

Delabole Primary School Newsletter

January 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed a welcome break over the Christmas break and managed to spend time together as a family.

We have launched straight into 2026 with a new Enquiry, '**What are our Roots?**' Our value which will be the driver for this is **Respect**. This is such an important aspect of learning where the children will learn more about Cornwall and why where they live is so special. There are some great enriching opportunities planned where some classes will be offsite – exploring the beauty of Cornwall all around us. Look out for the Enquiry Web that has been sent out to you for more information on the learning happening this half term. Separate emails will be sent for visits.

If you don't already, please do follow us on Facebook for regular photo updates from our daily life in school.

Towards the end of last term, we were starting to see multi-coloured shoes, jewellery and make up/nail varnish coming in to school. Please can we remind you that your child needs **black** shoes please, long hair tied back and not to wear any jewellery or make up/nail varnish to school. A watch and stud earrings are acceptable. Could you also ensure your child has a named PE kit that stays in school on your child's peg. This means they always have what they need for PE sessions. Your child must also have a coat in school as we endeavour to go outside in all weathers (unless it is pouring with rain).

If you are short of any uniform or need something, we do have ample of second hand uniform available next week in the meeting room – please come and help yourself. Thank you.



Support for Learning at Home

We know how important it is to keep the momentum of learning going and are currently revising our Homework Policy as we know this is always a delicate balance for families at home.

We are going to be checking in with children and ensuring they have a suitable reading book that they bring home every day. In addition, they will also have a school library book which is a book of their choice. Please support your child to read these at home. There is so much research around the importance of this and how it can support learning in all other areas of the curriculum. Our Phonics learning starts right down in Reception, and our children are making a flying start. We need to keep this momentum going as they move up through the school. We are going to be re-launching our Love Reading Journals in the coming weeks – more details to follow.

As a school we pay a subscription to Times Table Rock Star (TTRS) and Mymaths where children can practise their fluency of Maths that will support them in the

classroom. Children should have their log in details. Again, please ask if you need an additional copy of these for home.

Sustainability

We understand how important it is to teach children about looking after the planet. Within school we now have a school sustainability plan that can be found on our school website that we will be working towards with the children actively involved.

As part of this, we are going to be supporting children who are keen to see if they can gain their Blue Peter Green Badge. Class teachers will be sharing more information with the classes about this – but we thought this would be a great home-school project that will help children understand more about the part they can play.

We will be sharing more information about what we are up to as we develop this strand of our school development.

Attendance

It is the time of year when there are a lot of different 'bugs' going around. If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure you call the office to inform us and give us the symptoms so we can log the attendance appropriately. We need to know where your child is in line with our Safeguarding Policy. If your child is ill, please do not send them to school, you will NOT be penalised for this. Fines only occur for a build-up of unauthorised absences. If your child is poorly, the best place for them is to be at home.

You should now have received the whole school 'attendance' update letter for the term. I continue to have regular meetings with the EWO to monitor attendance and so if you are having trouble with this, please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting with us to see if there is anything we can do to support you.

Clubs

This term's club list has been circulated, please sign up on Arbor as usual. Can we please remind you that we sometimes have waiting lists and so if you take up a place, we do need your commitment in attending. If for any reason your child cannot attend for a week, please contact the office, otherwise we will keep them on site and assume they are attending. We have the same behaviour expectations for a club as we do in the school day. Please support us by reminding your child of these expectations, thank you.

Closure Due to Bad Weather

It is that time of the year again and so in the extreme circumstances of the school being closed due to bad weather, you will be notified via the Arbor App. We will also ensure we update our school Facebook pages. The later opening option is sometimes a better option than closing completely, but we will keep you informed of decisions with as much notice as possible where we can. Just remember to keep checking your messages.



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As usual, if you have any concerns, worries or suggestions, do please come and talk to us.

Kind regards,
Lou Kirkman

Key dates

Spring Term 1	
W/C Monday 12 th January	After School Clubs start this week
Thursday 15 th January	Change of menu – details to follow
Thursday 22 nd January	Year 6 parent appointments
Friday 13 th February	Last day of Spring Term 1
Term Dates	
Monday 23 rd February	First day of Spring Term 2
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of Spring Term 2
Monday 20 th April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Summer Term 1
Monday 1 st June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 5 th June	Inset Day – School closed
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term 2

