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Head's hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year.

It has been great to welcome pupils back to school and to also welcome quite a few new pupils as well - not just in Reception but across the school. Everyone has settled brilliantly into their new classes, and it has been lovely to see our children looking so smart and ready to learn. Classes have already started our new Forest School curriculum and this week Go Active started to teach our Year 2 and KS2 children in their PE sessions so there is a lot going on!

After School Clubs will start during the week beginning 16th September and details have already been sent out about the range of clubs available this half term. Many of our clubs will change on a half termly basis as our aim is to enable our pupils to experience as many different activities as possible over the year.

Singing lessons

We are fortunate to have been able to arrange a very experienced singing teacher, Alison Harvey, to deliver individual singing lessons at school on a Tuesday afternoon. We have spoken to the children about this today and your child may bring a letter home with them if they are interested.

Parent Forum

This year we would like to set up a Parent Forum - this is a group who will represent the parent community and meet with school leadership regularly to feedback parental views or suggestions. Attached to this communication are the terms of reference for our Parent Forum and more details about what the forum entails and when it will meet. If you are interested in being a Parent Forum representative for your child's class, please contact the school office via Dojo by Friday 20th September. (If there are more than two parents interested from each class, an election will be held.) The first meeting will be held before half term.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Elaine Badger

Class Attendance this week

What a great start to the new school year!

Five classes hitting target; Conkers, Willow, Oak, Maple and Cherry.

And a fantastic start for Conkers Class with 100% attendance!

Apple	98.90%
Cherry	96.30%
Oak	99.00%
Willow	99.10%
Maple	98.90%
Conkers	100.00%



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

APPLE All of Apple class for starting school so well and completing their first full week!

Amazing work Apple Class

CHERRY Maddy and Elsie for an amazing start to Cherry Class.

OAK Esmae for her passion and participation in writing.

Tomas for his pride in his behaviour.

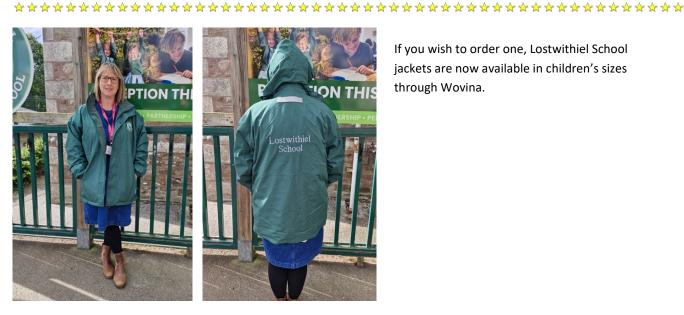
WILLOW Mitch for making a superb start to the new school year and showing the 5Ps in all his learning.

Loic for making an excellent start to the new year- you have tried your absolute best all week!

MAPLE Ava and Frankie for exceptional behaviour this week.

CONKERS Bruce and Harley for working enthusiastically - welcome to Y6

Freja for always being ready, enthusiastic and a fantastic role model.





If you wish to order one, Lostwithiel School jackets are now available in children's sizes through Wovina.



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Lostwithiel Primary School Parent Forum

Aims of the forum

- To learn about the school community and parental perspectives, context and history
- Raise awareness of the views of our parent community
- Consult on changes, such as projects, policy proposals and local issues in the school community
- >Explore views on specific concerns or issues
- >Gain support for school projects or goals

Membership

Each class has two elected representatives. The representatives are expected to be available for every forum meeting. If they are unable to attend, another parent can fill in. This must be agreed in advance with the chair.

Code of conduct

As a member of the parent forum, I agree to:

- Show respect to all members of this forum, by listening to and respecting a diverse range of opinions
- Stick to agreed timescales for discussion of topics
- Maintain confidentiality by not mentioning the names of individual members of the community
- Avoid discussing individual circumstances or grievances. These issues will be directed via the school's complaint's procedure instead

Frequency of the forum

- >Forum meetings will be held once half-term, or whenever a pressing issue comes up
- >Forum meetings will last no more than 45 minutes
- >Forum meetings will be held at 2.30pm



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Information Classification: PUBLIC

Family Worker Drop In

For families of Lostwithiel Primary School – Bodmin Hill, Lostwithiel, Cornwall, PL22 OAJ

These sessions will be run by the Restormel Early Help Team

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behavior?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running regular drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary. The next drop-in is on Thursday 10th October between 8.45am and 10.00am.

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 324929









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Our PTA would like to invite parent/ carers to a welcome afternoon on Friday 20th September at 2pm in the School Hall.

