13th November 2026

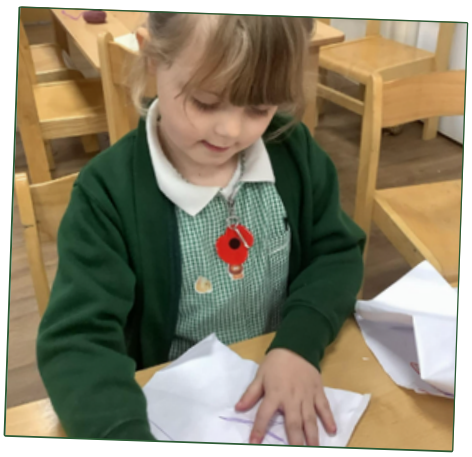
NEWSLETTER



Elaine Badger
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is always one of the most special in our school year as we focus on remembrance. The bright red poppy becomes a familiar sight throughout the school, appearing on jumpers and coats, in assemblies, and across displays and artwork. It provides a valuable opportunity for our children to learn about the importance of remembering and showing respect for those who have served and sacrificed before us.



This week has been all about Remembrance

On Wednesday, the whole school came together to observe a minute's silence, pausing to give our thanks to those who have served our country. This was followed by Mrs George's moving performance of The Last Post, creating a poignant moment of reflection for children and adults alike. Our sea of green school uniforms was interspersed with the uniforms of Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs, Scouts and even Squirrels, making for a truly memorable sight. It was a proud moment in our annual calendar and a reminder of the values of respect, service and community that are so important to us all.



See Page 4 for more!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Elaine Badger
Headteacher

Willow Class Egyptian Day

Willow Class enjoyed a fantastic Egyptian Day, bringing their history learning to life through a range of exciting activities. The children were thrilled to be visited by Howard Carter, who helped them discover the fascinating story behind the finding of Tutankhamun's tomb. Our young historians explored the significance of this remarkable archaeological discovery and learned more about life in Ancient Egypt.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in their own archaeological digs, carefully uncovering and examining artefacts while developing their historical enquiry skills. They also studied Egyptian artefacts and discussed what these objects can tell us about the past.

A special mention must go to the children and families for the incredible effort put into the costumes. The fantastic outfits helped create a truly authentic atmosphere and made the day even more memorable. Well done, Willow Class, for your enthusiasm, curiosity and outstanding participation throughout the day!



Finding precious artefacts



Learning through games



Trying out hieroglyphics

Community Champions

Our school has a team of Community Champions: volunteers from our school community who help us understand what it's really like to be part of Lostwithiel. They talk to children, families, staff and local people, and share what they hear with the school and with Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT). Champions aren't inspectors or governors, and they don't deal with complaints. They're here to listen.

Our Champions are: Charlene Rule, Hayley Toms and Morgan Farrar. You might see them at the school gate or at our school events.

What we heard

In October, our Community Champions chatted with parents and carers at the school gate about family life at school and how we could help you get involved in your child's learning. People told us:

- **Parents described a warm, welcoming school where staff know children and families well and are happy to listen.**
- **Families value the PTA and our strong sense of community.**
- **Parents have noticed how well children talk and listen, and value our clubs and assemblies.**

Things that could be better:

- **Many parents would like help understanding how maths is taught now, for example short videos or worked examples.**
- **Work commitments make daytime sessions hard; evening, online or recorded options would help.**
- **Some families don't have easy access to technology for online homework, such as Times Tables Rock Stars.**

What we've learned

Families want to be involved in their children's learning. The question is how and when, so the format and timing of what we offer really matter.

How we're responding

- **We will be creating a new space on our website where we will post videos of the maths strategies we use at school to help parents to help their children!**
- **Any parent information sessions we run at school will also have a recorded version available on our website.**
- **Paper copies of times tables practice to be made available for those who cannot access TTRS at home.**

Parents also suggested reading workshops, family Forest School sessions and more chances for children to perform. Thank you for your ideas - we will be working on this next term!

What happens next

Our Champions will visit again in February. If you'd like to share your views, or find out about becoming a Community Champion, please contact our school office for an informal chat. Parents, carers, grandparents, former pupils and local people are all welcome.

Remembrance 2026



Our Cubs showing respect for those who gave their lives

Once again our school came together to remember those who have given their lives for the freedom we have today. After hearing an extract from the beautiful poem 'For the Fallen', the whole school fell silent for a minute. This was then broken by the wonderful sound of The Last Post - expertly played (as always) by the very talented Mrs. George!

Thank you to everyone for making this day so special.



Mrs. George always makes our Remembrance Day very special



A lovely way to say thank you for service

STAR LEARNERS

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

Apple Class

Otis H-C for showing passion with his letter formation.
Ben for always being an excellent role model.

Oak Class

Maya for being an exellent role model and always showing the Lostwithiel Way.
Seth for trying so hard with your learning.

Willow Class

Lena for working hard and showing the Lostwithiel Way.
Yixuan for excellent partnership and perseverance this week.

Maple Class

Leilo for great participation and passion in Maths.
Emily for Passion and Pride in English.

Conkers Class

Loic for working hard in English.
Lerryn for always being an excellent role model.
Kelsie for working incredibly hard all week.

Talk Like an Expert

These children have shown excellence in oracy this week - impressing their teachers by speaking like specialists in their learning! Well done to them all for being confident speakers!

Apple Class
Lars
For the most amazing explanation of how a dairy farm works – brilliant vocabulary!

Oak Class
Momo
For a fantastic explanation of how to find the difference between two numbers – better than a teacher!

