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Head's hello,

This half term really is flying by, and we now have only two weeks left until our extended Autumn half term break. A quick reminder that children will finish school on **Thursday 16th October at the normal time**, as Friday 17th is a staff INSET day.

If you haven't already, please do book a time to meet with your child's class teacher during the final week of this half term. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into their new year group, how they are progressing both academically and socially, and how we can work together to ensure that they feel happy and supported at school.

Our aim is to make contact with 100% of parents, so if it's easier for you, we are also offering telephone appointments. Please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo with your preferred date and time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Elaine Badger  
Head Teacher

# Lostwithiel Primary School Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2025

***THIS WEEK'S STAR LEARNERS—WELL DONE TO YOU ALL !***

- APPLE**      **Ivy** for amazing passion and progress with her phonics  
**Ava** for always showing the Lostwithiel way
- CHERRY**    **Lowenna** for identifying the parts and the whole on a part-whole model.  
**Rowan** for taking pride in your presentation of written work.
- OAK**        **Jago** for his fantastic effort and determination with his writing and Maths.  
**Maddie** for her brilliant use of language and punctuation in every piece of writing.
- WILLOW**    **Bella R** for amazing Maths work.  
**Finn** for being an amazing friend, he is always putting others before himself.
- MAPLE**     **Bethany** for exceptional vocabulary and language features in her creative writing.  
**Wilfred** for excellent progress and vocabulary choices in his creative writing.
- CONKERS**   **Charlotte and Arlo** for working incredibly hard and showing so much passion and pride in maths.



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### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th October - Individual and sibling school photos

Thursday 9th October at 8.45 - Family worker drop in

Friday 10th October at 8.45 - PTA meeting (EGM)

Friday 10th October at 2.45pm - PTA bric a brac and cake/hot chocolate sale

w/c 13th October – Parent's evening week

Wednesday 15th October at 2pm - KS2 Harvest festival at Bartholomew's Church

Wednesday 15th October - PTA disco (4-5pm KS1 5.16-6.15pm KS2)

Friday 17th October - CELT INSET day (School and nursery closed to pupils)

Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October (inclusive) - Half-term (School and nursery closed to pupils)

Monday 3rd November - Pupils and staff back to school/nursery

Friday 7th November - Non uniform day

Friday 28th November 3-5pm - PTA Christmas Fayre

### **NUT ALLERGY REQUEST**

Please can we ask parents/carers to not provide nuts or peanut butter with snacks and packed lunches for your child. We have children in school with severe allergies to nuts and we operate a NO NUT policy in school. Thankyou.

### Tempest Individual and sibling photos

Please be advised that next Tuesday, 7th October, will be individual and sibling photos. If your child attends Tiny Trees, is not in session on 7th October and you would like your child to have their photo taken, you are able to bring your child into school in the morning for the photos. Tiny Trees' photos will be available between 8.45-9.15am. Please let us know if you will be bringing your child in.

### Class Attendance this week

Well done to Cherry, Oak, Conkers and Maple Class this week—hitting our attendance target.

Our winners this week are Apple Class with 100% - Fantastic

Apple	100.00%
Cherry	99.10%
Oak	96.50%
Willow	95.30%
Maple	99.10%
Conkers	96.50%

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The next PTA meeting will be held on **Friday 10th October at 8.45am**  
- Please come and join us in the School Library

**All welcome!**

Our first PTA event of the year!  
Join us for a bric a brac sale - donate your old treasures and find something new!

We welcome children's toys, books, and clothing.

We will also have hot chocolate and cakes for sale so come along.

Dust off your dancing shoes.

The PTA are welcoming you back to school with our Autumn Disco.

Book your tickets here to secure your spot.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/lostwithielpta>

As ever we need parent volunteers to help with our disco so please do sign up if you can help whilst booking your ticket!.



This year the PTA are arranging for Squashbox Theatre to come into school for a Christmas performance. This will be on **Wednesday 10th December**



If you would like to be involved in the lottery, its just £2 per ball.

