



“There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them.” – Ray Bradbury

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, we started the week with a super assembly with guest visitors - Martin an engineer from Rolls Royce and Michael a Pilot for Jet 2. It was so inspiring to hear them talk about their careers and specifically the maths they use every day. They use the three times tables, speeds, calculating, weight, checking temperatures and so much more! The maths we learn in school really does come into life in the future. We are so grateful to them for giving up their time from their busy careers

I was delighted to receive a check from Howdens for £250 to add to our total for the Cornish Seal Sanctuary. A big thank you to Esmail and Ayla for asking their Dad to help us build our total. THANK YOU HOWDENS! At the School Council meeting last week, they have asked for another Toasty Tuesday so we'll be bringing this back again in January! Best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher



Diary Dates

8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - Friday
13 Dec	Infant Xmas performance 2pm at school Pupil Xmas lunch
14 Dec	Infant Xmas performance 2pm at school Junior Xmas concert Carnglaze Caverns 6pm—in uniform with Xmas hats
18 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fayre—own clothes
19 Dec	Christmas Parties—own clothes **Children finish at 1:00pm
20 Dec- 3 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
24 Jan	Governor meeting
12-16 Feb	HALF TERM
19 Feb	Non-pupil day
4 -15 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
4 Mar	Governor meeting
11 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
29 Mar-12 Apr	EASTER BREAK
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Governor meeting
13-16 May	KS2 SATS week
27-31 May	HALF TERM
3 Jun	Non-pupil day
24 Jun	Governor meeting
23 Jul	Children finish at 1:00pm
24 Jul	Non-pupil days
25 Jul -3 Sep	SUMMER BREAK



Christmas Jumper Day—Friday December 8th
Next Friday, children can come to school in uniform but with a festive top. Donations of any amount welcome towards Save the Children.

Author Visit—Wednesday 6th December

Clive Pig author visit—see paper copy sent home—please bring order forms and money in before or on Wednesday. We can't wait to welcome Clive for storytelling workshops for the whole school.



Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Events!

Christmas Fair— Monday 18th December. The children can come into school in festive clothing along with their pennies to spend at the fair. Christmas parties will be on the morning of Tuesday 19th so they can come in to school in their Christmas party clothing!

PTFA Christmas Fair Donations

Raffle prizes, gift bags and small gifts gratefully received into the office. More details coming home soon. 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.

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.

Monday	Y3
Tuesday	Y5
Wednesday	Y1/2
Thursday	EYFS/Y6
Friday	Y4

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

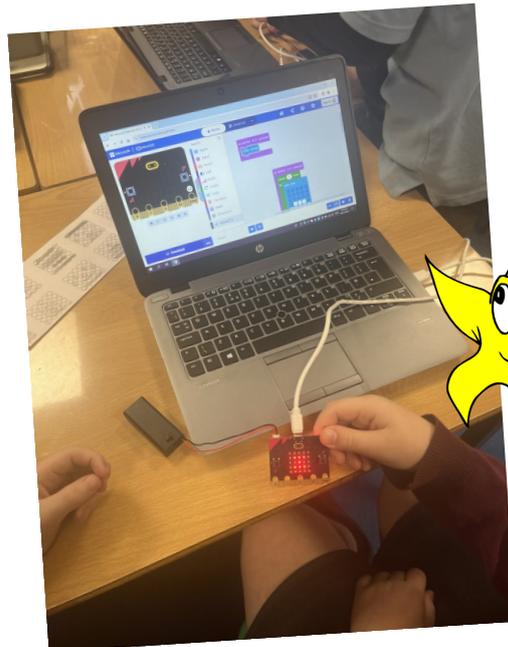
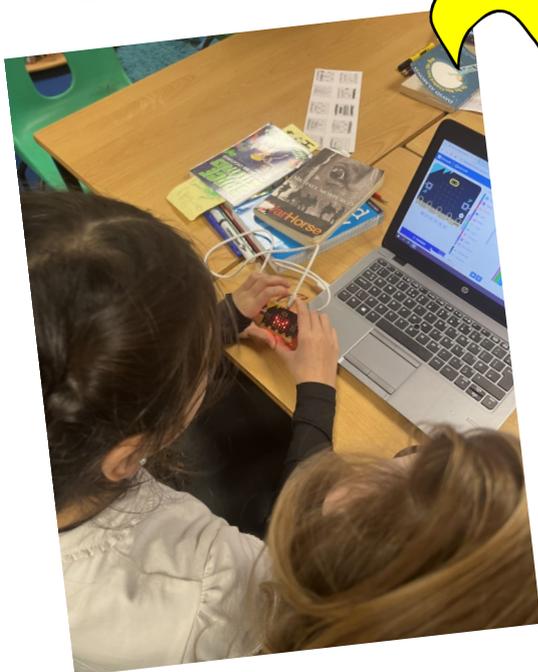
Lerryn	Leo, Erin & Grayson	Loveny	Emmie	Tamar	Layla & Arlo
Fowey	Harrison & Charlie	Valency	Jagoda & Bobby	Lynher	Billy & Skye
				Camel	William & Phoebe

