



"Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life." – Mortimer J. Adler

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dobwalls Sports Day 2026

Thank you to everyone who came along on Monday to support and cheer on one and all. We absolutely saw our SECRET skills of getting involved, go for it finish it and setting yourself a challenge in action. A super afternoon with our whole school community together and supporting each other - believing in ourselves and others. So lovely to see the older children helping and encouraging our younger children. Congratulations to the winning Red Team with 3775 points! We've won!

On Wednesday evening, myself, our Chair of Gvns Antony Sayers and a group of children with their parents attended Narissa Hall in Bodmin to collect a Gorsedh Kernow award we have won as a whole school. This is a commendation in promoting Cornish Language. A huge thank you to all the parents and children who came along to the award ceremony. There were over 23 schools entered with schools able to enter multiple entries. It was very exciting that we were one of a few to achieve an award and I am very proud of one and all. See photos P3.

Transition Day

Next week, we look forward to transition day on Tuesday where children will spend the whole day in their new classes, starting with the register in the morning. I will lead an assembly on Monday discussing the change and we will prepare children. If you have any worries, do talk to us and we can help together.

Best wishes, (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella).

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher



THIS WEEK WAS THE LAST WEEK FOR CLUBS—THERE ARE NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK EXCEPT GOACTIVE'S LASER TAG—THE LAST ONE IS ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY

Would you like to learn the drums?

We're really excited to announce that Tom Howarth will be providing drum lessons here at the school from September. Please head to the link below to get signed up, and you can start from Year 2 upwards.

Link for application form is www.cornwallmusic tuition.com/apply

Learning the drums come with a range of health benefits; it improves coordination and motor skills, and gives a serious boost in confidence and self expression.



Police Warning!

We have had communication via Devon and Cornwall Police that they have found rope swings hanging over mine shafts, with the assumption that children have constructed these and been playing there. Please can you ensure that children are reminded of the extreme danger of playing anywhere near open mine shafts and that parents are notified of this as a concern so they can ensure they are checking where their children are playing.



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Fern & Harry	Tamar	Chloe & Harry
Fowey	Drew & Tommy	Lynher	Tilly & Maedey
Loveny	Joel & Harry	Camel	At Camp
Valency	Darcie & Lucas		

Diary Dates Na wra ankevi!

7 Jul	Transition Day
9 Jul	Y5 PE event LSCC
10 Jul	PTFA Summer Fayre—pm
15 Jul	PTFA AGM 9am at school
	EYFS trip to Looe
16 Jul	Y2 Wild Tribe
17 Jul	Reports home to parents
	Fun Run
23 Jul	Y6 Wild Tribe
24 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
27&28 Jul	Non-pupil days
29 Jul	SUMMER BREAK

PTFA

PTFA AGM

AGM

The PTFA AGM will be taking place on 15th July at 9am here at school. We are so lucky to have an amazing and hard working PTFA who support us in many ways. The fundraising they undertake for those, not so little extras, that benefit our children is vital and much appreciated. However children move on and so do parents leaving just a few members holding the reins. Could you help? Maybe just a helping hand at events. Please pop along to the AGM—they are a really friendly bunch and would welcome you with open arms.



Fun Run

Our brilliant school councillors have organised a sponsored fun run to raise money for both the Owl Sanctuary and the school. On Friday 17th July the children can come in dressed as an animal of their choice and run! Please sponsor them—details on P3 and a sponsor form has been sent home separately.

PTFA Summer Fayre

Thank you for all the colourful raffle donations in readiness for the Fayre next Friday (10th) afternoon. See poster on P6. Donations of cakes and/or good quality, clean teddies would be very welcome.



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%	97%	96%	93%	100%	97%	97%



Star Learners this week are from Year 2. This half term, Loveny Class have been exploring a range of printing techniques in Art. They have enjoyed experimenting with natural printing, block printing and mono printing, developing our creativity and artistic skills along the way. They have linked their artwork to their Geography topic on castles, designing and creating their own castle prints and colourful shields inspired by their learning. Over the next couple of weeks, they are looking forward to trying screen printing and discovering another exciting printing technique. Amazing! Well done Loveny Class!





ANIMAL THEMED FUN RUN

FRIDAY 17TH JULY

Organised by
The School Council

Can we use our **SECRET** skill –
set ourself a challenge?

Can we ensure there is at least 50 children moving
on the daily mile track for one hour?!

Can you sponsor us please?

The Screech Owl Sanctuary and School Funds
(split 70% charity, 30% school funds for playtime equipment)

All children to dress like any animal on the day
and wear trainers please.

**THANKYOU ONE
AND ALL**

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.

Following on from Y3's trip to County Hall with Go Cornish, we thought you would like to read the letter we received.....

Dydh da / Hello,

Following our Go Cornish Perghenegi Lys Kernow Takeover event, we're really pleased to share some of the press coverage from the celebration.

Cornwall Council have published a press release about the event, highlighting the brilliant performances from pupils across Cornwall and the ongoing impact of the Go Cornish programme in schools:

Children take part in Kernewek celebration during Speak Cornish Week .

We're also delighted to share a Guardian article which features the growing visibility of the Cornish language and the work happening in schools through initiatives like Go Cornish:

Children embrace Cornish language – The Guardian

(You can find the recording of Cornwall My Home on the Go Cornish Facebook page, which we worked on with Cornwall Music Service Trust.)

It's fantastic to see Kernewek and the work that you are doing in your schools being recognised in this way, both locally and nationally.

Meur ras / thank you again to all schools, teachers and pupils who continue to bring the language to life - whether you joined us at Lys Kernow or are delivering Go Cornish in your own school.

Oll a'n gwella/ All the best,

Nia Robertson

School Engagement Officer / Sodhek Kesober Skolyow



TERM DATES 2026—2027

September 2026						
Mon	31	7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 2026						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

November 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	28 December 2026
New Years Day	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

December 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

January 2027						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

February 2027						
Mon		1	8	15	22	
Tue		2	9	16	23	
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

March 2027						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

April 2027						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

May 2027						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Non-Pupil Days



June 2027						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

July 2027						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

August 2027						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

We look forward to seeing you at this year's **PTFA Summer Fayre**. Do you have any unwanted, good quality, clean teddies? The PTFA would be very grateful for donations towards the Teddy Tombola. Also for all you bakers out there—donations for the cake stall would be very welcome. At past events we have been lucky enough to have had some fabulous cakes donated. But the main thing is that you come along and join us at 3:15pm—lots to do and don't forget the Rainbow Raffle! 7 gloriously colourful hampers to be won!

