Newsletter
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Skol Gynsa Fosow Dobb
Dobwalls Primary School

"You may have tangible wealth untold. Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be — I had a mother who read to me." – Strickland Gillilan

Dear parents and carers
Welcome back. It has been lovely seeing the children of all ages enjoy new equipment at lunchtimes. From stilts, to mini parachutes, role play hats, tea party and plenty of balls! We now just need to look after them all in the wind!

Massive shout out and thank you to all the children who used their SECRET skills to 'get involved' in our firework poster competition over half-term. Their superb posters are reminding everyone how to keep safe with fireworks and sparklers. They have been on display prominently all week and look fantastic! We hope everyone enjoyed fireworks last night and over the weekend. You can see them on our website: Dobwalls Community Primary School - Remember, Remember the 5th of November!

Next week, is national World Nursery Rhyme Week! Every day, we will join with the rhyme a day challenge. We hope you can join in at home too, you're never too old for a good rhyme!



Monday - Hickory Dickory Dock
Tuesday - Doctor Foster
Wednesday - Pussy Cat Pussy Cat
Thursday - Row Row Row your boat
Friday - 12345, once I caught a fish alive!

Next Friday, we look forward to Children in Need - please see the poster for non-school uniform and a bake sale! We have also launched our PTFA Dobwalls Has Talent search! Role up role up and come along for an audition! See P7

Best wishes (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella)

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Children in Need



See P6 for more information. Please drop cakes off at the school office on the morning of 13th. Cakes will be on sale for 50p

After School Clubs

Summers Sports start their Laser Tag club for Junior children on 11th Nov for 6 weeks. Notes have been sent home.
All other after school clubs will continue until week commencing 23rd Nov.
Please note that there will be no clubs week commencing 16th November due to Parent/Teacher meetings taking place.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance day is fast approaching, and poppies have been on sale this week. We will be commemorating the day (11th Nov) here in school by having a minutes silence at 11am and you may also spot some of our children wearing their guide/scout etc uniforms to school as a mark of respect and pride.



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.



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Taz & Christie-Lee	Tamar	Rayna
Fowey	Fern & Remi	Lynher	Nylah & Kadance
Loveny	Joshua & Harry C	Camel	Ella & Layna
Valency	Lukas		

Diary Dates

Na wra Ankevi!



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
10 Dec	Y3 Wild Tribe
	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

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.

PE Days

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

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
97%	99%	93%	98%	99%	94%	97%

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Star Learners

Star learners this week are from Camel Class. Year 6 have spent some time this week thinking about the reasons behind Remembrance Day and the different ways they can show care and respect. They explored the history of the poppy and the Royal British Legion including the newer types of poppy and what they represent. They then used a range of materials to create our own poppies for their class display board.











www.dobwalls.net

Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

schoolcloud

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



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.



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*.



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.



Step 4: Select Availability

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



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.

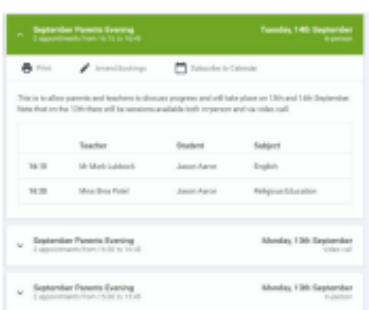


Step 7: Book Appointments

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*.

	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

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.

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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

SMART

The NHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST) invites you to book your place on our:

Understanding Behaviour as Communication Online Workshop

These are online sessions aimed at parents and carers, to introduce the concept of behaviour as communication. It will give practical strategies to develop more positive behaviour and communication at home.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 10:30am
- Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 1pm
- Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 13 January 2027 until 10 February at 1pm

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided- https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DB70U2ggta

Sign ups will close on 10 December 2026

NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust



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.

DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
3PM, DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH



FOLLOWED BY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE CENOTAPH BY THE MEMORIAL HALL, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS.

