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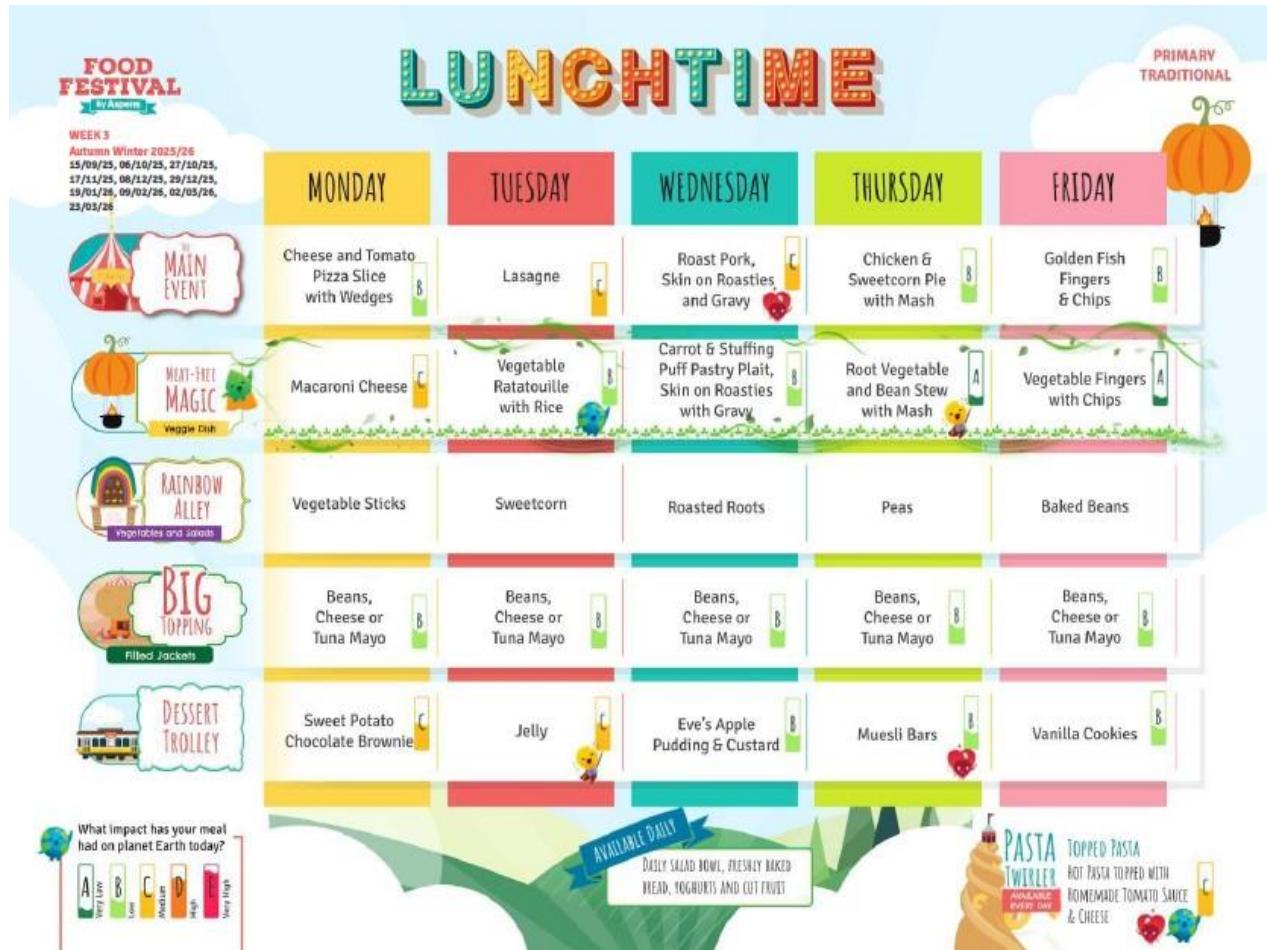
TONIGHT!!!



