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# Dobwalls Primary School



**"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest." — C.S. Lewis**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year and the very last half term of primary school for our Year 6 children. I can already hear their beautiful singing fill the school as they begin to practice their end of term show! I can't wait!

Class teachers have now sent home new topic overviews and homework menus for this half-term. We hope you enjoy spending time talking about their upcoming learning together. This week has been poetry week and all children have written their own poems over the week. They have written a wide range of amazing animal poems including haiku, free verse, shape poems and more! There has been lots of brilliant vocabulary being developed with lots of proud children sharing their poems!

Also this week, we have had a delivery of Tom Palmer books for the library following his very popular visit into school a couple of weeks ago. There was much excitement regarding the new books and I look forward to hearing all about them from the children.

In other news, please see the information about our MARVELLOUS MR JONES who will be representing ENGLAND by completing an ultra backyard marathon. His energy and fitness completely inspires me and I can't wait to cheer him on! Please see P4 for further information.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
(Gorhemynadow a'n gwella).  
Mrs Pipe, Headteacher



### Snacks and Water

Please can you ensure that children bring a named drink bottle into school each day. This should contain water only. We have always tried to encourage healthy eating in school and are very lucky to have free fruit provided for all infant children for their morning break. Junior children are also welcome to bring in a snack but in an effort to encourage all children to eat a healthy snack, we ask that only fruit, vegetables or another healthy alternative be provided (unwrapped) in a suitable, named container. Obviously this is subject to individual dietary requirements and our 'no nuts' policy, but we would appreciate your support in providing healthy food. This also includes sweets. Can we ask that you don't send your child into school with sweets or cakes, even if it is for sharing on a special occasion such as a birthday. We do however have a treat on Fridays! Children can bring in a sweet treat/ crisps if desired on Fridays for break time. Thank you

### Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Alice S & Remi	Tamar	Kaja & Scarlet
Fowey	Emily & Cassidy	Lynher	Bobby & Oliver G
Loveny	Xena & Leo	Camel	Lucy & George
Valency	George C & Savannah		

### Diary Dates Na wra anke

11 Jun	Y1 Wild Tribe
19 Jun	Y5 trip to Sterts
22 Jun	Governor meeting
24-26 Jun	Y6 Residential
25 Jun	Y3 trip to Truro
	Y4 Wild Tribe
29 Jun	Sports Day
2 Jul	Rainbow Raffle Day
	Y3 Wild Tribe
7 Jul	Transition Day
9 Jul	Y5 Wild Tribe
10 Jul	PTFA Summer Fair—pm
13 Jul	Reports home to parents
15 Jul	PTFA AGM 9am at school
16 Jul	Y2 Wild Tribe
23 Jul	Y6 Wild Tribe
24 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
27&28 Jul	Non-pupil days
29 Jul	SUMMER BREAK

### Summer is coming!

Just a reminder that as the warmer weather approaches (we hope), the children will need sun hats on sunny days and please apply sunscreen before they come to school. Sun hats should be named the same as all uniform items. (Gwra henwel keniver dillasen) Water bottles are especially important—water only please (Dowr yn botellow), no squash.

### Online Safety Newsletter—June

This month's newsletter is coming home with this newsletter. It offers advice regarding online scams, Pinterest, Emoji meanings and much more.

