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### Head's Hello,

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you. Work will begin on our new school library before the end of this half term! The library will be located in the room next to the school office, where Wraparound was previously based, and once completed it will be a beautiful, welcoming space for our children to enjoy reading, learning and relaxing with a good book.

We are incredibly grateful to our fabulous PTA, who have already raised over £2,500 to support this project. This generous funding will help us furnish the library and begin purchasing books to fill our shelves with exciting, high-quality texts for our pupils to enjoy.

Please watch this space for further updates as the project progresses — we can't wait to share more with you soon.

Mrs. Elaine Badger  
Headteacher,  
Lostwithiel Primary School

#### Dates for your diary

Friday 13th February - Non uniform day (see poster for more information)  
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February - February half-term (School and nursery closed)  
27th February (time tbc) - PTA meeting  
Thursday 5th March - World book day  
Friday 20th March - Class photos  
Thursday 2nd April—End of Spring Term  
Friday 3rd April to Friday 17th April - Easter holidays (school and Nursery closed)  
Saturday 25th April (10-12) - Tiny Trees and Apple Class open morning

**Save the date - World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026**

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in Pyjamas.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

ASC contact number : 07821 645720

Lostwithiel Primary School  
Newsletter Friday 23rd January 2026





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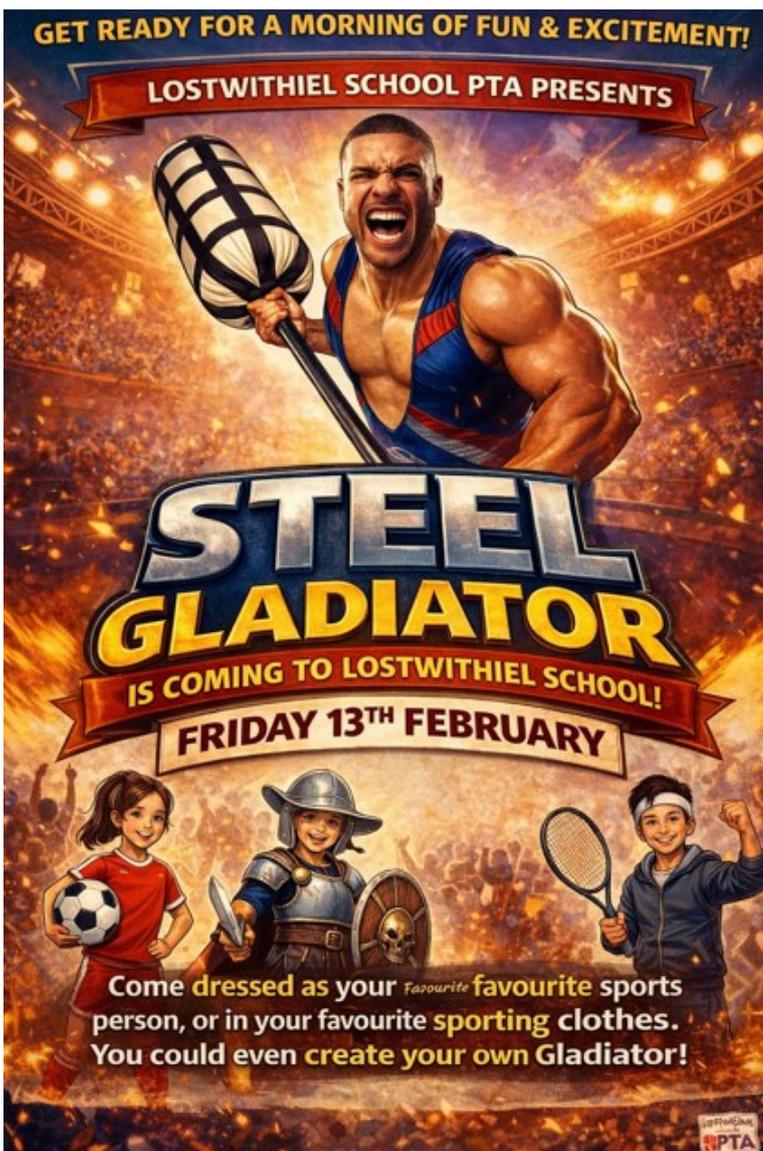


On Friday 13th February, Lostwithiel School PTA is delighted to welcome Zac Activ - STEEL from the hit TV show Gladiators into school.

