



"It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own." – Arthur Conan Doyle

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, I met with the School Council. Jagoda, our Chair, led the meeting beautifully! It was a very significant meeting with the children in the council voting for our chosen charity of the year. They took this role very seriously and found it so hard to choose based on the choices from classes. I am delighted to announce the children's chosen charity for this year is.....Dartmoor Otters and Buckfast Butterflies. We look forward to raising money for them this year!

As we move into October, we see the start of Black History Month. Our musician of the month is Nina Simone and Miss Jameson led an assembly yesterday listening to Nina Simone and the events of Rosa Parks. Children in Key Stage Two will read and learn more about significant black people in history during the month.

The weather is on the change and the children have been noticing the leaves beginning to fall! We will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly within school and the children have been practicing harvest songs which we are looking forward to singing with Reverend Mark in a couple of weeks time. We will be collecting any donations for the foodbank in due course, we'll let you know more next week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella).

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Diary Dates

6 Oct	Photographer in School—Individual photos
8 Oct	Y2 Wild Tribe
14 Oct	Y2 trip to Dartmoor
15 Oct	Y1 Wild Tribe
	PTFA Disco Inf 5-6pm; Jnr 6:15-7:15pm
19-30 Oct	HALF TERM
10 Nov	Open evening for intake Sept 27 4-6pm
20 Nov	Non-pupil day
25 Nov	Governor meeting
1 Dec	Y1 hearing tests
9 Dec	Infant Nativity 2pm
10 Dec	Infant Nativity 9:30am
	Juniors Xmas performance 5:30pm
14 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fair
16 Dec	Rocksteady concert 10am
18 Dec	Children finish at 1:30pm
21 Dec	Non-pupil day
22 Dec	CHRISTMAS BREAK
4 Jan	First Day back
1-12 Feb	Y3 & Y5 swimming lessons
3 Feb	Governor meeting
15-19 Feb	HALF TERM
22 Feb	Non-pupil day
4 Mar	World Book Day
17 Mar	Governor meeting
22 Mar	Photographer in school—classes
26 Mar-9 Apr	EASTER BREAK
3 May	BANK HOLIDAY
10-13 May	KS2 SATS week
19 May	Governor meeting
31 May-4 Jun	HALF TERM
7 Jun	Non-pupil day
28-30 Jun	Y6 Residential
30 Jun	Governor meeting
23 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
26&27 Jul	Non-pupil days
28 Jul	SUMMER BREAK

Photographer

A reminder that the school photographer will be in on Tuesday (6th Oct). He will be taking individual photos and sibling photos for those siblings in school. If you would like to include more family members, he will be around at the end of the school day—just pop along to the school hall.



PTFA Glow Disco

Thursday 15th October—tickets are available from the school office now! See P3 for more details.

Reminder—Cakes and Sweets

As per our mission to promote healthy eating we ask that cakes/sweets are not brought into school to celebrate birthdays. Thank you

Data Collection Sheet and Fair Processing Notice

We have sent home Data Collection sheets in our annual strive to ensure our records are kept up to date. Please return them to the school office, indicating any changes. If your data form is not returned, we will assume that our records are accurate. Also sent home this week is the Privacy Notice (formally the Fair Processing Notice). This is purely for your information; no action is required (apart from reading it!)

Open evening

We will be hosting an open evening for parents interested in their children starting Reception Class with us in September 2027. This is a chance to look around the school and meet the Early Years Team. More details on P4. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested.

Welcome
Open
Evening

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Fowey	Austin & Zelda	Tamar	Teddy T & Florence T
Loveny	Drew & Reggie B	Lynher	Ella P & Natalia
Valency	Grayson & Erin	Camel	Caya & Theo

PE Kits

Please see our [website for uniform](#) reminder

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	Y4 & Y5
Tuesday	Y3
Wednesday	EYFS & Y6
Thursday	Y1
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.