**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.)

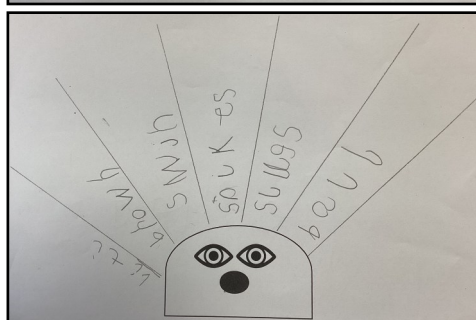
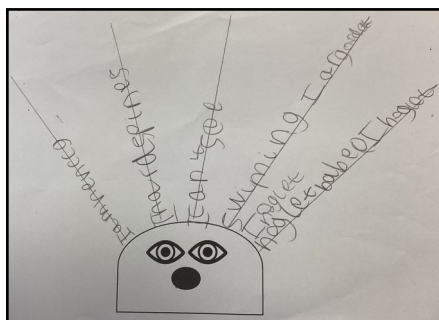
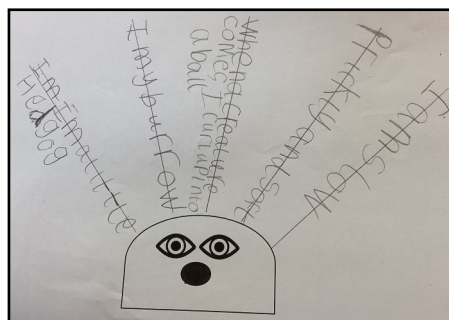
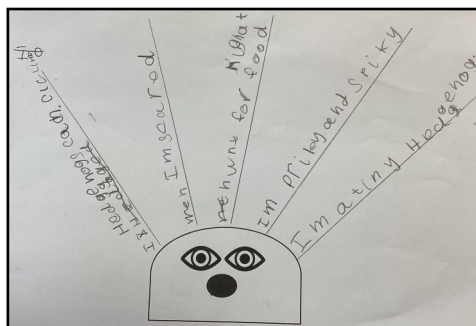
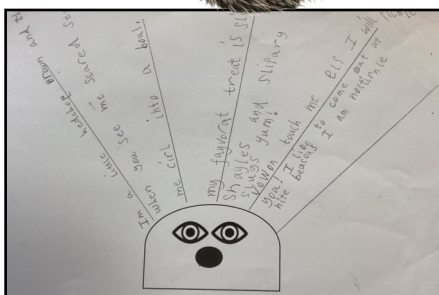
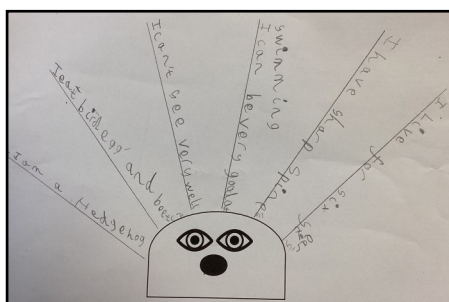
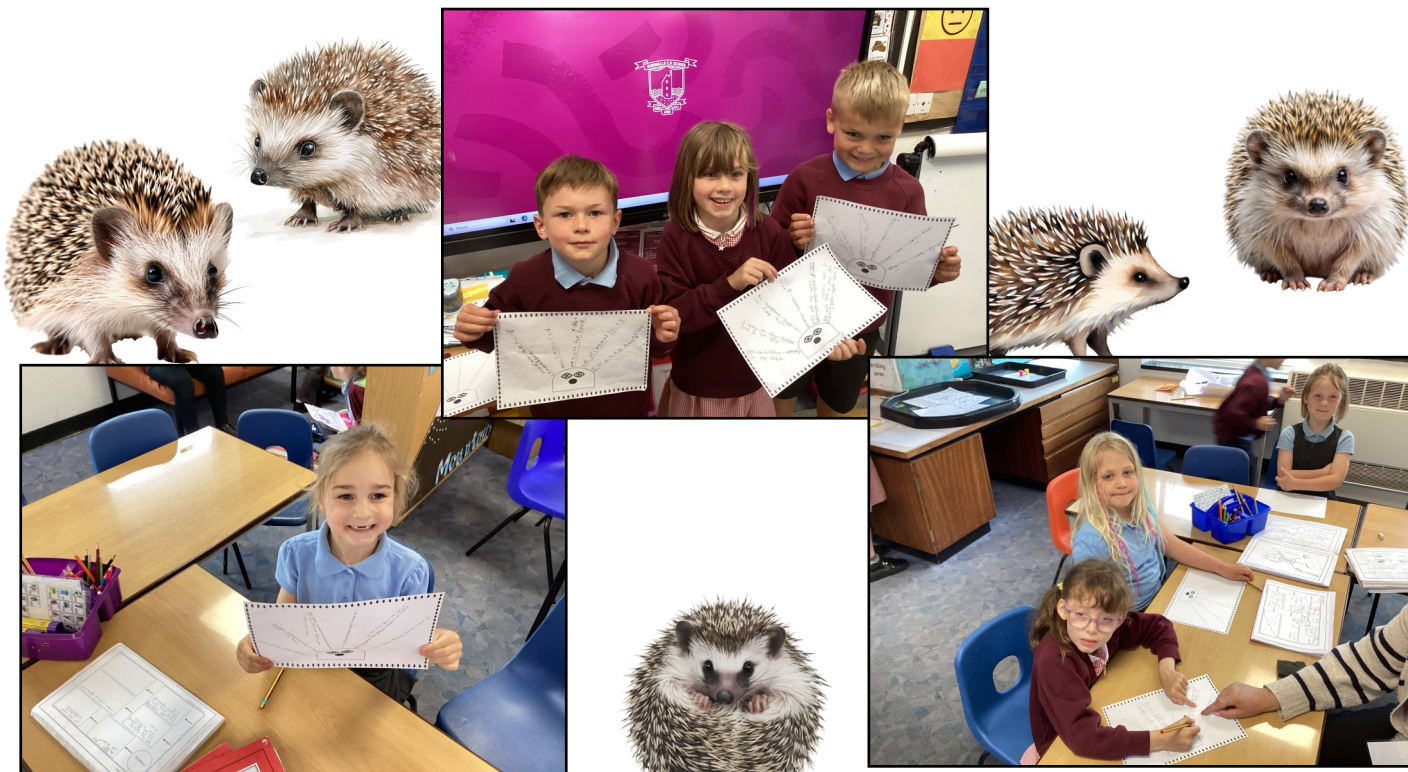
During the winter, plain black leggings or jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games.

## Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
96%	98%	95%	90%	98%	96%	93%



Star Learners this week are from Year 1. This week Fowey class have been working hard to create Animal shape poems. We decided to write about Hedgehogs and use our poetry to create the spines! The children started by researching Hedgehogs and collecting a bank of wonderful adjectives. They then planned, wrote and performed their poems to the rest of the class. Well done Fowey.



## 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.

## MR JONES SET TO REPRESENT ENGLAND!!!



**Our very own Mr Jones has been selected to run in his first international race representing England.**

He has been running for East Cornwall Harriers (Liskeard) for many years. This together with many years of ultra marathon running experience, he has met the tough selection criteria to be invited to join the England team competing at the Four Nations Backyard Ultra Championship, taking place at Florence Court in Northern Ireland on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The championship brings together 40 of the strongest backyard ultra athletes from England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Backyard ultra racing is one of the most physically and mentally demanding endurance formats in the world. Athletes must complete a 4.167-mile lap every hour, on the hour, until only one runner remains. England are fielding a very competitive squad, with Mr Jones hoping to beat his own personal best of 150 miles (36 laps). He discovered a passion for this race format back in 2023 and has gone on to take part in several backyard ultras, often finishing in the top three and even winning the 2024 Devon & Cornwall Backyard Ultra. As we all know, Mr Jones offers unwavering support to others in the local community and has raised thousands of pounds for charities as well as encouraging runners of all abilities to come together and enjoy being active.

While the long-distance feats of endurance are physically very demanding, another significant challenge the England team faces is covering the costs of participating in a tournament such as the Four Nations. They are, therefore, appealing to local businesses who may be able to provide sponsorship.

The majority of the athletes are entirely self-funded and need to source funds to cover costs such as travel, accommodation, logistics and event entry fees. Several of the 10 athletes representing England are from the South West and need to take time out of day jobs for several days either side of the event, often unpaid, as well as cover the cost of getting themselves to Northern Ireland and back. If you know of any local businesses who may be interested in supporting this event by offering a donation, the team would be very happy to offer plenty of promotional coverage in return, via social media channels, event presence and engagement with the wider running community. Every little bit could make a real difference!

The team have set up a crowdfunder page where supporters can make donations – visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/get-team-england-to-the-4-nations-backyard-ultra-c>



## GO MR JONES !!!



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# Return to School

## Grant 2026

### Phase 1 opens:

Monday 15 June, Midday

We're offering £200 per school-aged child (4-16) to help farming families with back-to-school costs.

# HIGH WOOD

## Summer Fair

Sunday 14th June 2026  
11AM TO 4PM

11:00 - 13:30	Willow Weaving
11:30 - 12:30	Guided History Walk
13:00 - 13:30	Qigong Sample Lesson
13:30 - 15:00	'Foraging in Nature' Walk
14:00 - 16:00	Willow Weaving

#### Why You Should Join Us

- Meat and Vegan Food
- Owls and Polecat
- Stalls and Eco-Crafts
- Face Painting, Games and Scavenger Hunts

#### Find Us Here

**What3Words:**  
[dignify.udder.capillary](https://www.what3words.com/dignify.udder.capillary)

**East Gate entrance:**  
[product.ditching.stick](https://www.what3words.com/product.ditching.stick)

**Looe Mills entrance:**  
[louder.reactions.unites](https://www.what3words.com/louder.reactions.unites)

**Very limited parking. Walk, bus or cycle if you are able.**

**Walk North down Venslooe Hill and follow signage**