Also at the meeting our PTA will have the uniform out and a welly swap.

Parents/carers not attending the meeting (including existing parents) can come and look round at 3pm





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Together 💝 for Families

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2025 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2025**.







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The deadline for applications is 15 January 2025

Starting school

September 2025

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021



Attending a nursery or pre-school

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Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY



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Applying for a reception class place for September 2025

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Fmail: statutory sen@cornwall.gov.uk



Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school**. When making your decision you should...

...think about how you will get your child to school. Go to
www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether
your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the admission arrangements on our website

..consider naming your **nearest or designated** .chool as one of your preferences. You can find our nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed admissions information

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2025

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer**Day: 16 April 2025. Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Transfer to secondary school

September 2025

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



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Applying for a secondary school place for September 2025

Special Educational Needs

more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk



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..look at the detailed admissions information

Submit your application by 31 October 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on National Offer Day: 3 March 2025. Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools. Photo © Adobe stock in54544 05/24



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Should I keep my

child off school?

Yes

Until...

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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



but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek





Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://grco.de/minfec.

on consists 1000 Breaker note to



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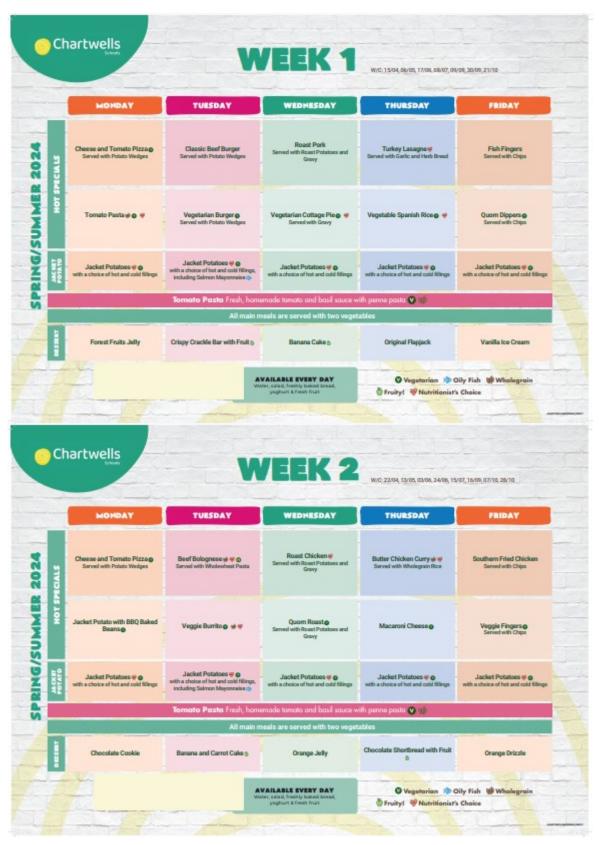
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School Day – Schools open to students Staff INSET Training – Closed to Students Holiday/Weekend – Closed to Students



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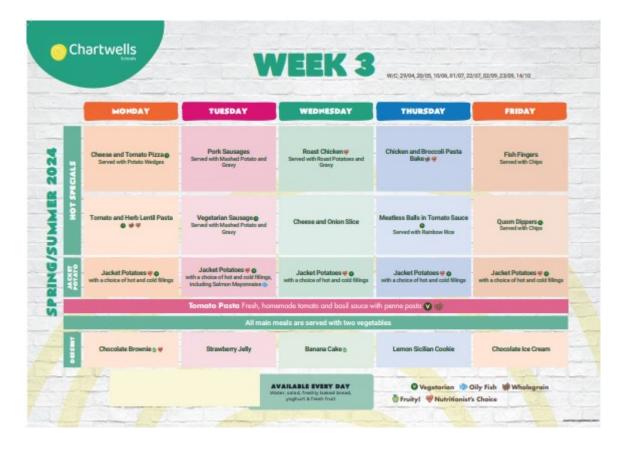
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Dear Parent/Carer

Here at Lostwithiel School, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's request form.

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 £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may 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. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

'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.

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You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Lostwithiel School is committed to maximising the education of all its pupils and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

The decision to submit a request for the issue of a Penalty Notice will be considered when a child's attendance is deemed to be 'not regular'. The definition of 'not regular' in this instance is when it is below the threshold set by Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT). For all CELT schools, this attendance threshold is set at 96%, in line with national attendance data. In the Autumn Term, a child's attendance for the previous academic year will be considered before deciding on a course of action. From January onwards, the decision will be based on attendance data from the current academic year.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Badger Headteacher