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
88%	98%	98%	93%	99%	93%	97%



The star learners this week come from Year 4. Tamar Class have had a fantastic time this half term creating algorithms. To do this they used 'makecode' and downloaded their code onto their micro:bit, to create volcano eruption animations. Along the way they had to use their SECRET skill of finding solutions to make sure everything flowed correctly. Great work Tamar Class!



Absence Requests—Reminder

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. We publish the dates of school terms well ahead, this is to help you plan your holidays and check that it does not clash with the school term. **Permission must be sought in advance.**

When deciding whether to allow term time leave, for any reason, the school will consider:

- **Are the circumstances surrounding the request exceptional**
- The time and duration of the leave (e.g. closeness to Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) in Year 2 and Year 6)
- Your child's record of attendance
- Learning that will be missed

Warning: if the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**.

The Law

The law does not say that parents have an automatic right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time. You have a legal duty to make sure your child attends school regularly and punctually. Research shows that pupils perform better if their parents or carers emphasise the importance of attending school. The school and the Local Authority monitor your child's attendance and will take action if it is poor.

Only in exceptional situations will Governors give permission for any absence.

Advice from the Department for Education in March 2008 states that schools can only approve absence for family holidays if they consider there are special circumstances. Holiday prices, and the fact that the parents have booked a holiday before checking with the school, are not special reasons.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence

If you decide to take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who as the issuing officer will may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carer, per child. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences.

Local Education Officers make termly visits to schools to review individual attendance figures and will visit families where children's attendance is low or there is persistent absence.

Guidance

Other absence from school will be authorised if it is for the following reasons:

- Genuine illness
- Unavoidable medical / dental appointments (but try to make these after school if at all possible)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional circumstances, such as bereavement
- Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces
- External examinations
- When Traveller

Other absence from school will not be authorised:

- For any type of shopping
- Looking after brothers, sisters or unwell parents
- Minding the house
- Birthdays
- Resting after a late night
- Relatives visiting or visiting relatives

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Decider Skills for Parents & Carers - Caradon

The skills are aimed at helping young people to recognise and understand their emotions, and promote positive mental health. They also include basic problem solving and conflict de-escalation skills, and have a strong focus on supporting children in regulating their own emotions.

Thursdays 11th & 18th January Online
9:30am - 10.30am

Sign up online:
<https://forms.office.com/e/1HUpWYxCdt>




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Understanding behaviour as communication

A free 6-week group intervention to help parents and carers understand their children's behaviour and what they might be trying to communicate through it. It will also teach practical strategies to help develop more positive behaviour at home.

1pm – 2:30pm, January 15th – February 19th

Sign-up online:
forms.office.com/e/dpmjDMrCw5





The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza has launched a national campaign, The Big Ambition.

It is really important that the pupils at Dobwalls Community Primary School participate in The Big Ambition survey and have their say. She wants to ensure that the voices of the children in Cornwall are fairly represented in the findings so that she can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

She is keen for all children to have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, she has a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. She will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/

FOOTBALL ROADSHOW

Our Soccer Roadshows are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, techniques, competitions and small sided games.

GIRLS ONLY ROADSHOW

Girls of all abilities have the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and really feel part of the football community. These sessions are in place to shatter any lingering pre-conceptions about women's and girls' football and boost participation whilst learning skills and techniques and playing small sided games.

MINI PILGRIMS 10AM - 11PM

Mini Pilgrim football sessions are aimed at three – six year olds, who are experiencing their first taste of a structured coaching session. The sessions are staffed at a ratio of 1 coach to 12 children. The emphasis is to improve the children's listening and concentration skills whilst working on balance and coordination. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions.

STRIKERS & GOALKEEPERS

This specific day will cover a variety of shooting activities and goalkeeper training. With opportunities for defenders and attackers to showcase their skills.



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END OF SUMMER SPECIAL

End of Summer Specials include what you get in a football roadshow package but also a special gift each participant gets to take home with them at the end of the day.

SEND ROADSHOW 10AM-3PM

Our Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) Roadshows are inclusive sessions for children with a disability. This can be physical disabilities such as visual and hearing impairments and cerebral palsy, or children with learning needs such as autism and ADHD.

