

18th September 2026

NEWSLETTER



Elaine Badger
Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the highlights of my role is my morning duty, when I have the opportunity to greet children and families as they arrive at school. Once duty has finished, I make my way back to the office via the classrooms, and it is always a pleasure to see just how calm, focused and settled our children are so early in the day. Our 'trickle-in time' is a valuable part of the school day, allowing children to arrive safely and calmly and giving them a gentle start to their learning. Establishing a positive, unhurried beginning each morning helps to set the tone for a successful day ahead, and it is wonderful to see our children embracing this so well.

Coffee & Pastries Mornings

This year, we are replacing our Parent Forum meetings with Coffee & Pastries Mornings, which will take place once each half term.

These informal gatherings will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to stay after drop-off, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, perhaps a pastry, and spend time getting to know other members of our school community. For families who are new to the school, this is a wonderful way to make connections and feel part of the Losty family.

I will be attending each session, and they will offer a relaxed and informal opportunity to chat with me about any ideas, suggestions or questions you may have. Whether you would like to share something that is working particularly well or discuss an aspect of school life, I would be delighted to see you there.

Our first Coffee & Pastries Morning will take place on Friday 25th September from 8.45am to 9.45am and will coincide with the Macmillan Coffee Morning being organised by Mrs Booth. For this first session, Mrs Booth will also be available for any Apple Class parents who would like an informal chat.

As we will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support through this event, we would be grateful for any voluntary donations. We hope you can join us for a cuppa, a treat and some friendly conversation while helping us support this worthwhile cause.

We look forward to welcoming you. ☕🍪💚



Apple Class dot
painting



Oak Class had forest fun
this week!

TEAM 12 NEWS

Toastie Tuesday Success!

We were delighted to launch Toastie Tuesday this week, and it was a great success!

Toastie Tuesday is part of a Young Enterprise project, supported by the Rotary Club, who have generously provided our School Council with a £50 start-up loan. At the end of the project, the loan will be repaid, with any profits being shared between the Rotary Club's chosen charity and our School Council. This fantastic initiative gives our pupils a real-life opportunity to learn about money management, budgeting and enterprise. Each week, our Team 12 pupils will work alongside Mrs Badger and Mrs Faircloth to help organise and run the event, developing valuable teamwork and leadership skills along the way.

Next week, it will be the turn of Oak and Willow Class to enjoy Toastie Tuesday. All your child needs to do is bring 20p for one slice of toast or 40p for two slices, and they will receive a delicious slice of hot, buttered toast to enjoy at playtime.

A simple treat, a great learning opportunity, and a wonderful way to support both our pupils and local charities. What's not to love? 🍞😊



Mobile-Free School Reminder

A gentle reminder that our school is a mobile phone-free zone. We kindly ask that parents, carers and visitors refrain from using mobile phones on the school site wherever possible. This helps us to safeguard all children and maintain a calm, focused environment at the beginning and end of the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe and respectful for everyone. 🚫😊

STAR LEARNERS

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



Apple Class

Otis Hi for being a great role model.
Jude for Passion in phonics.



Oak Class

Stanley for being such a positive
class member.
Matilda for pride and passion in
your learning.



Willow Class

Leela for independence and
perseverance within maths.
Felix for outstanding partnership.



Maple Class

Lerryn for a superstar attitude.
Yinuo for passion and commitment.



Conkers Class

Josie, Wilfred and Neeve for working
incredibly hard and showing great
passion for learning



Gone Green

These children have turned their heatmap green since the beginning of term

Henry B

Tomas P

Ava F

Rock Stars

These children can answer in less than 3 seconds!

Jeffrey G

Jarvis R

Ruby D

Oscar B

Erin S

Rock Legends

These children can answer in less than 2 seconds!

Yinou C

Albie H

Emma B

Tomas P

Ava F

Charlie W

Timmy W

Finley C

Charlotte G

Josie M

Arlo A

Loic C

Noah B

Neeve S

Theodore T

Harley-Quinn H

Annie S

Florence M

Wilfred C

Ellie A

Hugo F

Mitchell S

Rock Heroes

These children can answer in less than 1 second!

