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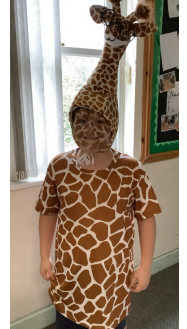
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Head's Hello,

It has been a wonderfully busy week in school with World Book Day, Wonky Bar sales, the return of our chickens and Wallys appearing everywhere!

Thank you to everyone who embraced the spirit of World Book Day yesterday. It was fantastic to see so many amazing book characters around the school – and quite a few pairs of pyjamas too! Reading is so important in unlocking a world of possibilities for our children, and it is always lovely to celebrate it together on this special day.



A huge thank you to our PTA for organising so many fantastic events for the pupils. The Wonky Bar sale is always incredibly popular, with some very sought-after prizes – doughnuts with Mr Stead being a particularly popular choice this year.

Personally, I am looking forward to the 'Headteacher for a Day' prize... if only because it might give me a chance to put my feet up for a little while.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kind regards,

Mrs. Elaine Badger
Headteacher,
Lostwithiel Primary School



Dates for your diary

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

We are hoping to arrange a school trip to the panto in December - please complete the following online form by Friday 6th March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

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Lostwithiel Primary School
Newsletter Friday 6th March 2026



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Class Attendance this week

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

Our winners this week - Cherry Class!

Apple	97.30%
Cherry	97.40%
Oak	94.50%
Willow	92.40%
Maple	96.20%
Conkers	97.00%

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

- APPLE** Quinn and Henry for participating in our Amelia Earhart activities with passion.
- CHERRY** Honey for Amazing progress in RWI
Yixuan for showing the Lostwithiel Way every single day.
- OAK** Isla-Rose for perseverance and participation within Read Write Inc. comprehension.
Alex for hard work to show the Lostwithiel way.
- WILLOW** Yinuo for always trying her best. You are such a great role model for our class.
Florence for always completing your work to the highest standard.
- MAPLE** Loic for brilliant partnership and participation in oracy work.
Theo for perseverance – you are trying very hard with your daily handwriting.
- CONKERS** Florence for being kind to others.
Charlotte for fantastic information in History.

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...

"If toys could talk, what would yours say about you?"



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4th March 2026

Edurio Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Carer,

Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT) and Lostwithiel School would like to invite you to share your views on parent and carer engagement at CELT, as well as your confidence in our school. Your voice is incredibly important to us, and this survey provides an opportunity for you to help shape the best possible learning environment for your child. Our Local Tiers of Community Champions will also be supporting this work.

To take part in the survey, please click the following link: edurio.com/poll/C2WedL

The survey is completely anonymous and confidential. Responses will be combined for analysis, and no individual will be identifiable. Please note that the survey must be completed **in one sitting**. It will remain open until **Friday 20th March 2026** and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your feedback. Your honest insights are truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Elaine Badger
Headteacher

<https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/C2WedL>



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Our winner of Head for the Day - Well done Mitch.
We look forward to seeing you take over for the day.

Thank you to all for the support with Wonky Bar day - it is always a busy event and we thank you and your children for their patience and politeness during this event.

The PTA were amazed by the efforts of the toilet roll craft. Thank you for the hard work that went into these.



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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 Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges 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 Chili 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.				