



“Books shouldn’t be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage.” – Roald Dahl

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday evening, an online Teams Trust Council meeting was held across our six SMART schools. From Dobwalls, Mila in Y6 and Eseld in Y5 attended and both spoke brilliantly and confidently in front of students across our Trust. I was so proud of them both.

On Monday, we welcomed Rev Mark Wade who started the week with our Monday morning assembly discussing the season of advent and hope. Great participation with the school and some excellent acting took place!

As you know in school, we practice fire drills in case of emergencies. Soon, we will also be practising a lockdown in case of emergencies. I will go through with the children in assembly next week so children know what to do when they hear the lockdown alarm. Whilst we hope never to have to secure the school, it is always better to be prepared.

Last night, I took a wonderful group of children carol singing around the village. Despite the rain at times, the children sang absolutely beautifully with our best crowds yet! Huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us along the way and also to Dobwalls Church for providing refreshments and a warm ending to our route! Pictures on P5.

This afternoon, we look forward to PTFA xmas fair!

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Diary Dates

12 Dec	Y1 Wild Tribe
17 Dec	Toasty Tuesday
	Infant Xmas Perf 2pm
18 Dec	Infant Xmas Perf 2pm
	Junior Xmas songs 5:30pm
19 Dec	Pupil Xmas lunch
20 Dec	Christmas parties—morning
	Children finish at 1:00pm
23 Dec– 5 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
29 Jan	Governor meeting
14 Feb	EYFS/Lerryn trip to Theatre
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM
24 Feb	Non-pupil day
10–21 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
	Governor meeting
10 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
7–21 Apr	EASTER BREAK
5 May	BANK HOLIDAY
14 May	Governor meeting
12-15 May	KS2 SATS week
26-30 May	HALF TERM
2 Jun	Non-pupil day
23 Jun	Governor meeting
22 Jul	Children finish at 1:00pm
23 Jul	Non-pupil days
24 Jul–2 Sep	SUMMER BREAK

Toasty Tuesday

Our first Toasty Tuesday will be on 17th December, raising money for this year’s chosen charity (chosen by the children)—the British Heart Foundation. Toast will be on sale on the Tuesday morning for 40p.



Christmas Break

A quick reminder that the children will finish at 1pm on Friday 20th December ahead of the Christmas Break.

Christmas Parties (keviewiow)

The children’s Christmas parties will take place on the morning of 20th December. They can come into school wearing Christmas clothing ready for a morning of fun. No food donations please; they are not required.



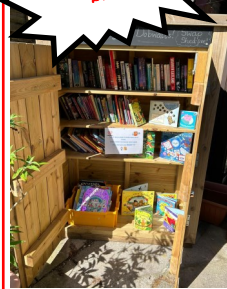
PTFA Raffle

The PTFA will be selling raffle tickets (£1 each) at all 3 of our Christmas performances, Infants on 17th and 18th December and the junior Christmas Carols on the evening of 18th December. They have sourced some amazing prizes (listed on P4) so well worth purchasing a ticket or 2! The draw will take place on the evening of the 18th December at the Junior Christmas Carols. Good Luck!

Last week’s SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Elowen & Reggie B	Tamar	Freya-Rose & Skylar
Fowey	Bobby & Erin	Lynher	Evelyn & Dolci
Loveny	Jowan H & Delilah	Camel	Archie & Taylor
Valency	Leo & Harry		

The Book Shed



Book Swap Shed!

A reminder that the Book Swap Shed by the school office entrance is still open. Please take a look. You don’t have to bring one in to help yourself to a book from the shed - you can simply take one. There are loads to choose from. If on the other hand you have good quality books you have read and would like to donate, please just pop them in to the shed.

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/Y1
Tuesday	Y4
Thursday	EYFS/Y6/Y5
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.)

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
94%	91%	94%	95%	82%	97%	90%





The star learners this week are from Y3. In Valency class, they have been studying rivers, exploring their various features from the source to the mouth. After gaining a solid understanding of river processes, they applied their knowledge to the Boscastle Flood of 2004. They examined this case study in detail and used the information gathered to write their own explanatory texts, outlining how the flood occurred. Alfie's work below demonstrates this beautifully with a superb illustration by Ella. Well done!

Why did the Boscastle flood happen

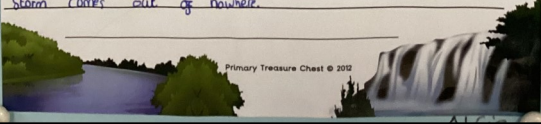
Are you wondering why the Boscastle had that huge flood? If so read this piece of writing.