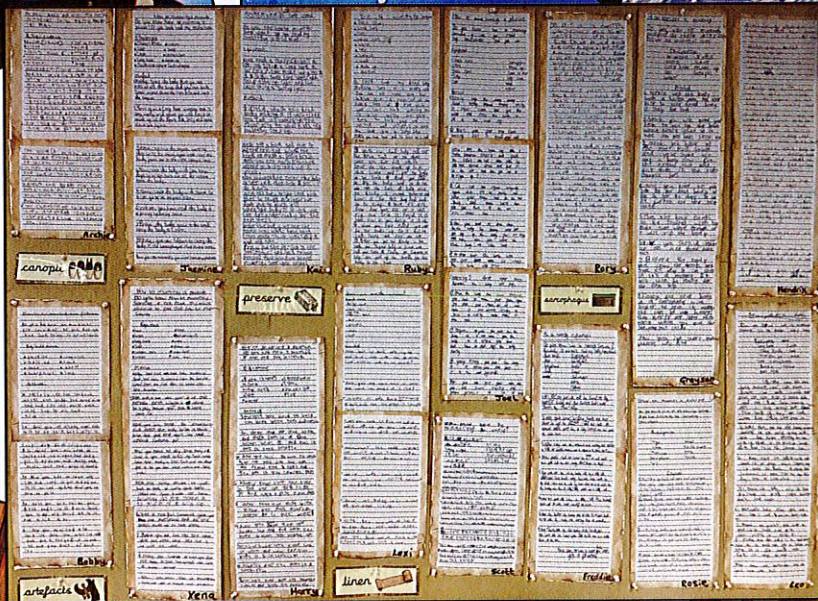


Attendance Stars



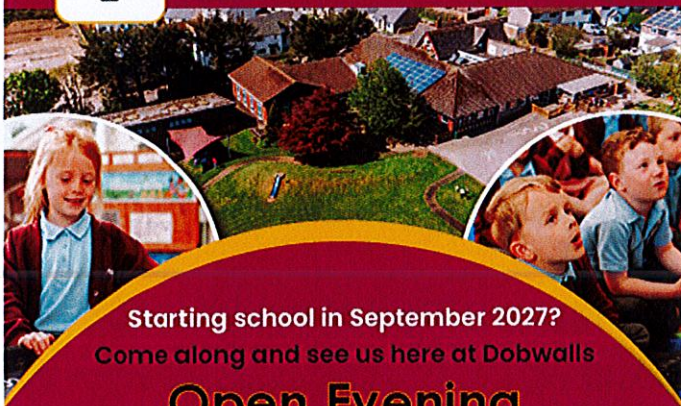
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97%	99%	93%	98%	99%	94%	97%

Star Learners this week are from Year 3. Valency Class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring Ancient Egypt this term. They have learnt about the process of mummification and discovered the importance of the River Nile in supporting life in Ancient Egypt. Using this knowledge, they wrote their own instructional texts explaining how to mummify a pharaoh. They have also taken inspiration from the Ancient Egyptians to design and create their own Egyptian jewellery. They are all looking forward to taking part in their upcoming Egyptian Day! Amazing Valency Class!





Dobwalls Community Primary School



Starting school in September 2027?

Come along and see us here at Dobwalls

Open Evening

Tuesday 10th November

Drop in anytime between 4pm - 6pm



For more information:

Call: 01579 320527

www.dobwalls.net



Looe Community Academy - You saw us at open evening now come see us in real-time and witness great teaching and learning! Please come and see us for a real -life tour.

We are running designated tours every Wednesday and Thursday with either the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher 8.45 am - 9.30 am! Please contact Mrs Woollett to book a tour!

Come have another look at our brilliant curriculum and how it comes to life in the classroom!

Dobwalls PTFA

GLOW

DISCO

Thursday 15th October

Tickets available from the office
or on the night

£3 per child

Infants 5 - 6pm	Juniors 6.15 - 7.15pm
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Tuck Shop

Drinks

Glow Sticks

Face Painting

Raising money for
new school hall spotlights

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.