Harry D

Joseph N

William R

Edward R

Henry B

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Inan, who has recently earned his Orange Stripe Belt after successfully passing his grading at Cornish Elite Martial Arts.

This is Inan's fourth belt achievement, and he is continuing to work hard on his journey towards a black belt. His dedication, perseverance and commitment to developing his skills are wonderful to see.

Well done, Inan. We are very proud of you and look forward to hearing about your future successes! 🥋⭐

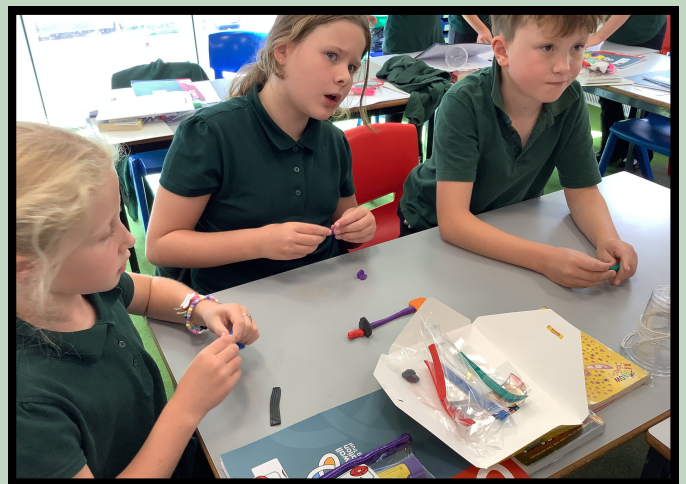


HELLO - ANYONE THERE?

Maple Class Science

In Science this week, Maple Class have been exploring how sound travels. As part of their learning, they worked with Mrs Badger to create their own string telephones and investigate how vibrations can travel through different materials to carry sound.

The children had great fun testing their telephones and discovering that, with a little scientific know-how, even a simple piece of string can help us communicate! It was wonderful to see so much curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm for learning on display. 🧪☎️😊



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Top Class for Attendance

Willow Class 99.3%



Whole School Attendance Snapshot

98.1%

TARGET: 96.9%

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



[View Full Calendar](#)

Coming up at Lostwithiel Primary School



Friday 25th September



Saturday 3rd October



Monday 5th October



Thursday 15th October



Friday 16th October

Macmillan Coffee and Pastries
morning 9am - all welcome

Nursery and school open
morning

Flu immunisations

Tempest Individual Photos -
morning
KS2 Harvest Festival 2pm

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**

LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL PTA



PTA DATES FOR THE DIARY!

NEXT PTA MEETING
Thursday 9th October – 8.45am
After morning drop-off.
Come along and find out what we've got planned!

GLOW DISCO
Wednesday 14th October
Get ready to glow!
More information coming soon!

NON-UNIFORM DAY
Bring in items for our Christmas Hampers!

Tiny Trees Sweet and savoury snacks	Reception Festive goodies	Year 1 Festive baking	Year 2 Crafting Crazy	Year 3 Games and movie night	Year 4 Scented self care	Year 5 Sweet treats or savoury snacks	Year 6 NYE Celebration hamper
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DONUT SALE
for Children in Need
Middle gate at 3.15pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Friday 27th November
3:00pm – 5:00pm
Save the date!

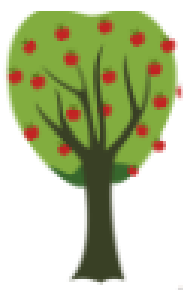
SECRET SANTA SHOP
Friday 11th December
A magical opportunity for the children to choose some special Christmas gifts!

MORE INFORMATION ON ALL OF THESE EVENTS COMING SOON!



Artwork for Christmas cards has been sent home over the last few days. If you would like to order any items, please complete the online form and return the artwork to school by Friday 25th September. The artwork is then sent off to the company to complete the order.

We are unable to complete orders if you have not completed the online form and returned the artwork.



*Is your child starting school
in September 2027? Looking
for a nursery for your child?*



*Come and visit our Apple Class and Tiny Trees Nursery at
Lostwithiel Primary School, Bodmin Hill, Lostwithiel, PL22 0AJ.*

Open Morning



Saturday 3rd October 2026 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".