Email [ptalott025@hotmail.com](mailto:ptalott025@hotmail.com) for more information



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**Cornwall  
Wildlife Trust**



**NHS**  
Cornwall Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend...

## Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

**Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October**

**Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October**

**Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October**

**Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October**

\*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours

Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv>



Follow us on Facebook for updates  
and upcoming events:

**Cornwall Mental Health Support  
Team (MHST)**





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## Family Worker Drop In

**For families of Lostwithiel Primary School – Bodmin Hill,  
Lostwithiel, Cornwall, PL22 0AJ**

**These sessions will be run by the Restormel Early Help Team**

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behavior?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running regular drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary. The next drop-ins are:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

between 8.45am and 10.00am

**Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown  
through to the meeting room.**

**For more information please contact:**

Email: [Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk)

Call: 01872 324929



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**Lostwithiel School tour dates**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 13:30

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 13:30



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The  
deadline for  
applications is  
**15 January  
2026**

Do you have a  
child born **between  
1 September 2021  
and 31 August 2022?**

If so, you will need to apply  
for a place in a reception  
class in September 2026 for  
your child by the deadline  
of **15 January 2026.**



**Please note:** you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system.





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### Secondary School tour dates

Fowey River Academy - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 5.30-7.30pm



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The  
deadline for  
applications is  
**31 October  
2025**

# Transfer to secondary school

## September 2026

Applying for a place  
in year seven at a  
secondary school



### Information and guidance

Application form and information: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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September 2025

Dear Families,

At Lostwithiel School, we want every child to enjoy an exceptional educational experience that helps them to achieve their very best. Regular attendance plays a crucial role in this, as children who attend school consistently not only make stronger academic progress but also build confidence, resilience, and positive friendships.

Even a small amount of absence can add up over time. This can make it harder for children to keep up with lessons, feel settled, and make the most of the opportunities school has to offer. We fully understand that there will be times when absence is unavoidable, such as illness or exceptional circumstances. Our priority is always to work with you in supporting your child.

We continue to recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when your child is too ill to attend school, however, the Government does not support parents/carers taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'.

We ask if you believe your situation meets the criteria for exceptional circumstances, please make a request for leave in writing to the Headteacher using the school's 'Leave of Absence Request Form' before the event. The form is available from the school office or website.

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.



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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.

Here at Lostwithiel School we know that family life can sometimes be complicated, and we are here to support you every step of the way. If you're unsure about anything in this letter, or if you're facing challenges that may impact your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Our team is always happy to listen and work with you to find the best solution. By working in partnership, we can ensure that your child receives the very best start in life and enjoys every opportunity to thrive here with us.

Every day in school really does make a difference to their learning, wellbeing, and future opportunities. Thank you for your continued support in making your child's education a priority.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Badger  
Headteacher  
Lostwithiel School



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# Term Dates 2025-26

#WeAreCELT

## September

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## June

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## July

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school day - schools are open to pupils



staff INSET training - closed to pupils



school holiday - closed to pupils



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Spring Summer 2025	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Option One</b> Macaroni Cheese 	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Roasted Pork Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chef's Special Chicken and Chickpea Karma with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishcakes with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b> Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Spaghetti and Meatless balls	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b> Apple Flapjack	Summer Lemon Cake	Fruit Platter	Chocolate Pinwheel Biscuit	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> September 29 <sup>th</sup> September 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Option One</b> Barbecue Chicken with Rice	Park Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b> Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads	Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chef's Special Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
	<b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b> Iced Vanilla Sponge	<b>NEW</b> Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Peaches and Ice Cream	Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> September 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Option One</b> Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	<b>NEW</b> Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Gammon, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>YAMAS</b> <b>NEW</b> Greek Macaroni Pastitsio with Greek Salad and Tzatziki	Fishfingers and Chips
	<b>Option Two</b> Classic Vegan Bolognese	<b>NEW</b> Chef's Special Five Bean Jollof Rice	Vegan Cottage Pie with Gravy	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice, Greek Salad and Tzatziki	Cheese and Red Pepper Fritatta with Chips
	<b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b> Pear & Cocoa Upside Down Cake	Vanilla Yoghurt with toppings	Fruit Medley	Marble Sponge	Oaty Cookie
<b>MENU KEY</b>	Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
<p><b>Available Daily:</b> - Tomato Pasta available daily along with Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings. Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection and Fresh Fruit</p>					
<p><b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.</p>					
<p><b>caterlink</b> feeding the imagination</p>					