

Newsletter
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Dobwalls C P School



"It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own." – Arthur Conan Doyle



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another busy term at Dobwalls. This week has been full of wonderful sporting highlights. On Monday, four of our amazing cross-country runners took part in the county finals at Newquay in tough conditions. Congratulations to Tilly, India, Noah and Ebony - excellent running, we are so proud! On Tuesday, our boys football team won 4-0. Due to the weather, this was their first match of the season and they played with passion, team playing and determination. On Wednesday evening, the cross-country league awards took place. Massive well done to the whole team with 24 runners completing 3 or more races, Tilly in Y6 came 2nd overall and Our Y5/6 girls team won! WOW! Photo on page 4! A BIG thank you to Mr Jones for leading and organising the team.

Within school, yesterday we held our Easter marathon. The school was alive with bunny ears! The atmosphere outside was fantastic with the children running and music playing. Well done and thank you to everyone who has sponsored us - the total currently stands at a whopping £1545! We had a mini pause for some hail but otherwise they all ran amazingly!

Today, we were due to walk to the Church to be in our local community for the end of term but the weather had other ideas so we are thankful that members of the Church came to us instead.

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

Diary Dates

29 Mar-12 Apr	EASTER BREAK
19 Apr	Y1 Wild Tribe
26 Apr	Y4 Wild Tribe
3 May	Y3 Wild Tribe
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Governor meeting
10 May	Y2 Wild Tribe
13-16 May	KS2 SATS week
17 May	Y5 Wild Tribe
24 May	Sports Day 1:30 for all children
24 May	Y6 Wild Tribe
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

Football Cards

We are seeing a large number of Football cards coming in to school. Please can you ensure that the children do not bring them into school as they are proving to be a distraction and are the cause of arguments. Thank you

Easter Break

Have a lovely break. We return to school on Monday 15th April.

We love reading at Dobwalls—have a read of this.....

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/royal-family/2024/03/26/five-minutes-reading-blues-away-queens-book-club-study/#:~:text=Five%20minutes%20reading%20a%20day%20keeps%20the%20blues%20away,Queen's%20first%20book%20club%20study&text=The%20Queen%20has%20hailed%20study>

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	Freddie & Archie	Valency	Oliver C & Jagoda	Lynher	Skye & Arthur
Fowey	Madeleine & Florence	Tamar	Henry & Violet	Camel	Tilly, Roxanne & William
Loveny	Emmie				

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
96%	94%	94%	84%	95%	95%	96%

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Easter Marathon



The star learners this week—everyone who took part in the Easter Marathon. Thank you to our organisers, our runners and our sponsors!



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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

Cross Country Success!

24 runners completed 3 or more races. Congratulations to all and to Tilly, 2nd overall and to the Yr5/6 girls team who won!!!



**NORTH CORNWALL ROCKS**

MARCH 2024

North Cornwall Rocks -
the ultimate guide for families

We are nearly at the end of term and the North Cornwall Rocks team have been busily finding lots of fun days out - the website is jam packed with great local ideas for the Easter Holiday and beyond - head on over for some inspiration!

EASTER HOLIDAYS

There are over 100 ideas for days out and events in North Cornwall featured in our Easter Guide including egg hunts, family fun days, fancy dress competitions, trails, nature walks and beach cleans. [Have a look at our Easter Collection!](#)



PARKS AND WALKS

Hopefully we will soon get some drier and warmer weather and can head back outside for days out! We have rounded up information about parks, walks and open spaces with details of parking, toilets, buggy suitability and refreshments to help you plan a day out. [Visit the website and see for yourself!](#)



SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Over the winter we have been working hard on the functionality of the website. The site is now twice as quick, has easy to use homepage buttons, features a map search so you can quickly see where places are, and has a new look homepage with quick links to articles and collections. [Have a look if you haven't already!](#)



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**Trago**
whatever you want!

Easter FUN DAY

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH
10AM-4PM



MUSIC • FOOD • CIRCUS TRAINING
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
FREE FACE PAINTING • INFLATABLES
NERF GUN AREA • EASTER EGG HUNT
COLOURING COMPETITION



10am-12pm
LAUNCESTON BAND

11am-4pm
HEROES AND VILLAINS

2pm-4pm
BODMIN BAND

3 hours
FIRE BRIGADE