

11th September 2026

NEWSLETTER



Elaine Badger
Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! We are delighted to start the new school year with some amazing news as we can now share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. Lostwithiel School has received an **Exceptional** grade for Attendance and Behaviour, alongside **Strong Standard** judgements in every other inspection area, including Achievement, Curriculum and Teaching, Early Years, Inclusion, Leadership and Governance, and Personal Development and Wellbeing. This is an extraordinary achievement for our school community.

New Look Newsletter

We start the new year with a new look to our weekly newsletter! Please take the time to read this each week as we will have updates on upcoming events and important messages to share with you as well as news from across the school and our community.

If your child has something they would like to share in the newsletter - maybe they have achieved something outside of school that they would like to celebrate - please let us know and send in a photo to the office via Class Dojo as we love to share our pupils' successes!

Parking

As mentioned in my Dojo this week, please be careful when driving and parking on Bodmin Hill. It is not the safest route at the best of times but inconsiderate and dangerous road use is putting our children and their families at risk. Also a reminder to you all that the staff car park should only be used by those with a blue badge.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Badger



Apple Class have settled brilliantly!



First portrait of primary school!

TEAM 12

Our new School Council Representatives for the 2026/2027 year.



Year 1

Mya and Rupert



Year 2

Sylvie and Joseph



Year 3

Edith and William



Year 4

Fallon and Finn



Year 4

Emma and Lilia



Year 6

Harley-Quinn and Henry

STAR LEARNERS

These fantastic pupils have been demonstrating our
5P values this week!



Apple Class

All of Apple class for amazing
settling into routines



Oak Class

Monty for such a great start to Oak
Class.

Rupert for being such a role model
in your new class.



Willow Class

Esme for engaging brilliantly in
reading.

Sylvie for challenging herself.



Maple Class

Edward and Charlie for starting life
at Lostwithiel School so positively.



Conkers Class

Bethany for being an excellent role
model.

Timmy for showing such confidence
and maturity.

Harrison for passion and working
incredibly hard.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our lovely Lisa Latham married Virgilio over the summer holidays and is now Mrs. Baretto! I am sure you will all agree that she looked absolutely beautiful on their special day. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness together.



SAFEGUARDING



**Mobile
Free Zone**

This term, we are proud to become a mobile phone-free school. In line with our commitment to safeguarding, wellbeing and high-quality learning, mobile phones are not used during the school day.

- Staff keep personal mobile phones out of sight and securely stored while working with children.
- Pupils who bring a mobile phone to school must hand it in at the beginning of the day, where it will be stored safely and returned at the end of the school day.
- We also kindly ask parents and visitors not to use mobile phones anywhere on the school site, including while waiting to collect children.

This approach supports a calm, focused and respectful environment for everyone. It helps reduce distractions, promotes positive face-to-face interactions and strengthens our safeguarding arrangements.

The latest Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 guidance emphasises the importance of online safety and states that schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default, with pupils not having access to phones during the school day except in exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for supporting us in creating a safe, inclusive and connected school community where children can learn, play and build relationships free from unnecessary digital distractions.



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Coming up at Lostwithiel Primary School



Monday 14th September

Tour of school for 2027 parents
1.30pm



Friday 25th September

Macmillan Coffee and Pastries
morning 9am - all welcome



Monday 5th October

Flu immunisations



Thursday 15th October

Tempest Individual Photos -
morning
KS2 Harvest Festival 2pm



Friday 16th October

Last day of Autumn 1 half term



PARENTS' EVENING

**Week Beginning
Monday 12th October**

Your child's class teacher will be sending information about these important updates regarding your child's progress towards the end of September.



PTA GLOW DISCO

**Wednesday 14th
October**

**KS1 4 - 5pm
KS2 5.15 - 6.15pm
Details to follow later in the term**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Top Class for Attendance

Oak Class - 99.7%



TARGET: 96.9%

Whole School Attendance Snapshot

98.2%

Leave during term time

We understand that there are occasions when families need to request exceptional leave for their child during term time.

In such cases, it is essential to submit an absence form well in advance. These are available at the school office and on our website.

We will only authorise these requests in exceptional circumstances, and we will review each application on a case-by-case basis.

Please be aware that taking unauthorised leave may mean you become liable for a fine. To help you plan ahead, term dates are available on the school website.

If your child is ill..

We appreciate that children will become ill from time to time. We do request that all parents call the school office to speak to us about an illness rather than send a Dojo or an email.

If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We are always here to help - if you have any concerns about your child's attendance or indeed their health, please get in touch with us as we can assist with referrals to the school nurse service or other agencies.



MRS. CHARNOCK
Office Manager

LOST IN ART

We love being part of our local community - please visit our Forest School inspired artwork in St. Bartholomew's Church!

