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Head's Hello,

Friday again – where has the week gone?

A reminder that Parents' Evening takes place next week. We aim to speak with all of our parents at each Parents' Evening. If you are unable to attend, we will arrange a time to call you so that we can still share how your child is doing at school.

A big thank you to our PTA for organising today's 'Wonderful Women' event. All of our children will be coming home with a little something for a fabulous female in their life.

Wishing you all a lovely 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



A massive thank you to all the children today for their kindness, politeness and respectful behaviour as we made the wonderful women vases. The children all enjoyed making them and as ever we are so grateful for every donation, it enables us to bring in visitors like STEEL and help towards the new library.

If you forgot to donate and would like to we welcome donations via sum up still

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q842MV41>

**Lostwithiel Primary School
Newsletter Friday 13th March 2026**



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Class Attendance this week

Three classes hit target this week - well done Cherry, Oak and Maple!

Our winners this week - Maple Class!

Apple	90.7%
Cherry	98.7%
Oak	98.6%
Willow	92.0%
Maple	99.0%
Conkers	92.0%

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

- APPLE** **Seth and Stan** for participation and perseverance in Read Write Inc
- CHERRY** **Finn** for always giving 100% in RWI sessions.
Sylvie for always showing the Lostwithiel Way.
- OAK** **Ottie** for showing our Lostwithiel Way through every transition and lesson.
William for working incredibly hard to show our Lostwithiel Way.
- WILLOW** **Fallon** for showing great passion and perseverance.
Oscar for showing all of the 5 Ps during the school match this week.
- MAPLE** **Lilia** for perseverance and participation.
Ailla for passion – you always do that little bit extra with your learning.
- CONKERS** **Luna** for always showing the Lostwithiel Way.
Alicia for showing so much passion and pride in your learning this week.

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...

"Is it better to be a leader or a helper?"



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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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MHST Wild Wellbeing

MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session** in Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book **EACH** child on to a session

EXTRA SITES!!!

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

ALERT!

Locations and dates:

- 07 April - Golitha Falls
- 07 April - The Gardeners House, Penzance
- 07 April - Lanhydrock House
- 14 & 15 April - Penrose Estate
- 16 April - St Ives Community Orchard
- 16 April - Tehidy Woods

To request a place, complete the online form

<https://forms.office.com/e/CdbKBnMH0q>



Scan to sign up

All sessions will begin at 10am. Please wear weather appropriate clothing!



Please be aware that spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend after being allocated a place, inform us so we can give your spot to someone else.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)



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All Welcome to a Special Mothering Sunday service at

St Barts 11.00am

Refreshments afterwards,





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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



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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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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ASC contact number : 07821 645720



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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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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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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
WEEK ONE					
3/11/25	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
24/11/25	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasta with Chips and Tomato Sauce
15/12/25	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
19/1/26	Syrup Sponge	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Chocolate Shortbread
9/2/26					
9/3/26					
30/3/26					
WEEK TWO					
10/11/25	Option One	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Pie served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
1/12/25	Option Two	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Cottage pie	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
5/1/26	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
26/1/26	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
23/2/26					
16/3/26					
WEEK THREE					
17/11/25	Option One	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chefs Special Chicken Karma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
8/12/25	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
12/1/26	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
2/2/26	Dessert	Cornflake Tart	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie
2/3/26					
23/3/26					
MENU KEY	Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
<p>Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
<p>caterlink feeding the imagination</p>					