School Lunch Menu

Monday 9th - Friday 13th February 2026

A school meal is always available FREE of charge EVERYDAY for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



2026 Diary Dates

Friday 13th February - Break up for the half term holiday

Monday 23rd February - Return to school and nursery

Tuesday 24th Feb - Cross Country Peninsula Qual, Helston School **JUNIOR CHILDREN**

Thursday 2nd April - Break up for the Easter Holiday

Monday 20th April - Return to school and nursery

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - school & nursery **CLOSED**

Friday 8th May - School & nursery **CLOSED** - Culture Day

Friday 22nd May - Break up for the half term holiday

Monday 1st June - Return to school and nursery

Ordering Landewednack School Uniform

www.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/LandewednackPrimarySchoolTR127PB



Cross Country - Tuesday 24th February

The Cross Country season resumes on Tuesday 24th February at Helston Community College for our junior children. This race is the qualifier for the Peninsula finals and the top 8 runners from the Years 4, 5 & 6 will qualify for the Peninsula Finals (date and venue for this race to be confirmed nearer the time) Please let me (Lyndsay Bray) know via ClassDojo or email if your child/ren would like to run on the 24th!

Bag2School

In February the PTFA are running a **Bag2School** collection, so if anyone is thinking of clearing out space in their wardrobes...please hold off on that trip to the charity shop!



We will be making a massive drive for donated clothes and eligible items next month and will send out further information closer to the time.



Half Term Holiday Club...a message from June

We are hoping to run half term holiday club depending on numbers. If you would like a place for your child/children please put a message

on ClassDojo and we will see if the numbers make it viable to open. Thanks for your cooperation as always.

June. ☺

A message from Mrs Tattersall...

If you use wraparound care, please could you check on ParentPay to see if you owe anything. Many thanks

Messages from Mrs Jones...

You will have heard that schools nationally have been focusing on strengthening children's foundation skills. At Landewednack, we place a strong emphasis on early reading including phonics and have had well above national results since 2022. As well as phonics, this term we are placing particular emphasis on early maths and developing a strong sense of number.

Message from the Headteacher

Alongside daily maths lessons, children take part in daily 'Number Sense' sessions: Early number sense (EYFS), Number Facts Fluency (KS1/2) and Times Tables Fluency (KS2); it helps children understand the significance of numbers and their relationships. This is vital for laying the foundation for future maths mastery as well as fostering children's confidence and flexible thinking.

You can see our maths fluency plan on our website.

<https://www.landewednack.cornwall.sch.uk/web/mathsf241179>

On this page you will also see how we teach maths and at the bottom of the page you will find short videos explaining six key maths topics, how they are taught in school, and links to parent guides and resources. I hope they are useful.

Handwriting, spelling and (for our younger pupils) correct pencil grip are also important foundation skills. Children have been working hard on their presentation this term, and we look forward to sharing their progress with you. Parents' evenings will take place just before and after the February half term. Please look out for dates from your child's class teacher and book your appointment via e-schools. During these meetings, you will be able to see and hear how your child is progressing.

Spring Term SEN reviews for children on the Record of Need are also scheduled so please book up. If you have any concerns about your child at any time, please do get in touch. On another note, we are hoping to expand our lunchtime and after-school clubs. If you have a skill or interest—creative, practical, active or otherwise—that you would be happy to share with a small group of children for a short block of sessions, we would love to hear from you.



Miss Sadie

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to our Puffins Class Teacher, Miss Sadie, at the end of this term.

Please see the letter attached in my ClassDojo message explaining more. I will keep you informed during the process of recruitment.



Why Regular Attendance Matters for Your Child

Every day in primary school counts! Here's why:

- Learning Gaps – Missing lessons makes it harder to keep up.
- Social Skills – School helps children build friendships and confidence.
- Routine & Well-being – Consistent attendance gives stability and reduces anxiety.
- Future Success – Good habits now lead to better outcomes later.
- Extra Support – Schools offer resources your child can't access if they're absent.

Let's work together to give every child the best start!

Please see notice below that we are required to share with you each half term about unauthorised absences, including term time holidays:

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 £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further 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 for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also 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. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

This week's 'Picture News', shared with the children during our Wednesday assembly and for their grown ups to share with them at home.....



TAKE HOME

2nd - 8th February

Does seeing
yourself in a toy or
story help you feel
like you belong?

