

Happy New Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been so lovely to be back in school with everyone once again. As lovely as Christmas is, we've all enjoyed being back in routine and not eating any more Christmas chocolates and biscuits! However I must say a huge thank you once again to our amazing PTFA and to you! The Christmas raffle and sale of refreshments raised £291!

The winter weather didn't stop us this time but do keep an eye on Facebook and the Cornwall Council website for any updates in case of emergency closures or delayed starts.

There has been such a super atmosphere at school this week with all working hard and beginning to learn their new topics. New topic overviews, knowledge organisers and homework menus have been sent home and we hope you enjoy sharing these with your child and discussing their upcoming learning.

Next week, we look forward to a pantomime on Tuesday - Beauty and the Beast is coming live to Dobwalls! We can't wait as live performances really are special moments. Following the show on Tuesday, all classes will spend the remainder of the week writing poetry based on the show. On Thursday, it is Census Day. This time, the whole school has taken part in a vote to choose the menu for the day with the result being burgers. I really encourage as many children to have school dinners as possible on this day as it supports school funding. Thank you for your support.

We are all looking forward to 2025 at Dobwalls!

Happy New Year! Wishing you a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Pipe

Diary Dates

14 Jan	Panto—Beauty & The Beast
17 Jan	Y5 Wild Tribe
24 Jan	Y4 Wild Tribe
29 Jan	Governor meeting
31 Jan	Y3 Wild Tribe
7 Feb	Y2 Wild Tribe
14 Feb	EYFS/Lerryn trip to Theatre
	Y1 Wild Tribe
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM
24 Feb	Non-pupil day
10-21 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
10 Mar	Governor meeting
	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

Foodbank Cookery demonstration 20th Jan —see page 4!

After School Clubs start w/c 20th Jan—see page 6 for link

Reminder

Don't forget to provide only water in the children's water bottles, bring in coats (it's that time of year!) and please ensure your child's name is in all items of clothing—our lost property is mounting up already.



Bags2School

Our 'Events' team have organised a Bags2School collection of old clothes etc. More details and a list of what they collect are on page 4. Help the 'Events' team and help school funds. Thank you!



Are you eligible?

Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? It may be worth checking—<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/> Each successful free school meal application attracts Pupil Premium funding for the school. This funding is used to support children in school, to subsidise trips/camps/swimming as well as provide uniform vouchers.

Important note for Parents of Infant children

Currently the Government provides universal free school meals (UFSM) for all KS1 children but it is still important that you check to see if you are eligible for free school meals outside of this scheme. If you are eligible and your application is successful, you will be entitled to the subsidies above and your eligibility will continue when the UFSM scheme finishes at the end of year 2. You, your child and the school benefits! Please check!



Change of Menu

Thursday 16th Jan is census day and data we submit dictates school funding. Part of this is school meals numbers and so we encourage children to have a meal that day. This year we have conducted a vote for their choice of meal and burger was the winning choice! So please note that Thursdays menu has changed to burger.



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.) During the winter, plain black leggings or jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games.



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Reggie F & Bella	Valency	Leah	Lynher	Barnaby & Jaxon
Fowey	Jasmine & Kai	Tamar	Nathan & Alfie	Camel	Mila & Lexi
Loveny	George C & Olivia B				

Beauty & the Beast

On Tuesday the whole school will be seeing the panto 'Beauty & the Beast'. These are such valuable experiences for our children and all we are asking is for a contribution of £1.50 towards the cost. A bargain! Please contribute via your ParentPay account.

Attendance Stars



Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
97%	84%	98%	93%	92%	98%	98%

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Star Learners



The star learners this week are from Y1. Fowey Class have become geographers for the week and have been off exploring different parts of the United Kingdom. Using their SECRET skills of getting involved and sharing their learning, they have explored England, Northern Ireland and Scotland by virtual bus and used their learning to create a super display and fact files.

I wonder which country they will be exploring next week... Well done Fowey Class!



