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Head's Hello,

It's been a slightly calmer second week of term – fewer storms, though still plenty of rain! Thankfully, we've managed to reach the end of the week without any delays to opening or early closures.

This year marks the National Year of Reading, and I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on just how important it is to read to and with our children. We always encourage parents to hear their child read as often as possible, but it's equally important to share stories with them – especially at bedtime.

My son is now 21, but I still remember the books we shared together at bedtime. Those 15 minutes at the end of the day were a moment of calm in the busyness of life – a chance to be present and immerse ourselves in a good story.

To this day, the *Harry Potter* series and *Famous Five* adventures remain some of my favourites because of those special times.

So, please, if you can, share a little joy this year by sharing stories. It's a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Recommended Reads for Shared Moments

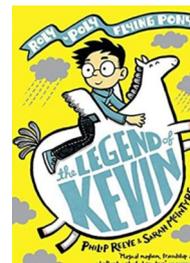
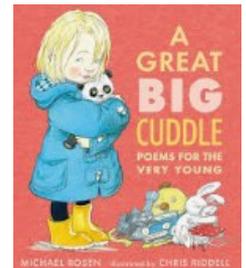
KS1 Bedtime Reads (Ages 5–7):

- *A Great Big Cuddle* – Michael Rosen
- *I Love You To The Moon And Back* – Tim Warnes
- *Llama Llama Red Pajama* – Anna Dewdney
- *Goodnight Sun* – Eoin McLaughlin & Morag Hood

Monkey Bedtime – Alex English

KS2 Chapter Books to Share (Ages 7–11):

- *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* – Jill Tomlinson
- *Einstein the Penguin* – Beatrice Zamolo
- *The Legend of Kevin* – Philip Reeve
- *Mrs Pepperpot Stories* – Alf Proysen
- *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* – J.K. Rowling
- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* – C.S. Lewis



“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.” – Walt Disney

Mrs. Elaine Badger
Headteacher,
Lostwithiel Primary School

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Next PTA meeting 27th February - time tbc - All welcome!

Do you work for any of the companies below? Did you know you maybe eligible for match funding for the PTA?

This is a great way to boost funds for the PTA, simply help at an event of your choosing and apply for the funds to be matched by your employer.

One of our Apple class parents helped at the Christmas fair and her workplace have kindly donated £500 to the PTA!

If you are able to help with this please speak to one of the PTA members or send a Dojo back to the office and the PTA will get in touch.

Do you have the POWER to match fund?

If so, WE NEED YOU!



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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

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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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CELT Academic Calendar 2026-27

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July 2027							
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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
WEEK ONE	Option One Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice Option Two Autumn Vegetable Lasagne Vegetables Vegetables of the Day Dessert Syrup Sponge	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard Vegetables of the Day NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Medley	NEW Chicken Biryani NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread Vegetables of the Day Jelly with Mandarins	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Bean Pasta with Chips and Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Chocolate Shortbread
WEEK TWO	Option One Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges Option Two Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice Vegetables of the Day NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetables of the Day Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Pie served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegan Cottage pie Vegetables of the Day Fruit Salad	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice Vegetables of the Day Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE	Option One Macaroni Cheese Option Two NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice Vegetables of the Day Dessert Cornflake Tart	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges Tomato Pasta Vegetables of the Day Pear Crumble with Custard	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Salad	Chefs Special Chicken Karma with Rice Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice Vegetables of the Day NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Oaty Cookie
	MENU KEY 				
	Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt				
	ALLERGY INFORMATION: 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.				