In the news this week

A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones. The doll was created with help from the autistic community, so more people can see themselves reflected in their toys.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think it's important for toys to show different kinds of people?
- How do you feel when you see a character or toy that is like you?
- Can you come up with other examples of books or toys that aim to help people feel included?
- How can we help other people feel included when they might feel different or left out?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Let's look at this week's story



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Individual Liberty

The Barbie doll highlights how everyone deserves to be themselves and use the tools that make them feel comfortable. It is a reminder that our differences are what make us special.

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Pool Rescue Surprise

On 2nd February, it is International Hedgehog Day – a day to learn and think about hedgehogs. Recently, one very special hedgehog has given everyone an extra reason to smile!

In South Africa, a hedgehog was found struggling in a swimming pool, as she had fallen into the water and could not get out. She was cold, wet, and very worn out! A wildlife rescuer called Hermien Grobler rushed to help her and then made sure she was warm, safe, and cared for. At first, the hedgehog just seemed to be resting and getting better.

However, the next morning brought a big surprise... the brave little hedgehog had three tiny babies! The South African Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre



Pictured: A tiny hoglet in a human's hand!
Source: Canva.

said the hedgehog mum and her babies were 'growing stronger by the day'.

Now, the hedgehog mum is eating lots to look after her prickly little family, and the babies are getting bigger each day. Baby hedgehogs are tiny when they are born, about the size of a large grape!

Did you know that baby hedgehogs are called hoglets?
A group of hoglets is called a prickle or an array!

Norway Charging Ahead!

In 2025, 96% of new cars sold in Norway were electric. This means most people choosing a new car there are picking one that runs on electricity, not petrol or diesel. Electric cars do not need fuel from a pump (like petrol and diesel cars do) because they have a large battery inside. This battery gives power to the car



Pictured: An electric car charging.
Source: Canva.

so it can move. When the battery gets low, the car is plugged in to charge, a bit like charging a phone or tablet.

Cars can be charged at home or at special charging points. Electric cars are very quiet and do not make exhaust fumes when they are being driven. Other countries are also seeing more electric cars being sold. In the UK, there are plans for no new petrol and diesel cars to be sold from 2030, and all new cars will be electric instead.

How old will you be in 2030? What do you think about electric cars? Have you seen any when you are out and about?

Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?



I want to care for all the pandas. They are my favourite and I would like to win an award when I am older for helping them. Xander

Time to Talk

Time to Talk Day is an awareness day encouraging people to talk to each other about mental health. This year it is on Thursday 5th February. The annual event is described by the charity, Mind, as 'the nation's biggest mental health conversation'. The day encourages everyone to talk about mental health as part of everyday life. It's a day for friends, families, communities, workplaces, and schools to come together to talk, listen, and change lives.



Pictured: People talking. Source: Canva.



Pictured: Children talking.
Source: Canva.

Some schools are holding special assemblies or lessons, organising fundraising events, or participating in walk and talks. You can find advice, ideas, and inspirational social media posts on the Mind website. Some examples are, 'You don't need to have all the answers to be a good listener. Sometimes a friendly ear and space to share is all someone needs. Let someone know they're being heard this Time To Talk Day.'

*Do you think it is good to talk about your feelings?
Who do you like to talk to?*

Ray Rescue

A mobula ray has been rescued after becoming entangled in fishing rope and encircled by sharks in the ocean, near Baja California, Mexico. Underwater photographers and free divers worked together to free a mobula ray that was about 18 metres underwater. The line, tied to a shark fisherman's buoy, was carefully cut away to eventually release the distressed and injured animal. The ray later swam back around the divers in what they described as a 'thank you' moment. The team of rescuers included photographer Andre Smits, who described the event. He said, 'It was completely entangled. The rope was going around almost every part of the ray! The beautiful thing was we cut her free, we released her, and



Pictured: Mobula Ray leaping from the ocean.
Source: Andre Smits on Facebook.

she swam away about 30 meters and then it felt like she decided to come back. She really swam back to us and did a 'thank you' circle. She came right between us to our faces, almost giving us a grateful hug.' Mobula rays, also called flying rays, are known for their energetic leaps out of the sea. Scientists say that they don't know exactly why they jump, but suggest it could be a way of removing parasites, a form of communication, part of mating displays, or they might be playing! *Do you know any facts about mobula rays? Why do you think they leap from the sea?*

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This award makes me want to find something in nature to protect – I want to find out all about it and then find out how people can protect it!
Adam