MULTI SPORTS/SKILLS

Chance for participants to undertake a wide range of sports throughout the day. Sports will vary from football, handball, tag rugby plus many more. Each venue and area will offer different sports.

SHORT BREAKS 10AM-1PM

Fun and inclusive football and multi-sport activities for children aged 7-15 with a disability, and educational health & care plan (EHCP).



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON DECEMBER 2023 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

WEDNESDAY 20TH

Lanivet Community Hub
St Stephens School - Saltash

THURSDAY 21ST

Saltmill 3G - Saltash
St Stephens School - Saltash

FRIDAY 22ND

St Joseph School - Launceston

WEDNESDAY 27TH

Dobwalls Football Club
Saltmill 3G - Saltash

THURSDAY 28TH

Saltmill 3G - Saltash

FRIDAY 29TH

St Joseph School - Launceston
Lanivet Community Hub



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More Events 9th December 2023

Liskeard Radio will be broadcasting
outside Webb's House

As well as the Family Trail there will also be a Christmas Craft Fair and Christmas Activities at Stuart House - 9.30am-7pm

Christmas Local Produce and Craft Market under the Cattle Market Canopy - 10am-1pm

Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church - 10am-1pm

'Gans Kerensa' (with love) Exhibition of Vintage Christmas Cards at Liskeard & District Museum 10am-1pm, plus children's winter crafts

The Museum are also holding a 'Dickensian Christmas Tales' Creative Writing Workshop at the Public Hall (age 16+) - 10am-12pm £5 per person

Liskeard Traders are holding a Liskeard of Olde Event in Fore Street

Liskeard Lions Santa will be at Morrisons - 10am-4pm

There will be a Santa's Grotto at Fat Frog - 11am-4pm £5 per child

The Lantern Parade leaves the Cattle Market at 5.30pm and the Christmas tree lights switch on will be approximately 6.10pm



WINTER CRAFTS NEW SEASONAL DISPLAY FESTIVE EVENTS

GANS KERENSA, December (with love) 9th - 22nd

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December 9th 10:00-12:00 CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP 'Dickensian Christmas Tales' 16 years + £5 (including festive refreshments)	December 16th 10:00-12:00 CORNISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP 'Nadelik lowen', 16 years + £5 (including festive refreshments)	December 22nd 10:30-11:00 WINTER STORYTIME All ages welcome FREE No need to book
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Booking for the workshops on December 9th and 16th essential via Liskeard Tourist Information Centre:
01579 349 148 tourism@liskeard.gov.uk

**FREE PARKING IN
CORNWALL COUNCIL
CAR PARKS**

SATURDAY 2ND
DECEMBER
2023



Saturday 9th December 2023 A Day of Free Festive Fun in Liskeard

Family Cornish Christmas Trail,
10am-12.30pm - starting at Stuart House
and ending with Cakey Tea at the Library

Masquerade Lantern Parade and Christmas
Tree Lights Switch On from 5.30pm

followed by
Projection mapping onto Liskeard
Library and Festive Activities inside
and Music and Dancing under
the Cattle Market Canopy

More details on www.visitliskeard.co.uk

Festive Events Throughout December

Christmas Tree Festival
Methodist Church daily 10am-12.30pm

Christmas Fayres
1st - Hillfort School
2nd - Catholic Church
2nd - Salvation Army Hall

CHSW Santas on Bikes 2pm
on The Parade on 2nd

East Cornwall Bach Choir Christmas Concert,
St Martin's Church, 7pm on 2nd

Gans Kerensa (With Love) Seasonal Exhibition
plus Winter Crafts at the Museum 9th-22nd

Santa's Grotto 11am-4pm
at Fat Frog on 9th and 16th

Liskeard Lions Santa
at Morrisons on 9th and 16th

'Nadelik' Family Christmas Show
Liskerrett Centre, 11am on 10th

Liskeard Lions Christmas Bingo
at the Public Hall, 8pm on 12th

Elf the Musical at The
Public Hall 15th-20th

Festive Cornish Language Workshop
Liskeard Museum, 10am on 16th

Nativity Musical 7pm at
St Martin's Church on 15th and 16th

Carol Service at the Methodist Church 16th

Carol Service with Liskeard Silver Band at
St Martin's Church 7pm on 17th

Santa and his Elves Tour
Liskeard on 19th

Soft Play and Santa's Grotto at
the Public Hall, 10am on 22nd

Winter Storytime at Liskeard Museum
10.30am on 22nd

Check www.visitliskeard.co.uk or Visit Liskeard for more info and charges etc

Free parking in CC car parks on 2nd