

Newsletter
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Dobwalls Primary School



"Few things leave a deeper mark on the reader, than the first book that finds its way to his heart." – Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been Children's Mental Health week with the theme know yourself, grow yourself. Children in the well-being team with Miss Jameson led a super assembly yesterday and launched their new idea of a well-being area. This will be outside Y3 and we look forward to it growing.

On Wednesday, Y5 and Y6 had a super day with workshops from the national marine aquarium. The children spoke about how energy is created and used in different ways. They spoke about by products of this energy use - in particular carbon dioxide. They undertook experiments to show the effect that CO2 can have in a range of situations. The children were then able to use some VR goggles to explore the Plymouth Marine National Park from their seats. The wonderful learning the children had participated in culminated in an assembly to the whole school exploring the five key ways we can look after our environment.

Next week, we look forward to Safer Internet Day with the theme "Too good to be true, protecting yourself from online harm." I'm sure you'll agree with me that this really is so important. We look forward to Miss Gaskin and the digital leaders leading an assembly on Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone for their competition entries.

Best wishes, Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Diary Dates

12 Feb	Little Cherries
13 Feb	Coffee Morning
14 Feb	EYFS/Lerryn trip to Theatre Y1 Wild Tribe Doughnuts after school
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM
24 Feb	Non-pupil day
6 Mar	Books & Bacon World Book Day
10-21 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
10 Mar	Governor meeting Photographer in school—teams/classes
1 April	Little Cherries
3 April	PTFA Disco
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-31 Aug	SUMMER BREAK
1 Sep	Non-pupil day
2 Sep	Back to school

Online Safety Newsletter—Jan

The monthly online safety newsletter is coming home with this newsletter. It gives some useful information on online scams.

Valentine's Day Doughnuts

The PTFA will be selling doughnuts after school on Friday 14th February—Valentine's Day. 50p each

Hair Tram Lines

We have seen a few hair tram lines creeping in to school recently. Please note that these are not in line with our policy. See Dobwalls Community Primary School - Uniform & Equipment. Thank you for your support in this.

Na wra ankevi!

- Little Cherries - 12 Feb, see P5 for details
- Coffee & Cake - 13 Feb, see P5 for details. Includes story sack making! All welcome!
- Bags2School - bags in school on 10th Feb for collection on 11th Feb.

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Ella & Blake	Tamar	Leo & Alfie
Fowey	Joel & Kai	Lynher	Lucy & Aubrey
Loveny	Ted & Elliott	Camel	Jack & Finley
Valency	Scarlet & Emmie		

Parent/Teacher meetings

Parent/teacher meetings will be taking place, face to face, after school on:

- 10th March for Y1 and Y6,
 - 11th March for Rec. Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5
 - 12th March for Rec. Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
- Guidance on booking appointments is included with this newsletter (P4) and will be emailed out too. Bookings open on Tuesday 25th February and close the day before the meeting takes place.

Please remember—Half Term is 17—21st February and 24th February is a non-pupil 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/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
96%	90%	93%	96%	95%	97%	97%



The star learners this week are from Y4. Tamar Class have been working really hard in their English Topic, focussing on the story 'Winter's Child' by Angela McAllister. They have just started writing a sequel to the story, focussing on the Spring season. They have written Their introductions to the story, making sure they have set the scene so that the reader can create an image in their heads! Enjoy reading some of their descriptive paragraphs, using noun and prepositional phrases!

On a sunny day Tom was sitting on the warm rock gazing at some deer. As the deer moved away Tom noticed a path of grass and flowers. Tom walks on the path and meets a beautiful girl with lots of colourful flowers in her hair. Tom has met Spring's child.

Leo



Jagoda

One sunny spring morning, the ^{gorgeous} blossom flowers sway through the spring breeze. As you can hear ~~elegant~~ elegant melody the birds sing. Tom is climbing the beautiful blossom blossom tree to collect some blossoms for his Nan. But just in the distance he sees a barely visible girl who has ^{long} ~~long~~ hair ~~with~~ with flowers swirling around her.

On a beautiful spring day, the cherry blossoms were blowing in the wind. Tom jumped from rock to rock, hearing the baby chicks singing and the frogs croaking. And standing in the lake were two deers drinking the refreshing water. Across the lake was a girl.

Skylar-Mae



Phoenix

One beautiful spring day, the gorgeous cherry blossoms were blooming beautifully. The adorable chicks were cheeping graciously and the ~~water~~ glistening waterfall crashed against the shiny, luxurious lake as the a spring sun shimmered and lit up the whole forest. Tom gazed at the luxury lake while he was carefully ~~clipping~~ ~~silently~~ stepping and sitting as still as a statue on the plain, smooth ~~in~~ enormous rocks thinking curiously "I wonder what makes spring so beautiful!". Out of nowhere came a almost invisible girl with a colour flower crown, luscious ~~visions~~ soft brown hair and a bright yellow dress she was gracefully dancing with the flowers in the warm ~~slow~~ breeze.

