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**Dates for your diary**

Friday 28th November 3-5pm - PTA Christmas Fayre  
Tuesday 2nd December at 8.45 - Family worker drop-in  
Friday 5th December - PTA Secret Santa event  
Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day  
Wednesday 10th December - School Christmas lunch  
Tuesday 16th December 2pm - Reception and KS1 Nativity  
Wednesday 17th December 2pm - Reception and KS1 Nativity  
Thursday 18th December at 2pm - KS2 Carol Concert in St.Bartholomew's Church  
Friday 19th December normal finish time (full day) - Last day of Autumn term  
Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January - Christmas holidays (School and Nursery closed)  
Monday 6th January 2026 - Pupils and staff return to school

**Class Attendance this week**

Well done to Oak and Maple this week—hitting our attendance target.

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

Apple	95.60%
Cherry	95.00%
Oak	97.60%
Willow	95.00%
Maple	100.00%
Conkers	95.60%

Polite notice: Please ensure you let the school office know of any appointments or changes to collection arrangements. You can either do this by Class Dojo or by calling on 01208872339

Please try to provide as much notice as possible, we may not always be in a position to pick up messages and respond straight away.



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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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ASC contact number : 07821 645720



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Parent Café  
hosted by  
The Cognition and  
Learning Team  
Find out more  
information about  
barriers to learning and  
how to play the  
strengths in learning  
profiles.

**\* Open to all parents / carers in CELT Schools \***

You are welcome to join us at **St.Mewan School** on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 3:30-4:30pm for a 'drop-in' information session on '**Working Memory**' (see attached flyer).

This session will be run by Carly Brooker from the County SEND Cognition and Learning team.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CELT Cognition and Learning Specialist SENDCos - Mrs Suzanne Le-Doux-Lucas and Mrs Vicci Grainger.

## **ST AUSTELL FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE WRITING COMPETITION**

The St Austell Festival of Children's Literature is launching an exciting writing competition for children under 12s

### **WIN A FAMILY TICKET TO THE WHITE RIVER CINEMA**

Children are invited to write a movie idea in just 100 words or less. The winning entry will receive a family ticket to the White River Cinema to see the film "Maybe Not: A Squirrel's Story."

### **EXPERT JUDGING PANEL**

Our expert panel includes actress Jill Greenacre, who will select the winner and announce the winning entry on the day of the festival.

### **SHORTLISTED ENTRIES READING**

The ten shortlisted entries will be read out by Jill on the Saturday of the Festival at 1pm, ahead of the Matilda The Musical screening.

### **HOW TO ENTER**

Email your Movie Idea to: [info@austellfestivalchildrensliterature.com](mailto:info@austellfestivalchildrensliterature.com) or drop it into the cinema.

Competition is open to under 12s. Submissions close on Thursday 27th November at 5pm. Please ensure your name, age, and contact details are included on your submission.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to spark your child's creativity and love of storytelling

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**Lostwithiel School tour dates**

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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**FREE**

# LOSTWITHIEL LIBRARY NOW OPEN SATURDAYS!

*What?*

3 month trial of  
Saturday opening  
**1<sup>st</sup> Nov - 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**

*When?*

Weds 10am - 4.30pm  
plus  
**Sat 9am - 12 noon**

*Where?*

Lostwithiel Library  
Taperell House  
**North Street**

More than books! Scan to find  
out more and join for free  
[cornwall.gov.uk/libraries](http://cornwall.gov.uk/libraries)



**Libraries**





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**Sunday 7 December**

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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



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### 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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## October

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## December

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## February

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## March

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## April

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## May

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## June

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## July

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## August

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31						



school day - schools are open to pupils



staff INSET training - closed to pupils



school holiday - closed to pupils



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## CELT Academic Calendar 2026-27

September 2026							
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October 2026							
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November 2026							
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December 2026							
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January 2027							
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March 2027							
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April 2027							
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May 2027							
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June 2027							
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July 2027							
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August 2027							
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35	30	31					

Teaching Days: 190

**INSET Days: 2**

Commuted INSET Days: 3

Total Days: 192 (+3 Commuted)



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Autumn Winter 2025/2026	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>Option One</b> Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice <b>Option Two</b> Autumn Vegetable Lasagne <b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>Dessert</b> Syrup Sponge	<b>Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread</b> <b>Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges</b> <b>NEW</b> Apple Crumb Cake with Custard <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>NEW</b> Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	<b>Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b> <b>Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Fruit Medley</b>	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Biryani <b>NEW</b> BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Jelly with Mandarins</b>	<b>Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b> <b>Cheese and Bean Pasta with Chips and Tomato Sauce</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Chocolate Shortbread</b>
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>Option One</b> Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges <b>Option Two</b> Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice <b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>Dessert</b> <b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie	<b>Spaghetti Bolognese</b> <b>Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce</b>	<b>Chicken Pie served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b> <b>Vegan Cottage pie</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Fruit Salad</b>	<b>Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice</b> <b>Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard</b>	<b>Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b> <b>Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Vanilla Shortbread</b>
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<b>Option One</b> Macaroni Cheese <b>Option Two</b> <b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice <b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day <b>Dessert</b> Cornflake Tart	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges <b>Tomato Pasta</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Pear Crumble with Custard</b>	<b>Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b> <b>Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Fruit Salad</b>	<b>Chefs Special Chicken Karma with Rice</b> <b>Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>NEW</b> Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	<b>Fishfingers with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b> <b>Red Pepper Frittata with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b> <b>Vegetables of the Day</b> <b>Oaty Cookie</b>
	<b>MENU KEY</b> 				
	<b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt				
	<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.				



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**Wednesday 10th December 2025**

Please order via ParentPay by Sunday 7th December

**CHRISTMAS MENU**

- ROAST TURKEY WITH ROAST POTATOES STUFFING**
- VEGETARIAN WELLINGTON WITH ROAST POTATOES AND GRAVY**
- CHRISTMAS COOKIES OR CHOCOLATE YULE LOG**
- CARROTS AND PEAS**

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