What is a flood?

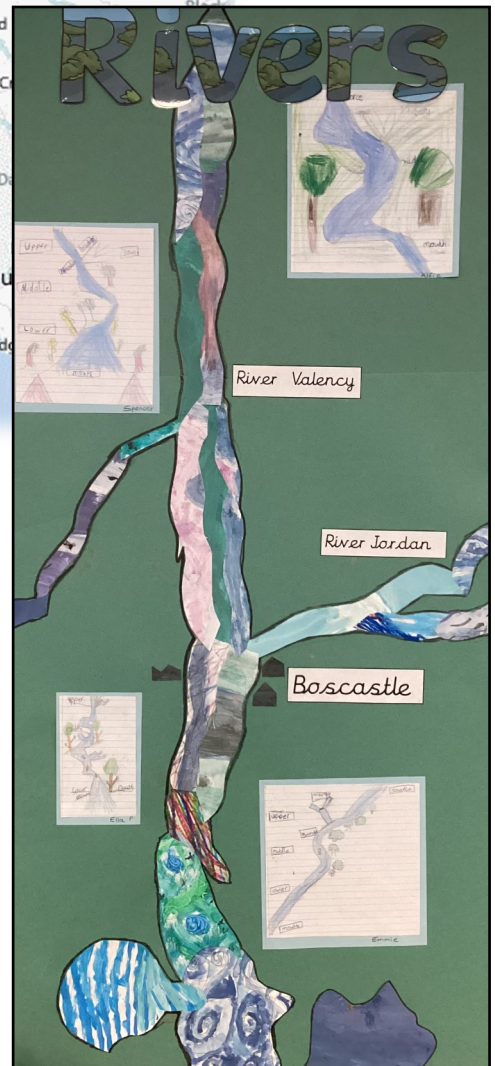
A flood is when the ground is all ready to wet and can't suck up any more water. If there are lots of rivers and they all join together that can make a flood worse.

What happened

Wildly Boscastle flooded on the 16th August 2004. At 12:00pm it was a summer day but however that soon change. A huge black grey cloud came out of nowhere. That storm is called a gash storm it is where a storm comes out of nowhere.



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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.**

Headteachers no longer have the authorisation to grant leave during the term time unless it is for exceptional circumstances as outlined by the Department for Education. If you believe your request for the absence is exceptional, please complete the below form at the bottom of this notice.

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**.

Please be aware of the legislation regarding unauthorised absences-

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. Penalty Notices for unauthorised 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.

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:

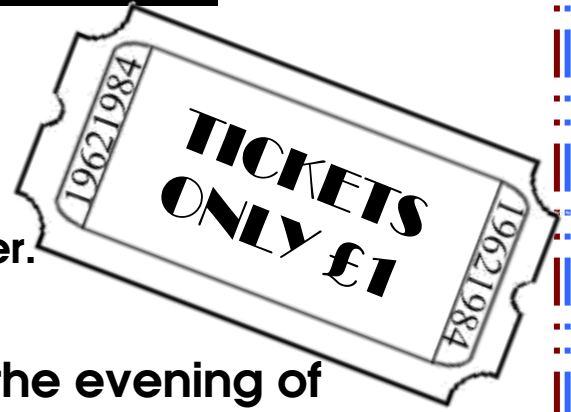
- Genuine illness
- Unavoidable medical / dental appointments (but try to make these after school if at all possible)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional circumstances, such as bereavement
- Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces
- External examinations
- When Traveller

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

PTFA Christmas Raffle!

Tickets will be on sale at the infant performances on 17th and 18th December and at the Junior Christmas Carols on the evening of 18th December.



The Draw will take place on the evening of 18th December at the Junior Christmas Carols.

Prizes include:

- Penhale Pantry gift voucher for 2 piggy in the middle breakfasts and 2 teas/ coffee
- Kenniford Farm Kitchen voucher for 2 hog roast baps
- Kayleigh Hair and Beauty £15 voucher
- Melissa Shapland Accupuncture voucher for 30 minute NADA protocol auricular acupuncture treatment
- Bee Unique Hair and Beauty voucher for wash, cut and blow dry
- Bee Unique Hair and Beauty 1 gents haircut
- Bee Unique Hair and Beauty Neal and Wolf protect and shine haircare kit.



Be in it,
to win it

THANK YOU!

Another big Thank You to our wonderful PTFA yet again! They have sourced a wonderful tree for our hall. It really is a beauty! The children are in the process of making decorations and you will be able to see the finished tree when you come along to the performances.





Carol Singing



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