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# Dobwalls Primary School



**"The dearest ones of time, the strongest friends of the soul: books." – Emily Dickinson**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, Loveny Class visited Liskeard Museum as part of their Lovely Liskeard topic. They spent time developing their historical understanding of how the high street has changed - comparing now and then. Many thanks to Brian from Liskeard Museum for meeting and talking with the children.

On Monday evening, our boys football team were in action. They displayed brilliant team effort and participation absolutely using their SECRET skill to build team strength and this resulted in a win of 5-0. Fantastic!

On Tuesday, we welcomed both an Anglo-Saxon and a Viking into school! Lynher Class had the opportunity to meet a real-life Viking, hearing stories of his journey to the United Kingdom, as well as his battles against the Anglo-Saxons. Tamar Class welcomed an Anglo-Saxon warrior into their classroom and enjoyed an exciting workshop. The children learnt all about Alfred the Great and his defeat of the Vikings.

On Thursday, Y5 had a wonderful day in Truro visiting the Hall for Cornwall to see the performance of the book they have read 'Boy at the back of the class'. Everyone was blown away by the production and all staff were so proud of the way they listened and showed such respect. They also visited Truro Cathedral and enjoyed hearing a superb organist.

What a busy week at Dobwalls! Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend and we'll see everyone on Tuesday

Best wishes, (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella).  
Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

**CLOSED**

### Bank Holiday Monday

Please remember—school is closed on Monday (4th) as it's a bank holiday!  
Enjoy!

### Pupil Premium/Free School Meals (FSM)

Do you think you are entitled to free school meals? If you claim Universal Credit or other benefits, you may be entitled. It is worth checking on Cornwall Councils website [School meals - Cornwall Council](#). Every successful FSM application attracts Pupil Premium funding for our school. We like to use this funding by offering FSM families subsidised trips, camps and uniform vouchers. It is well worth checking!

Please note that all infant children are automatically entitled to Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)—this is entirely different and does not attract the pupil premium funding. If you have a child in the infants and think you could be entitled—please check. You could then receive the above benefits. Your FSM will then continue into the juniors.

Year 2 parents please note that your UFSM will end on 24th July 2026. Now is a good time to check using the FSM link above.



### Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	George B & Albie	Tamar	Harry J & Kadance
Fowey	Leonardo & Orla	Lynher	Freddie & Tilly
Loveny	Rosie & Florence O	Camel	Isabel & Jocelyn
Valency	Lucas & George C		

### Diary Dates

4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
7 May	Y4 Wild Tribe
11-14 May	KS2 SATS week
13 May	Governor meeting
14 May	Y2 Wilde Tribe
21 May	Y1 Wild Tribe
22 May	Sports Day (1:30pm)
25-29 May	HALF TERM
1 Jun	Non-pupil day
22 Jun	Governor meeting
24-26 Jun	Y6 Residential
2 Jul	Rainbow Raffle Day
15 Jul	PTFA AGM 9am at school
7 Jul	Transition Day
10 Jul	PTFA Summer Fair—pm
13 Jul	Reports home to parents
24 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
27&28 Jul	Non-pupil days
29 Jul	SUMMER BREAK



### Na wra ankevi!

#### After School Clubs

See P3 for details of this terms after school clubs. Please complete the form before 6th May.



#### New Wild Tribe Shelter

We are on the final push to raise funds for our new Wild Tribe shelter! We have raised £7,000 but need a further £1,000! Can you help us please - every pound will help! The shelter is 4m half pavilion wooden shelter which includes seating and a roof. The children can't wait for this new shelter to be in their wild Tribe area, and it will benefit the whole school!  
<https://gofund.me/3b00aa96b>

**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	Y2 & Y3
Tuesday	Y5
Wednesday	Y1
Thursday	Y4
Friday	EYFS & Y6

**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.

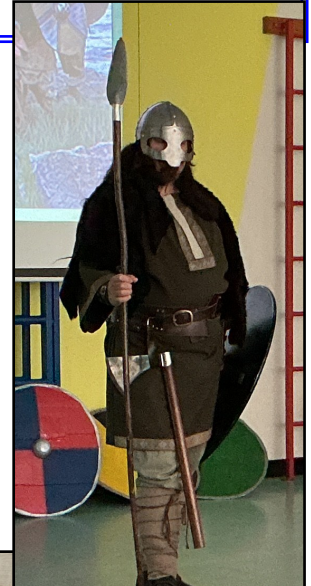


## Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
99%	98%	95%	96%	98%	97%	91%



Star Learners this week are from Year 5. Lynher class had the opportunity to meet a real-life Viking this week, hearing stories of his journey to the United Kingdom, as well as his battles against the Anglo-Saxons. The children reenacted the battle of Stamford Bridge and formed a Viking long ship using shields, helmets, mast and sail, figurehead, axes, and spears. They learnt how to play Viking board games, de-coded runes and had a Viking quiz. They marched in unison whilst holding shields, forming a shield wall and performing battle drills. A day full of lots of valuable learning about Their topic and some amazing experiences.



## After School Clubs

The After School Clubs below start week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May for 7 weeks (last week for clubs is week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June)

				Finish time
Monday	Girls Football Fitness	Mr Frame	Juniors	4:00pm
	Tennis	Mr Jones	Juniors	4:00pm
	Disco	Mrs Pipe/Miss Laing	All	4:00pm
Wednesday	*Music & Movement	Miss Jameson	All	4:00pm
Thursday	Colouring	Mrs Cotton	Infants	lunchtime
	Timetables Rockstars	Ms Carter	Y3 & Y4	lunchtime
	Frisbee Club	Mr Jones	Juniors	4:00pm
	Dance Fit Club	Miss Gaskin	All	4:00pm
Friday	Multi Sport	Mr Ryan	Juniors	lunchtime

Please complete the online form using this link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/YixhebvR2?origin=IprLink> or the QR code above. Forms should be completed by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. The confirmation slip will be returned to you by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

For clubs where there are a limited number of places these will be allocated randomly.

\*Although new members are welcome, please note that the Music & Movement club is a continuation of the last terms club as they build towards a performance.

GoActive are offering Dodgeball club to Junior children each Tuesday from 28<sup>th</sup> April. Letters/forms have been sent home separately.

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 as to whether or not your child is allowed to walk home alone after their after school club.

We are a Rights Respecting School.

Article 31 says that children and young people have the right to have fun in the way they want to, whether by playing sports, watching films, or doing something else entirely. They have the right to rest, too. Relax and play!

### We are a rights respecting school

Did you know?

- A Rights are for ALL children
- B Rights are there at birth
- C Rights CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY
- D Rights do not have to be earned
- E All Rights are equally important



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Here at Dobwalls Primary School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form.

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.

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.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.