and share the artwork in connection with the competition and in future communications, including on Christmas cards, printed materials, websites and social media platforms.

My favourite design will feature on my official Christmas card, which will be sent to local organisations, community groups, and colleagues in Westminster during the festive season. I will also be sharing some of my favourite entries on my social media channels in the run-up to Christmas.

The deadline for entries is **Saturday 8th November 2026**. Entries can be submitted by email to anna.gelderd.mp@parliament.uk, via social media (please remember to tag me), or by post to:

Anna Gelderd MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

If you are posting your entry, please make sure you allow plenty of time for it to arrive before the deadline.

I have included a sample entry sheet (see P7); however, this does not have to be used. All entries containing the required information will be considered.

I am very much looking forward to seeing your wonderful artwork and discovering what Christmas in Cornwall means to you.
Warmest wishes,

Anna



22nd OCTOBER | 6PM
(doors open 6pm, film starts 6:15pm)
in ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

for the whole family
(parents to accompany children)

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE
AND POPCORN



if you are looking for a halloween alternative, come
and watch a movie with us!

let your light shine before others
~ Matthew 5:16



29TH OCTOBER | 6-7:30PM
IN ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
(AIMED AT PRIMARY AGE;
PARENTS TO ACCOMPANY CHILDREN)

LIGHT
PARTY



Jesus said: "I am the Light of the World"
~ John 8:12

St Nectan's Glen FREE Half Term Activity



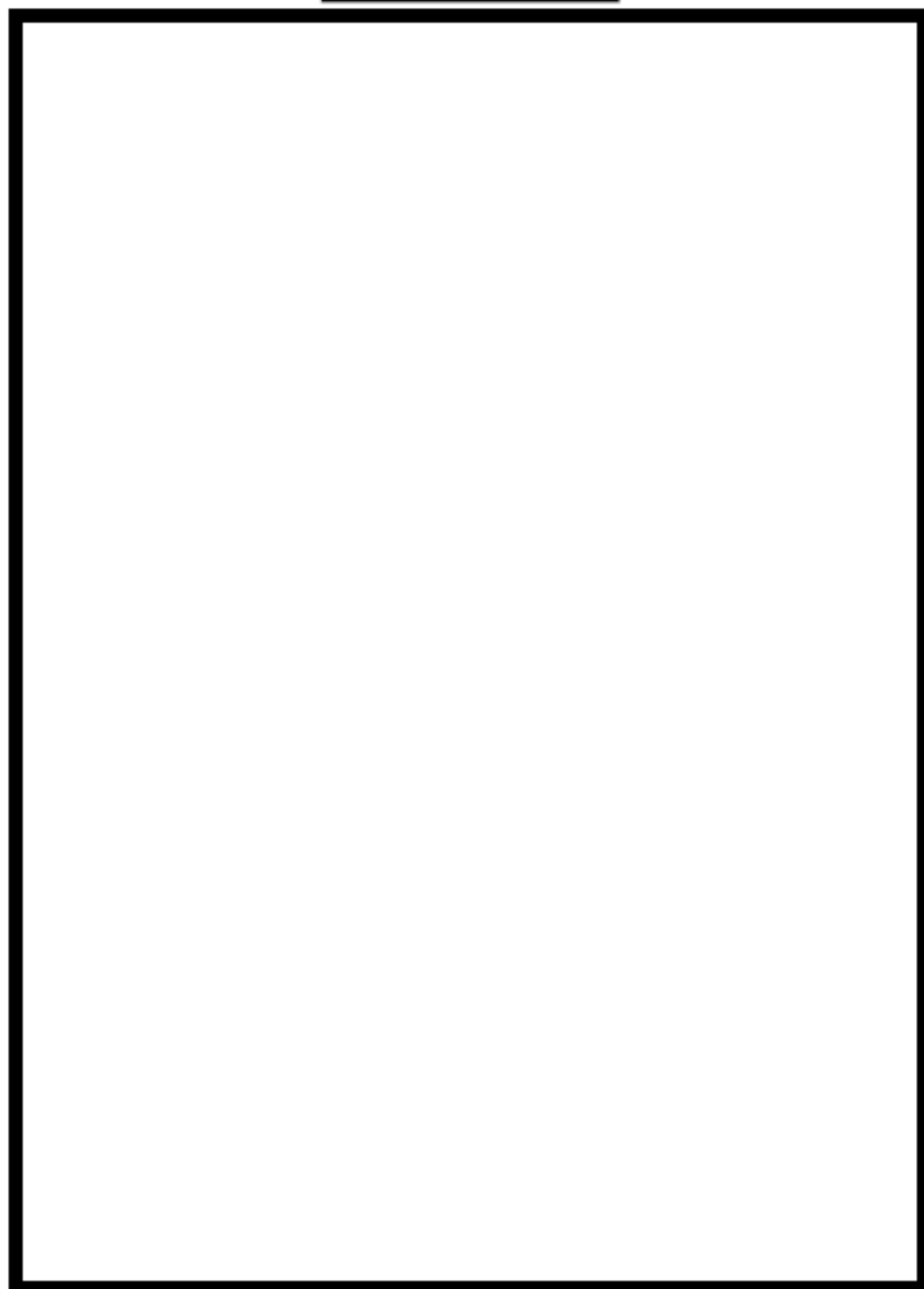
We would like to welcome you to
come and take part in our Pebble Painting

27th, 28th & 29th October 11am - 3pm

We are looking for anyone who would like to get
creative and paint a pebble to add to our next
community art installation here at
St Nectan's Glen, Tintagel
No need to book! - Just rock up! 🪨

Tel: 01840 779538

Anna Gelderd Christmas Card
Competition



Name.....

Age.....

Parental Consent.....