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# Dobwalls C P School



**"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." – Emilie Buchwald**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week here at Dobwalls! Many thanks to those of you who attended parent-teacher evenings. It is so important for us to work together. As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do talk with us.

On Tuesday, Tamar Class (Y4) visited the Eden Project. They had a super time learning all about the Puzzling Plants of the rainforest - they even spotted the deadly Hula tree! Thank you to all the children for bringing such a fantastic enthusiasm to learning and made us all very proud of their knowledge of the rainforest!

Healthy Cornwall staff members have visited all children in Key Stage Two this week as part of a Taste Challenge workshop. So many children discovered foods they like by using their SECRET skill of try something new. They tried beetroot, kiwi, hard boiled eggs, dried apricots and so much more. The staff from Healthy Cornwall were very impressed with their knowledge and participation.

Next week, we look forward to a coffee morning, St Piran's day and World Book Day.

Have a lovely weekend & best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

## Coffee Morning

Don't forget coffee morning on Tuesday morning! All welcome at 9am at school.

## World Book Day!

Reminder—Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Children can come into school either dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas. We would also like to invite you to join us to share a book at drop off time—8:40 to 9:10 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Come and see Johnny Cowling!

We still have a few tickets left for an evening with Johnny Cowling. He will be performing in the school hall on Thursday 14th March at 8pm. Tickets are available from the school office at £12 each and include a pasty and a drink! All profits will go towards raising funds for a new boat for our playground.



## PTFA AGM—26th March at 2:30pm

The PTFA AGM meeting will take place on 26th March in the school hall at 2:20pm. If you can't make it, join on your computer, mobile app etc via Teams—[Click here to join the meeting](#) -Meeting ID: 354 975 602 120 - Passcode: PWKknT

## Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Rosie & Jasmine	Tamar	Isabel & Danny
Fowey	Hazel & Eddie	Lynher	Crystal & Ted
Loveny	Spencer	Camel	Isaac & Harry
Valency	Amelia & Harry		

## Diary Dates

4 - 15 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
4 Mar	Governor meeting
5 Mar	Coffee Morning
7 Mar	World Book Day -pyjamas/fancy dress
8 Mar	Y3 Wild Tribe
11 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
14 Mar	Johnny Cowling Show
15 Mar	Y2 Wild Tribe
	Red Nose Day
19 Mar	Little Cherries Pop Up Play—Hall 9-10am
22 Mar	Y1 Wild Tribe
26 Mar	PTFA AGM, 2:30 in Hall
	Reception Class trip to Theatre
27 Mar	Easter Marathon
29 Mar-12 Apr	EASTER BREAK
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Governor meeting
13-16 May	KS2 SATS week
24 May	Sports Day 1:30 for all
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
3 Sep	Non-pupil day

## Doughnuts and Hot Chocolate

Thank you to everyone who came to last Fridays, extremely popular event. The PTFA raised £104 towards our new play-ground boat! A huge THANK YOU to them for organising this again.

## Change of menu

Please note that Chartwell have a change of menu on 5th March. Pasties will be on the menu in honour of St Pirans Day.

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

## 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
95%	95%	98%	96%	98%	98%	94%

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# Star Learner



The star learners this week come from some very hungry caterpillars in EYFS. In the light of the sun 29 children in Lerryn class have been learning about the 'Hungry Caterpillar'.

On Monday, they ordered the days of the week.

On Tuesday, they learned the story using the story map with actions.