One bright sunny day, the refreshing waterfall was flowing lightly down the rocks. Tom, Nana and Mum all went down to the forest. On the way Nan spotted some baby chicks just running along the path. When they got down to the beautiful forest Tom heard baby birds singing very loudly, green ~~spoty~~ frogs croaking croaking and deers drinking clear blue water. Then out of the corner of ^{his} ~~my~~ eye I saw something moving. It had flowers floating around it.

↑
cherry blossom

Freya-Rose



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

Browse to <https://dobwalls.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Your Details

Name: First Name: Surname:
 Email: Student Email:

Students Details

First Name: Surname: Sex: M F Other

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

September Parents Evening

Monday, 18th September
 Tuesday, 19th September

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Choose Booking Mode

Automatic
 Manual

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Choose Teachers

Choose earliest and latest times

Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00

Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Choose Teachers

Mr J Brown
 Mrs A Wheeler

Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Confirm Appointment Times

Teacher	Student	Subject	Time
Mr J Brown	Sam	English	14:00
Mrs A Wheeler	Sam	Mathematics	14:00
Mrs A Wheeler	Sam	Religion	14:00

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

Time	Mr J Brown	Mrs A Wheeler	Mrs B Wheeler
14:00	+	+	+
14:30	+	+	+
15:00	+	+	+
15:30	+	+	+

Step 7: Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.

September Parents Evening

Monday, 18th September

Teacher	Student	Subject
Mr J Brown	Sam	English
Mrs A Wheeler	Sam	Mathematics
Mrs A Wheeler	Sam	Religion

Step 8: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the *My Bookings* page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

Dobwalls Parents/Carers Coffee Morning



**Thursday 13th February
8:50am - 9:50am in the hall**

Also, are you creative? Can you help us with some cutting and sticking?! We would like to make story sacks for the following stories whilst we are having a cuppa and a chat!



This month's stories are...
Alien's Love Underpants
Gruffalo
The Three Little Pigs



If you have any objects or cuddly toys that you think would help children tell the story using props, please bring them along.

Please bring a re-usable cup to enjoy a cuppa with us!



EVERYONE WELCOME



**Dobwalls Community
Primary School**

**Little
Cherries**

Pop Up Play

**Weds 12th Feb
and
Tues 1st April**

9am - 10am

**In the School Hall
FREE Entry**



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Scan the QR code or visit our website!

LISKEARD LIBRARY
Half-Term What's On:



Family 360° Filmmaking
Hands-on film making with 360° cameras for 8-12 year olds and parents/carers
Mon, 17th Feb 2025 10:00am
From £20 for 1adult + 1 child



Junior Lego Robotics -
Step into a world of LEGO magic in our Lego Robotics taster workshop!
Tue, 18th Feb 2025 10:00am
£15



Children's Creative Writing Workshop; 7-11yrs
Join writer in residence, Nell Turner for a children's creative writing workshop and explore the magic of language and writing. 7-11yrs
Wed, 19th Feb 2025 10:00am
£10



Page To Picture Drawing Workshop -
Join Mia at Liskeard Library and take inspiration from quotes and themes from books, and bring them to life by drawing, for ages 6 -10yrs
Thu, 20th Feb 2025 11:00am
£7.50



Manga Drawing Workshop - Design a Manga Character
Join Mia for a Manga Drawing Workshop, perfect for children 10+ who are passionate about drawing, storytelling or simply love manga!
Fri, 21st Feb 2025 10:00am
£8.50



Plus daily, free activities throughout the week!

real-pathways.realideas.org

Tuesday 18th February
11am to 3pm

ACTIVITY DAY AT THE HUGS FOUNDATION!

For families with children when a parent/carer has a terminal illness

Forest School Based Activities
Equine Based Activities
Memory Scrapbook Making

Lunch Included
£5 PER Family
Booking essential






Limited accessibility venue

in partnership with




gunners kids

AGES 5-14 FROM £15

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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FOOTBALL COURSES

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TUESDAY 18TH.....		LOOE FC.....	£15
WEDNESDAY 19TH..		TRETHORNE.....	£15
THURSDAY 20TH.....		CAMELFORD FC.....	£15
FRIDAY 21ST.....		LISKEARD AFC.....	£27
		WADEBRIDGE FC...	£27
		ST NEOT.....	£15

(2 DAY COURSE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY)
(2 DAY COURSE THURSDAY & FRIDAY)

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON FEB 2025 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

(Football Roadshow unless stated)

MON, 17 FEBRUARY
Chulmleigh Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School, Launceston
St Joseph's Primary School, Launceston - Multi Skills
Lanivet Community Hub

TUE, 18 FEBRUARY
Dobwalls Football Club
Chulmleigh Primary School - Multi Skills
St Teath Football Club

WED, 19 FEBRUARY
Callington 3G
Holsworthy Youth Football Club

THU, 20 FEBRUARY
Saltmill, Saltash 3G
Tregadillett Primary School

FRI, 21 FEBRUARY
Polperro Football Club
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