Zac Activ/STEEL will deliver a whole-school presentation focused on health and wellbeing, covering both physical and mental health, before spending time visiting individual classes to meet the children.

Each child will receive a STEEL water bottle, and the PTA will also provide photo cards which can be signed on the day and taken home.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite sports person, wear sports clothing, or come as their favourite Gladiator.



If you are able to make a donation towards this exciting visit, we would be extremely grateful. Your support helps the PTA continue to provide memorable experiences like this for the children in the future. <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QHN183WZ>

Next PTA meeting 27th February - time tbc

All welcome!

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# Tiny Trees Nursery

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**Spaces for 2 & 3 Year Olds  
from September 2026**



For more information or to book a space on  
our open morning on **Saturday 25th April**,  
or an individual visit, please call

**Rebecca Charnock, Nursery Administrator**

**01208 872339**



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School Age Immunisation Service  
*Provided by Kernow Health CIC*

**NHS**

**Flu  
Vaccination**

**School Age  
Reception -  
Year 11**

**Drop In Clinic**

**Complete  
your  
consent  
form here**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**

**10:30 - 13:30**

**New St Austell Hub**

**Chi Austel**

**White River Place**

**St Austell PL25 5AZ**



For more information  
please speak with a  
member of the team  
Call us on

**01872 221105**

[kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net](mailto:kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net)



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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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## October

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## November

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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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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							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
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October 2026							
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November 2026							
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49	30						

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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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>Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread</b>	<b>Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b>	<b>NEW Chicken Biryani</b>	<b>Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b>
3/11/25	<b>Option Two</b> Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	<b>Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges</b>	<b>Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b>	<b>NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread</b>	<b>Cheese and Bean Pasta with Chips and Tomato Sauce</b>
24/11/25	<b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>
15/12/25	<b>Dessert</b> Syrup Sponge	<b>NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard</b>	<b>Fruit Medley</b>	<b>Jelly with Mandarins</b>	<b>Chocolate Shortbread</b>
19/1/26					
9/2/26					
9/3/26					
30/3/26					
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>Option One</b> Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	<b>Spaghetti Bolognese</b>	<b>Chicken Pie served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b>	<b>Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice</b>	<b>Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b>
10/11/25	<b>Option Two</b> Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	<b>Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese</b>	<b>Vegan Cottage pie</b>	<b>Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice</b>	<b>Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce</b>
1/12/25	<b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>
5/1/26	<b>Dessert</b> NEW Gingerbread Cookie	<b>Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce</b>	<b>Fruit Salad</b>	<b>Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard</b>	<b>Vanilla Shortbread</b>
26/1/26					
23/2/26					
16/3/26					
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<b>Option One</b> Macaroni Cheese	<b>NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges</b>	<b>Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b>	<b>Chefs Special Chicken Karma with Rice</b>	<b>Fishfingers with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b>
17/11/25	<b>Option Two</b> NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	<b>Tomato Pasta</b>	<b>Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b>	<b>Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice</b>	<b>Red Pepper Frittata with Chips &amp; Tomato Sauce</b>
8/12/25	<b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>	<b>Vegetables of the Day</b>
12/1/26	<b>Dessert</b> Cornflake Tart	<b>Pear Crumble with Custard</b>	<b>Fruit Salad</b>	<b>NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard</b>	<b>Oaty Cookie</b>
2/2/26					
2/3/26					
23/3/26					
<b>MENU KEY</b>	Added Plant Protein	Vegan	Chef's Special	Wholemeal	Vegan
<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>caterlink</b> feeding the imagination

**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.