



"Books make great gifts because they have whole worlds inside of them." – Neil Gaiman

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a wonderful festive filled week at Dobwalls! The week isn't even over yet with a whole school church visit this morning and the Carol singers visiting Liskeard Hospital this afternoon. On Tuesday, I led a group of amazing carol singers around the village. Thank you to Dobwalls Church for refreshments.

The Twinkly Nativity performed by the Infants, was excellent with their stunning singing. Our Rocksteady first concert was fantastic on Wednesday. The children were so brave to show their new skills off to parents. They have only been learning since the start of September and playing in a band is a very different thing to learning to play as a soloist. We look forward to this continuing in the terms ahead.

Carnglaze Caverns was fab-u-lous! Thank you so much to parents, carers and staff for all the support; it really is valued. I hope everyone has had at least one moment to cherish this week- I have had so many I've lost count!

Next week, we will all be so sad to say farewell to Miss Mabin and Miss Stephenson. They have been an important part of Dobwalls for a number of years and will be greatly missed- from computing, history, St Piran's Day and Miss Mabin's love of pink to name but a few! We all wish them all the best for their next steps.

On Monday, we look forward to the PTFA Christmas fair. Children will all be enjoying the fair during the afternoon so please send them in with a few pennies. You are able to collect from classes at 3pm to then come along and enjoy the fair. The raffle will be drawn at 3:45pm.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to the new year.

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Online Safety Newsletter

This month, provides information on age ratings for apps, Minecraft information and Snapchat. We really recommend close supervision of electronic devices over the Christmas holiday time.

Message from Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers, what a great term it has been again at Dobwalls. I visit the school regularly and it is always wonderful to see the children so happy in classes and around school. I feel so proud to be a part of the team of governors with the brilliant staff and amazing Head at Dobwalls. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Alan Johnson, Chair of Governors

18 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fayre—own clothes
19 Dec	Christmas Parties—own clothes **Children finish at 1:00pm
20 Dec- 3 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
16 Jan	Little Cherries Pop Up Play—Hall 9-10am
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



A big **THANK YOU** to the kitchen elves who served up an amazing Christmas lunch to staff and pupils on Wednesday!

Starting School in September 2024

A reminder that the deadline for applications for starting school in September 2024 is 15th January 2024!

Thank you to our wonderful PTA!

Huge **THANKS** to our PTFA for all their hard work with the Xmas events—School Christmas wouldn't be the same without you!

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND
GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW
YEAR.**

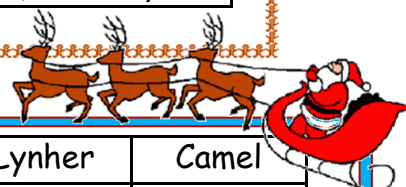
We return to school on
Thursday 4th January

Last week's Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Cherry & Ralph	Valency	Amelia B & Zara	Lynher	Freddie & Ayla
Fowey	George C & Savannah	Tamar	Alfie & Hugo	Camel	Charlie, Noah & Billy
Loveny	Chloe				

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
92%	98%	96%	90%	98%	96%	96%



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Christmas Performances



www.dobwalls.cornwall.sch.uk

Time2Move—Plymouth Argyle

Over Christmas, Plymouth Argyle are running a Time 2 Move at Looe Primary School. Time 2 Move will offer fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children. Children aged 5 to 11 are welcome to attend and the programme is completely funded for children that are eligible for benefit - related free school meals.

Dates for Time 2 Move at Looe School:

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Thursday 21st December 2023

Wednesday 27th December 2023

Thursday 28th December 2023



The Links is below to book on:

<https://playwaze.com/plymouth-argyle-community-trust---carn-brea-a/7g176v82ic3o/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/89667-C>

Christmas events this week!



Xmas lunch



Carols around the village



Open The Book's Nativity



Carols in the Church

Christmas Jumper Day raised £40 for



Save The Children!!

Thank you

Support at Christmas

Christmas can be a tough time for many families for a number of reasons. If you need any advice, there is always someone who can help.



Foodbank—Please call 03444 111 444 to speak to Citizens Advice Cornwall, a referral partner of Liskeard & Looe Foodbank, who will be able to issue you with a food bank voucher if necessary.

Early Help Hub

Telephone 01872 322277

For parenting advice for children aged pre-birth to 18. The 'front door' to Early Help services led by Cornwall Council and Cornwall Foundation Trust. Staff within the Early Help Hub will decide whether the child is eligible for support and which service is most appropriate including Parenting Support, Family Workers, School Nursing and more.

Health Visitor and School Nurse Helpline

01872 322779 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. If the line is busy you will be able to leave a message and you will receive a call back.

Email hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

Samaritans

Contact a Samaritan

If you need someone to talk to, we listen. We won't judge or tell you what to do.

Call us any time, day or night

Whatever you're going through, you can call us any time, from any phone for FREE.

Call 116 123

Chat with us online

PILOT

Talk to one of our listening volunteers using our new web chat service. For now, we're running the web chat at a small scale, meaning it's not available to everyone yet.

Chat online
Estimated wait time: 15 - 25 minutes

www.samaritans.org

Download this image onto your phone for when you might need help

Samaritans: Emotional support to anyone in distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.
116 123

Shout: Text service, free on all major networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.
• If you're over 18, text the word **SHOUT**
• Under 18s, text **YM**
Text: 85258

Cornwall's 24/7 NHS mental health support

Call for free, any time day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone service will listen to you and determine how best to help

0800 038 5300

Valued Lives: Supports people who are experiencing mental or emotional distress in Cornwall. Every day, 5.30pm - midnight.
0800 260 6759

If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger call 999

www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth

Support with domestic abuse



Our helpline

If you call our **helpline**, a member of the team can guide you through to the right support for you. Call us on

0300 777 4777

Worried about a child?

Who to contact if you have concerns about a child:

Multi-agency Referral Unit: 0300 123 1116

Out of Hours Service: 01208 251300

Domestic Abuse—
Refuge for Pets <https://refuge4pets.org.uk/>



'Citizens' Newsletter

'Citizens' is a newsletter produced by Citizens Advice Cornwall. The Winter edition is now available from their website at <https://citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk/citizens-winter-edition/>. It contains useful advice and information on support with energy bills and where you can go for help.



Healthy Cornwall

Below is the healthy Cornwall link, action packed with useful health information.

<https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/what-s-on/healthy-cornwall-current-programmes/#healthyfamilies>



Healthy
Cornwall

