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### Head's Hello,

As we move into February, it's lovely to see the first signs of spring beginning to appear—snowdrops popping up around the grounds and the evenings slowly stretching out a little longer each day. It's hard to believe that we are already just one week away from the half-term break; the past few weeks have certainly flown by.

We're looking forward to an exciting end to the half term with a very special visitor next Friday (13th). *Steel* from BBC's **Gladiators** will be joining us in school, and children are invited to come dressed in sportswear or even as their favourite Gladiator. It promises to be a fantastic event for everyone.

Behind the scenes, work has begun on transforming our school library. Our Site Manager, Mr. Warnham, has already started removing the existing fittings, and painting will begin over the holiday. We are hopeful that by the end of this academic year, our pupils will have a beautiful new space where they can relax, explore, and share their love of books.

Wishing everyone a positive and productive final week before the break.

Kind regards,

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 school day finish) - 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

Lostwithiel Primary School  
Newsletter Friday 6th February 2026





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*Is your child starting school in  
September 2026? Looking for a  
nursery for your child for September  
2026?*



*Come and visit our Apple Class and Tiny Trees Nursery at  
Lostwithiel Primary School, Bodmin Hill, Lostwithiel, PL22 0AJ.*

# Open Morning



***Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10am-12noon***

Come and meet our highly experienced and friendly staff and discover a world of learning through play. We have inspiring school grounds that enable the children to explore the wonders of the natural environment. For further information Tel 01208 872339.



*"Adults in early years skilfully interact with children and ask meaningful questions about their learning. As a result, children get off to a good start. Parents receive regular progress and curriculum updates. For example, staff help parents to understand the school's approach to the teaching of phonics."*

*"The early years provision is of good quality and is a strength of the school. Children make good progress, notably in developing their communication skills".*

*"This good progress comes about because of good teaching. A particular strength is the imaginative use made of outdoor learning". The provision is well led and is rightly considered by the local authority to be a model for other schools in its use of the outdoor environment as a learning resource for the early years".*



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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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January 2026

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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## February

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## April

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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							
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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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February 2027							
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April 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>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> Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges <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 Chili with Rice <b>Vegetables of the Day</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 of the Day</b> <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.				