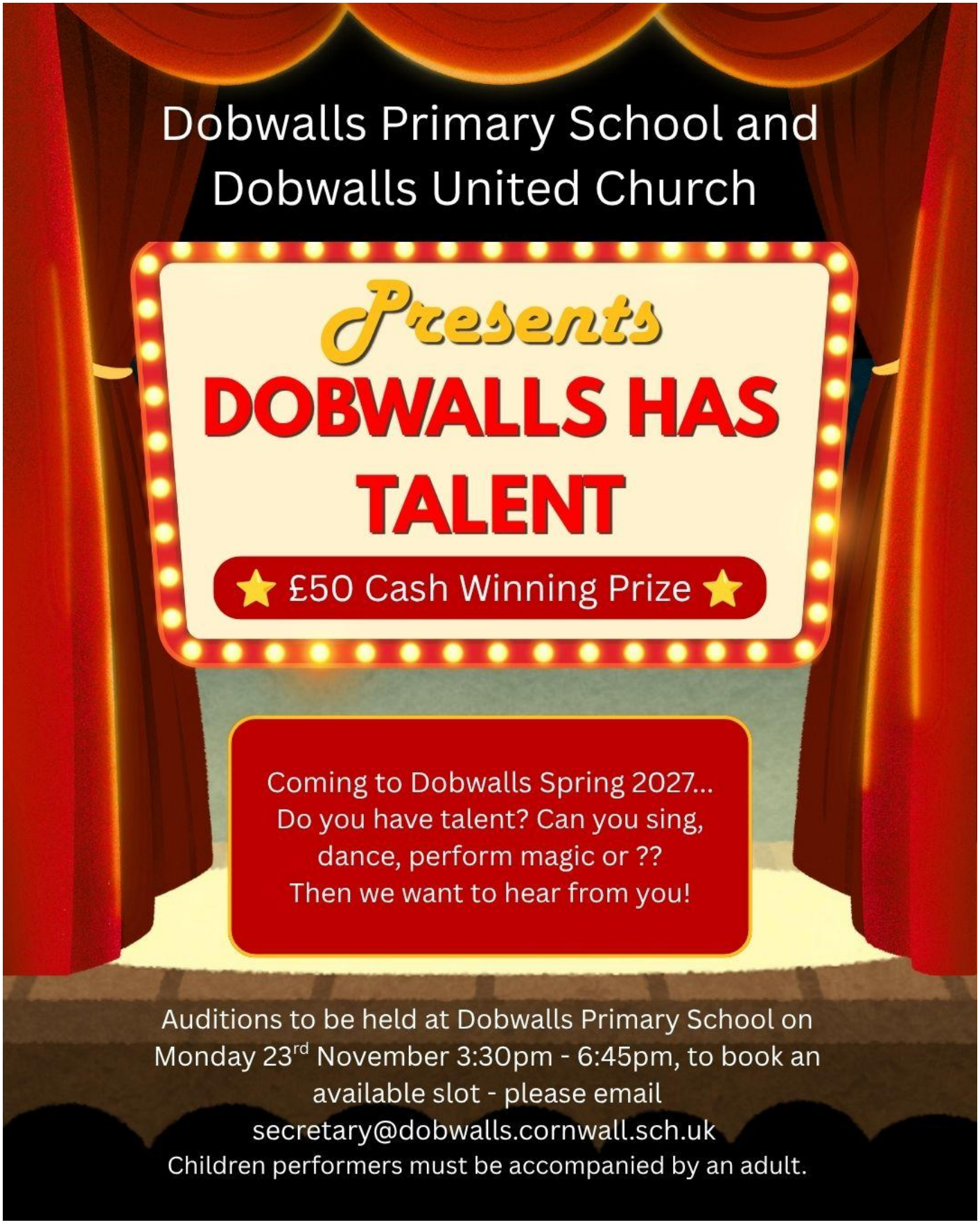


Children from Dobwalls cheered on the 500 runners in this year's Cornish Marathon. The runners gave super feedback on how lovely it was to have the support. Thanks from everyone involved.
Mr Jones and fellow runners litter picked the entire route (collected 6 bags of discarded rubbish) leaving the marathon route in an environmentally better position.








Dobwalls Primary School and
Dobwalls United Church
Presents
DOBWALLS HAS TALENT
£50 Cash Winning Prize
Coming to Dobwalls Spring 2027...
Do you have talent? Can you sing, dance, perform magic or ??
Then we want to hear from you!
Auditions to be held at Dobwalls Primary School on Monday 23rd November 3:30pm - 6:45pm, to book an available slot - please email secretary@dobwalls.cornwall.sch.uk
Children performers must be accompanied by an adult.