



Lostwithiel School
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Head's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to the Summer Term!

The weather has been kind to us so far, and we've already been able to make great use of the field at lunchtimes, which the children have been very pleased about. We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with trips, residential visits, and plenty of outdoor learning taking place in our fantastic setting.

Date for your diary – Sports Day: Tuesday 16th June

- Tiny Trees: 10:00 – 10:30
- KS1: 10:45 – 11:45
- KS2: 1:30 – 2:45
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We hope you can join us for what is always a wonderful day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Elaine Badger
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Saturday 25th April (10-12) - Tiny Trees and Apple Class open morning

Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday (School and Nursery closed)

Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day

- Tiny Trees: 10:00 – 10:30
- KS1: 10:45 – 11:45
- KS2: 1:30 – 2:45

*Have you ordered your school **Group** photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 4th May 2026**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was sent via Class Dojo pages.*

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).



**Lostwithiel Primary School
Newsletter Friday 24th April 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 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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Stay & Play Sessions at Tiny Trees Nursery, Lostwithiel



All are welcome!

Join us for our free weekly **Stay & Play** sessions; a lovely opportunity for parents and toddlers, aged two and above, to play, explore, and get to know our nursery environment.

🕒 When: Every Monday throughout the Summer Term, starting from Monday 27th April until Monday 13th July. Please note, the nursery will be closed on Monday 4th and 25th May for Bank Holidays.

🕒 Time: 9:30 – 10:30am

📍 Where: Tiny Trees Nursery, Lostwithiel School, Lostwithiel



These sessions are perfect for little ones who may be starting nursery in the future, helping them feel comfortable and familiar in a fun, relaxed setting.

- ✦ Meet our friendly staff
- ✦ Explore our learning spaces
- ✦ Enjoy playtime with other children



For more information, get in touch via email sstatham@los.celtrust.org or call 01208 872339.



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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

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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

September 2026							
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October 2026							
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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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SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE	Option One Macaroni Cheese Option Two Chickpea Curry with Rice Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert NEW Banana Mousse	Option One Phat Pasty Fork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges Option Two Mild Mexican Chili with Rice Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Orange Drizzle Cake	Option One Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Option Two Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Fruit Platter	Option One Spaghetti Bolognese Option Two Smoky Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Apple Flapjack	Option One Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Option Two Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special Lower Carbon Footprint
WEEK TWO	Option One Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad Option Two Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Iced Vanilla Sponge	Option One Beef Chili with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa Option Two Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Peaches & Ice Cream	Option One Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Option Two Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Option One Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad Option Two Greek Spinach & Cheese Whir with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Option One Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Option Two NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Oaty Cookie	
WEEK THREE	Option One Tomato Pasta Option Two NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Option One Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw Option Two Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Cheese & Crackers	Option One Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Option Two Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Fruit Medley	Option One Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice Option Two All Day Vegetarian Breakfast Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Option One Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Option Two Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot Sides Vegetables of the Day Dessert Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY:	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

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.