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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
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

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ4Q) <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ4Q> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc) <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code

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LISKEARD COUNCIL

INVITATION

Liskeard Town Vision Workshop

Monday 17 February 2025 at 5.30pm

Public Hall, Liskeard
(includes refreshments)

To book your place please email office@liskeard.gov.uk or telephone 01579 345407

Liskeard Town Council has chosen HemingwayDesign, a highly experienced team of urban and multidisciplinary designers to help them prepare a community-led Vision and Action Plan for the town. HemingwayDesign will undertake an assessment of Liskeard and the range of projects it has underway, and work with residents, businesses and community organisations to agree how the town should continue to move forward and respond to the varied challenges that it faces. The consultants visited the town on 12th and 13th December, saw key sites and met with officers, businesses and other stakeholders.

They are holding a public workshop on Monday 17th February and hope as many people as possible will take this opportunity to get involved and shape the future of the town.

The project is being funded by a grant from the Cornwall Council Town Accelerator Fund.

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Programmes currently available are:

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- **Parents Plus Adolescents Programme** – Supporting parents/carers of teenagers aged 12 to 19 (10 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **Supporting Healthy Relationships** – (3 x 2-hour sessions)
 - **Me, You and Baby Too** (for parents pre-birth – 12 months)
 - **Arguing Better** (for parents of children aged 1 – 19)
 - **Getting it Right for Children** (for separated/separating parents with children aged 0 – 19)



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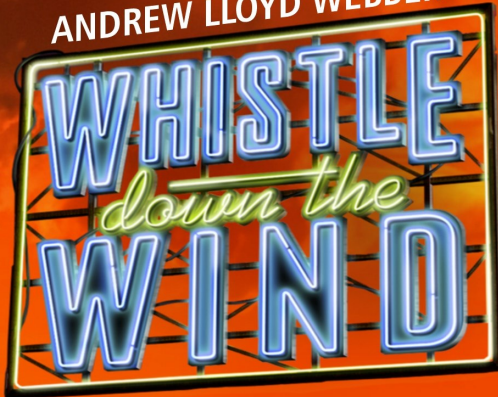
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Lyrics by Jim Steinman

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Sunday 12th*
January 2025

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*2pm & 7pm

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Would you like to learn a new recipe to cook with your children?

Cowboy Beans and Rice

a bean and sausage combo!

Monday 20th January
3:15pm in the hall



Collect your child and come along with them into the hall.

Live cookery demonstration by Sarah from Liskeard Foodbank with free cookery recipe kit for all including ingredients!



Everyone welcome



After School Clubs

The After School Clubs below start week commencing 20th January for 8 weeks
(last clubs week for clubs week beginning 17th March)

				Finish time
Monday	Drop in football* and cross-country (Lunchtime)	Mr Jones	Y3 - Y6	lunchtime
	Breakdancing	Mr Jones	Y2 – Y6	4:00pm
Wednesday	Creative Club	Mr King	Y2 - Y6	4:00pm
Thursday	Jigsaw Club	Miss Laing	All	4:00pm
	Timestables Rockstars Club	Miss Jameson	Y2 – Y6	4:00pm
Friday	Magazine Club (Dobnews) (Lunchtime)	Mrs Pipe	Y2 – Y6	lunchtime

Please complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/heQMfeMrFN?origin=lprLink>

Forms should be completed by 9am on Wednesday 15th January. The confirmation slip will be returned to you by Friday 17th January.

There will be no After School Clubs week commencing 10th March due to Parents Evenings.

For some clubs numbers will be limited - places will be allocated randomly.

*There are lots of football matches in the pipeline. Please watch out for letters coming home if your child is involved.

GoActive will be running a KS2 after school Club – ‘Archery’ on Tuesdays. Details will be sent home when we receive them.

For after school clubs, it is expected that children will attend each week. However there may be occasions where this isn't possible and we would be very grateful if you could inform the school prior to that week's session if your child will not be attending; a note, phone call or pop into the school office.

Finishing times are shown above; we would be grateful if you could collect your child/children promptly at the end of the session. If there are alternative arrangements regarding the collection of your child/children please let the school know as soon as possible.

We would also be grateful if you could advise on the form below as to whether or not your child is allowed to walk home alone after their after school club.

Bags2School

Below is a list of everything that we collect. If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.

Ours Events team would like to collect any unwanted items from the list opposite for Bags2School. The project not only raises funds for the school but puts to good use unwanted items. For more information on Bags2School see [Who We Are | Bag2School](#)

Please place your items in a black bin bag and bring in to the school office on Monday 10th February. If possible please do not bring in sooner as we do not have the space to store. Thank you on behalf of our Events team!



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts