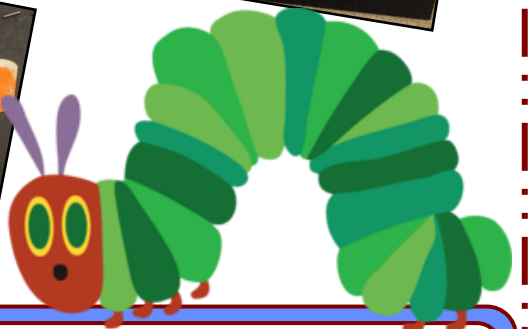
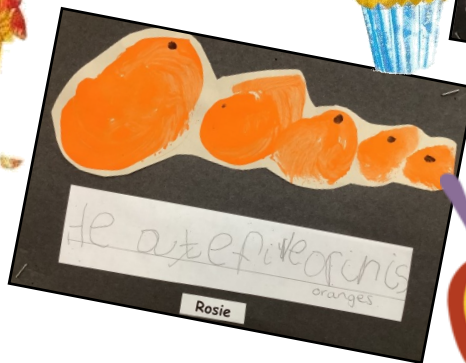
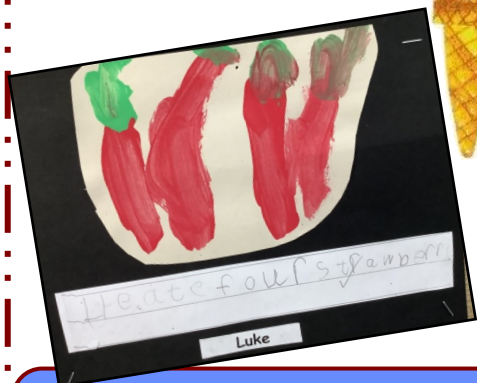
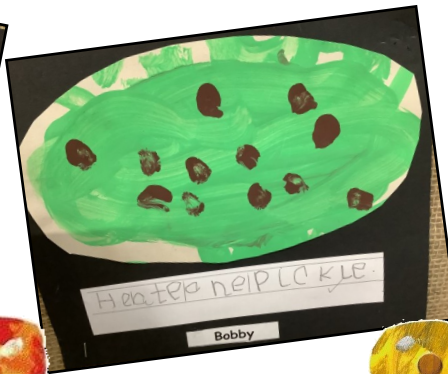
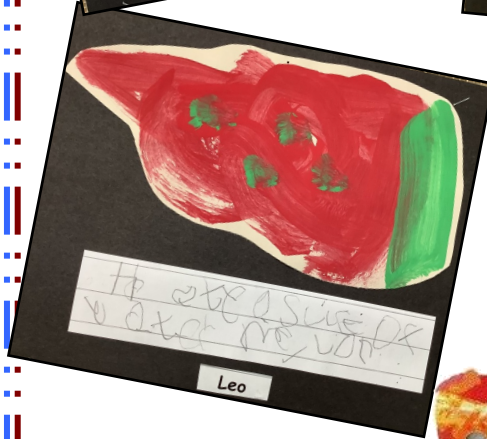
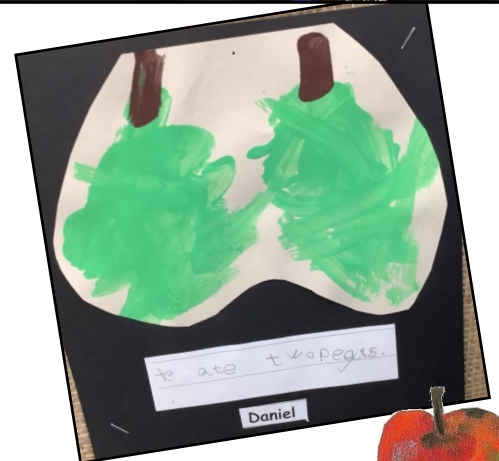
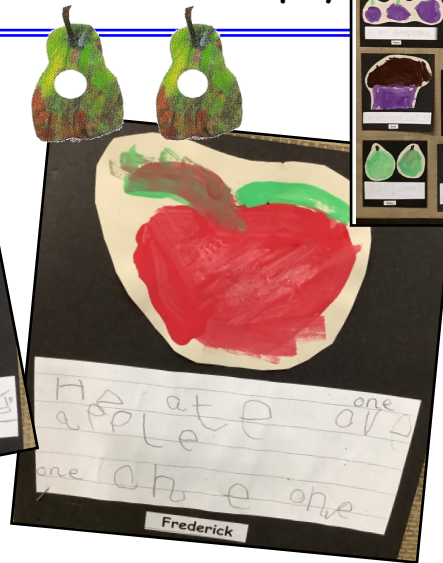
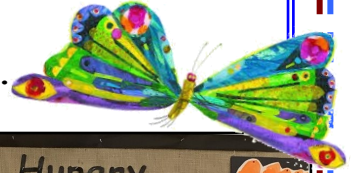
On Wednesday, they chose their favourite part of the story.

On Thursday, they did some fabulous writing.

On Friday, they painted the picture to match.

On Saturday they had a well earned rest.

On Sunday Mrs Udy and Miss Ferreira turned all their hard work into a ... beautiful display!



[www.dobwalls.net](http://www.dobwalls.net)



## 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

# GOOL PERAN LOWEN! ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Tuesday 5th March

## Menu

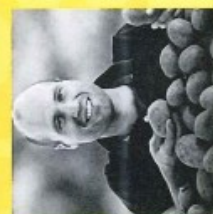
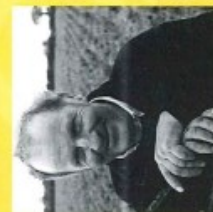
Traditional Steak Pasty  
or Cheese and Onion Pasty

Hevva Cake

Jacket Potato available on request



Pasties were taken down the mines by the adults and children who worked there; the shape and size made them ideal for carrying. It's distinctive D shape with the crust acting as a handle, which was discarded to prevent contaminating the food with grubby, possibly arsenic-ridden hands



At Proper Cornish we are passionate about quality pastry, filled with great tasting ingredients, made properly in Cornwall for people who love food.

We are passionate and honest about where our ingredients come from. At Proper Cornish, we believe in supporting our local farmers. Our swede comes from Hoyle, courtesy of Trevor Goldworthy's family run farm, our potatoes come from third generation farmer Chris Dustow from Par and our onions are grown by Anthony West of Toppoint. Cornwall grows some of the highest quality produce in the world, so why go anywhere else?



## PTFA Funding application success!

The PTFA have been successful in getting Tesco Stores on board with our fundraising for a playground boat through their 'Tesco Stronger Starts' initiative.

Pretty soon you will see Dobwalls school as one of the in store voting options to receive a possible £1500. We will be alongside other local projects so we really need your vote.

So, from the first week in April 2024 until the end of June 2024, please go along to the Tesco Store in Callington and make a purchase of any value. You will be given a token which you can place in our section of the voting unit.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PTFA IN ACHIEVING THE MOST VOTES!**

**Stronger Starts**  **TESCO**  
*Every little helps*



# **Dobwalls Primary School PTFA**



*presents the one and only...*

# **JOHNNY COWLING**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**8pm**

**Dobwalls Primary School Hall**

Tickets £12 - pasty and drink included

Tickets available from Dobwalls Primary  
School Office daily or telephone Nicki to  
arrange on 07399 771054

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

We are raising money to buy a fantastic new play  
boat for our playground. Please come along for a  
laugh and help us raise our total!