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Head's Hello,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying being back outside at break and lunchtimes, as well as for their PE lessons this week. Long may the brighter weather continue! We are hopeful that, not before too long, we will also be able to welcome the children back onto the field.

Next week promises to be a busy and exciting one. On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating **World Book Day**, which also coincides with **St Piran's Day** — so there will certainly be lots happening across the school.

Please also look out for communication from your child's class teacher regarding our Spring Term Parents' Evenings, which will take place during the week commencing 16th March. If you would prefer a telephone appointment instead of attending in person, please let your child's class teacher know.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Elaine Badger
Headteacher,
Lostwithiel Primary School

Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th March - World book day

Thursday 5th March - St Piran's Day change of menu

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

Change of menu—Thursday 5th March

Traditional Pasty

Or

Vegan Pasty

Served with Chips, Beans and Peas

Cornish Shortbread or Fresh Fruit



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Newsletter Friday 27th February 2026



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Class Attendance this week

Three classes hit target this week - well done Apple, Oak and Conkers!

Our winners this week - Apple Class!

Apple	98.60%
Cherry	93.90%
Oak	97.70%
Willow	92.80%
Maple	94.50%
Conkers	97.00%

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

- APPLE** **Matilda and Arya** for passion when working with numbers this week.
- CHERRY** **Freddie** for using your knowledge of tens and ones to make teen numbers using Base 10.
Rowan for working independently in maths when learning about place value to 50.
- OAK** **Wilfred** for following the Lostwithiel way consistently and taking pride in work.
Elsie for consistently showing respect to those around her and being a role model to the class.
- WILLOW** **Neve** for always being super helpful.
Ellie for always showing pride, going above and beyond with your work
- MAPLE** **Erin** for always demonstrating pride and passion in your work.
Finley for always having a conscientious attitude to your learning in all subjects.
- CONKERS** **Sophie** for being such a excellent role model and showing the Lostwithiel Way.
Arthur for such a creative, enthusiastic, expressive, confident performance for Hamlet.

Oracy Weekly Wonders: As part of our Oracy work in school, we will be sending home weekly discussion prompts to encourage your children to show off their talking skills at home. Our 'Oracy Weekly Wonders' can be discussed anywhere - at the dinner table, on the sofa or even in the car!

Get everyone involved! Encourage your child/children to instigate discussions, build or challenge other's ideas and ask probing or clarifying questions. We will then ask some children to summarise your family's thoughts in school.

This week, our Oracy Weekly Wonder is...

“Do you need friends to be happy?”



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❖ Welcome Back Everyone! ❖

We've got a fun-filled few weeks ahead with lots of exciting PTA events coming up for the children.

All events are available to pre-order here:

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

First up... our WONKY BAR SALE

There will be 100 bars available on the day. We have asked that all classes are dismissed promptly on that day and the hall doors will be closed until 3.15.

100+ prizes to be won

Including Head for the Day, signed Gladiators books, Mr Beast Feastables bars, book vouchers and lots more.

(Bars are being sold at £2 per bar.)

📖 World Book Day Fun

Children are invited to bring in a toilet roll decorated as a book character - This is a free event to enter.

School are also inviting children to dress as their favourite book character — we can't wait to see their creations.

🌸 Our Wonderful Women Event

Each child will have the chance to create a beautiful bottle vase with a spring stem to bring home.

If you would prefer your child not to take part, please contact the office via Dojo — otherwise all children will be included.

Children are also invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 13th March. We are asking for a £2 donation towards this event.

🐣 Easter Craft to finish the term

Children can either create an Easter image (this will be free to enter) or purchase a rubber duck for £1 to give a fabulous makeover 🐣

We know it's a busy few weeks for everyone, and we truly appreciate your support as always. We'll send reminders for each event closer to the time — this is just a little overview to help you plan ahead 💖

Thank you for supporting the PTA!

The Gladiator, Steel, drew our lottery balls during his visit, our winners were:

Ball 54 - £30.60

Ball 18 - £15.30

Ball 3 - £5.10

And February's extra special Prize was won by Ball 52

Ball 52 is owned by Charlotte, so she was able to collect her book in person! Well done 🏆

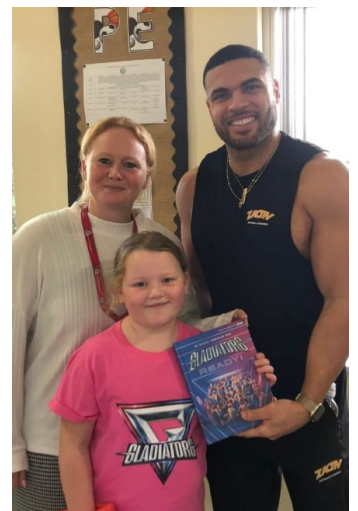
Remember if you want to join for our March draw you just have to set up a DD by 10th March (details below) and don't forget to email Isalotto03@gmail.com to confirm your entry.

We are running another extra prize in March too; a voucher for food and drink at The Mess Hall. £2 a ball and all supports the school.

Lostwithiel School Lottery

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Mini Tennis Festivals For 5 - 9 year olds

Free Indoor tennis taster sessions for children who would like to try tennis. Led by LTA accredited coaches, with equipment provided.

Monday 9th March
4pm - 5pm

Thursday 12th March
4pm - 5pm

Sessions must be booked in advance.

FREE



To book your place email
Bodmin.tennis@gmail.com





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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 25th 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
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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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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 Vegetables of the Day Dessert 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 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.				