Willow Class
Felix
For oracy confidence in our 'Thunk' lesson this week.

Maple Class
Finn
For thoughtful, considerate and mature contributions to a class discussion about racism and gender inequality

Conkers Class
Josie & Corinne
For excellence in oracy in reading lessons. They carefully consider evidence and make fantastic contributions to discussion.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Top Class for Attendance

Apple Class 100%

TARGET:96.9%

Whole School Attendance Snapshot

97.6%

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 authorised 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

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th November – PTA Christmas Fayre 3-5pm
Tuesday 8th December – Rocksteady concert (for parents/carers of children attending Rocksteady)
Wednesday 9th December – School Christmas lunch (please order your child's meal through ParentPay)
Wednesday 9th December – School Christmas jumper day
Thursday 10th December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert (St Bartholomews Church 2pm)
Friday 11th December – PTA Secret Santa event
Tuesday 15th December – KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm
Wednesday 16th December – KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm
Thursday 17th December – Year 1 to 6 School trip to Hall for Cornwall for Panto
Friday 18th December – End of Autumn term (School ends at normal time – no after school club)

LOSTWITHIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

COFFEE AND PASTRIES WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Friday 4th December
9:30am Library

LOSTWITHIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH

Wednesday 9th December



A massive thank you to everyone who donated to our hampers - they look amazing!
Raffle tickets are coming home today (please dont feel that you have to sell them all - especially those of you with multiple children in the school). If you know you won't sell them all - please return any unwanted tickets to the school office. Equally if you need more, please let the school office know and we will get these out to you.
If you forgot or didnt have chance to grab something for the hampers, and would like to send a cash donation to the PTA to buy some bits to top up the hampers, please use the below link:
https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QZLZ137W



PTA Lottery Winners for October!
Ball 17 winning £27.60
Ball 28 winning £13.80
Ball 40 winning £4.60

If you would like to buy a ball it's just £2 and a great way to support the school
Just email lsalotto03@gmail.com



We are proud to share some pictures of our new school football kit for our Year 3/4 team
This now means both of our teams can wear Lostwithiel green when we take part in matches against other schools.
A huge thank you has to go to the PTA for sourcing our kit, and to The Mess Hall for sponsoring. Hopefully, we can repay their generosity with some wins!⚽
Our first outing in our new kit is away at Tywardreath next week




Christmas Fair
Join us for a festive, family afternoon at our school Christmas Fair!
Friday 27th November
3-5pm
Meet Santa!
Christmas Games
Hot Chocolates & Refreshments
Buy Your Class Craft!
Our Wonderful Christmas Hamper Raffle!
Including brilliant days out for families too!
Lots of fun to be had!

Do you work for a local business?

Do you know someone who could donate a raffle prize to our PTA raffle?

We would be very grateful for any donations of prizes for our Christmas Raffle, which will be held on

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Prizes can be big or small – every donation makes a difference and helps us raise valuable funds for our school.



Thank you for supporting our school and our PTA

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Parent & Child Festive Evening

Create a beautiful Christmas wreath together!

Join us for a fun-filled festive workshop and make a stunning Christmas wreath to decorate your home this holiday season.

Monday 30th November | **5:30pm** | **School Hall**

£10 PER WREATH

Your booking includes:

- A festive drink
- A delicious festive treat
- All wreath-making materials provided
- A handmade wreath to take home

BOOKING INFORMATION

Book via the PTA

Please book by Monday 16th November

- Bring your child and enjoy quality time together
- Create something special for Christmas
- Perfect for all crafting abilities

A Festive Evening of Creativity, Fun & Christmas Cheer!

SPACES ARE LIMITED – BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you.

Information Classification: PUBLIC

Family Drop-In Sessions

For Parents and Carers of Neurodivergent Children, with or without a diagnosis

A friendly and welcoming space to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences and ideas
- Access support and information
- Feel empowered and connected



Children are welcome.
No booking required, just drop in.

Liskeard Family Hub, Varley Lane **Friday 6 November** | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **Friday 20 November** | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **Friday 4 December** | 1:30pm - 3:30pm	**Bodmin Family Hub, 83 Fore Street** **Friday 13 November** | 1:00pm - 3:00pm **Friday 27 November** | 1:00pm - 3:00pm **Friday 11 December** | 1:00pm - 3:00pm
St. Austell Family Hub, White River Place **Friday 13 November** | 9:30pm - 11:30am **Friday 27 November** | 9:30pm - 11:30am	**Falmouth - The Lighthouse Family Hub** **Tuesday 17 November** | 9:30am - 11:30am **Tuesday 24 November** | 9:30am - 11:30am **Tuesday 1 December** | 9:30am - 11:30am
Helston Family Hub, Bulwark Road **Wednesday 9 December| 12:30pm - 2:15pm** **Wednesday 16 December | 12:30pm - 2:15pm**	**Penzance – Jubilee Room, St John's Hall** **Wednesday 9 December| 9:30am - 11:15am** **Wednesday 16 December| 9:30am -11:15am**

Contact us at:
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The Panto

Third Time Lucky

All proceeds go to the Community Centre

Tickets available online

or from

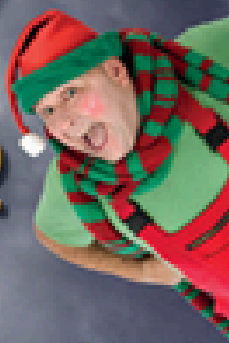
The Community Centre

£5 per child

£7 per adult

Raffle









Friday December 4th 7pm & Saturday 5th 2:30 & 7pm.