

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have almost completed five weeks of the new school year — time is certainly flying by! It continues to be such a pleasure and a privilege to lead this wonderful school.

Today, as I walked around the classes, I felt such pride in our children. Their work ethic, their positive attitudes towards learning, and the way they warmly greet visitors are truly exceptional. Our pupils demonstrate impeccable manners and are confident in talking to others about their learning, proudly sharing what they are doing in the classroom. I truly believe that here at Jacobstow, we are growing confident, resilient, and kind young people, and they make me proud every single day.

We have a few special pieces of news to share and celebrate together:

Outstanding Food Hygiene Award

A couple of weeks ago, we were visited by the Cornwall Food Standards Agency Inspector. I am delighted to announce that the inspector was extremely impressed with what he saw. On inspection of our kitchen and food standards, our wonderful cook Joanne Wilton received a score of 5, the highest score that can be awarded. Please join me in congratulating Joanne and thanking her for the fantastic food she provides for our children every single day.



Staff Achievement – A Distinction for Karen Wilton

Staying with the Wilton family, we turn our attention to our LSA - Karen Wilton, who many of you will know as she has supported children across the school for the last few years. At the beginning of September, Karen completed her final assessments for her NPQ Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification. She has an exceptional work ethic, which has resulted in her achieving a distinction — a truly commendable result. We are so blessed to have such dedicated and talented staff working here at Jacobstow. Huge congratulations to both Karen and Joanne on their incredible achievements.

Census Day Success

A huge well done and thank you to all our families and children for your support on Census Day. We had a brilliant time with our sports-themed day, and I am thrilled to report that we achieved 100% attendance and 100% of children had school lunches on that day. This means we were able to secure the highest amount of funding possible for a school of our size — an amazing result that directly benefits all of our children. Thank you for working with us to give your children the very best.

Parent Tours for September 2026 Starters

If you know anyone with children starting school in September 2026, please do share the details of our Parent Tours with them. We have set times for tours, but families are also welcome to book alternative times if these

don't suit. I truly believe Jacobstow has the very best to offer children in this area, and we would love to welcome new families to come and see our school in action.

Harvest Festival – 22nd October, 9:30am

We warmly invite parents, carers, and members of the community to join us for our **Harvest Festival Service**, which will take place in the church at **9:30am on Wednesday 22nd October**. This will be a celebration of the harvest and of our wonderful local, farming community — a time to give thanks to our farmers for all they do and provide for us.

Movie Night – Thursday 23rd October – 15:20- 18:00

Our third Movie Night will take place on Thursday 23rd October for children of all ages. These evenings have been a huge success — children love changing into their pyjamas, snuggling up with their blankets, enjoying a film together while eating hotdogs and popcorn. The film choice will be announced next week!

Reminders

- **School gates** open at *8:35am* and the school day begins promptly at *8:45am*.
The school day finishes at *3:20pm* (or *4:15pm* if attending a club). Please ensure your child arrives on time and is collected promptly.
- **Uniform:** Thank you for ensuring children are smartly dressed in red jumpers, white shirts and black shoes (trainers only on PE days).

As we head into the weekend, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful, restful few days with your families. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Michelle Jones

Headteacher
Jacobstow Primary School

Research tells us that excellent attendance improves children's mental health, learning progress and attainment. Our school promotes excellent attendance from all our pupils. The table below is extremely useful in helping us to understand the impact in terms of hours of learning lost through absence. Please know that if you child is feeling under the weather, we are able to give them calpol with your permission.



Percentage	Days in School	Days off School	Weeks off School	Learning Hours Lost
100	190	0	0	0
96%	182	8	1.5	40
95%	180	10	2	50
90%	170	20	4	100
85%	160	30	6	150
80%	150	40	8	200
75%	140	50	10	250

We expect parents to contact the school office before the school day starts when your child is going to be absent to explain the reason why. We will contact the parents on the first day of absence, where a reason has not been provided. If absence continues without explanation, further contact will be made to ensure safeguarding.

Term time holidays will be unauthorised. Please speak to Mrs Jones if you wish to discuss further.
Thank you for your cooperation.

"Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world."
Nelson Mandela



JACOBSTOW
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 14th October 09:00

Thursday 16th October 16:00 - 18:00

Friday 17th October - 09:00 - 14:00

CHILD
STARTING
SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER
2026?

Come along for a tour of our wonderful, friendly school, have an opportunity to talk to staff and pupils and see what Jacobstow Community Academy has to offer you and your child.

WHY CHOOSE JACOBSTOW?

- ✓ Beautiful, rural setting including forest school
- ✓ Rated Good in all areas by Ofsted June 2025
- ✓ Outstanding EYFS outdoor area
- ✓ Passionate about meeting the needs of all children

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO
BOOK A TOUR:

01840 230337



A place where children grow, flourish and achieve
the extraordinary

