

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, please accept my apologies that this newsletter did not come out on Friday. It was an extremely busy week in school with so much going on. During the first two weeks of this half term, many exciting things have been happening, and these have been shared on our school Facebook page. If you are not already following us, can I encourage you to like and follow our page and, maybe, encourage friends and family to follow us too – they will be able to see some of the lovely things happening at Jacobstow Community Academy.

Thank You for Attending Parents' Evening

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who attended Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see so many families taking such an active interest in their children's education. We truly believe that the greatest impact comes when parents and carers work together with us, and we deeply appreciate the positive relationships we share with you.

Eco-Council Visit from the LAP Business Team

On Tuesday 5th November, we welcomed members of the LAP Business Team. They met with our Eco-Council and toured the school to learn more about the sustainable resources we are using. The children spoke with great confidence about our eco-friendly whiteboard pencils, refillable glue sticks, and pens and the recycling we are doing. This was a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to showcase their ideas and to work alongside the business team to influence positive, lasting change across the Trust.



Year 5 & 6 Trip to Cornwall at War Museum

On Thursday 6th November, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic day at the Cornwall at War Museum. They learned all about World War II and were shown around by experts who really brought history to life. I'm delighted to report that the children's behaviour was impeccable. Staff at the museum commented on their wonderful manners, which made us extremely proud.

English Curriculum Support

On Monday, we welcomed Carly Watson, English Lead for LAP, who spent the day with us reviewing English across the school. She supported us in refining our curriculum and teaching, and led whole-staff training on whole-class reading—helping us continue to build a culture where children love reading and read for pleasure.

PSFA Quiz Night Success

A huge thank you to everyone who joined the PSFA's first event of the year—a quiz night at the Coombe Barton pub in Crackington. The event was very well attended and the PSFA raised an incredible £690!! We are so grateful to everyone who gave their time and effort to support the school.



Attendance Success

I want to say a huge well done and congratulations to all at Jacobstow for such fantastic attendance so far this year. At the end of Autumn 1, our attendance was 97.1%, making us the second highest across the Trust. This achievement was recognised and praised by Evie Semmens, who monitors attendance across the schools, as well as by Cornwall Council, who hold us to account. Let's keep this up and ensure children are in school as much as possible so they can achieve their very best.

Goodbye and Best Wishes to Miss Hunter

On Friday, we said goodbye to Miss Hunter as she began her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best as she prepares to welcome her baby, and we look forward to meeting the new arrival when she is ready to bring them in!

Coffee Morning – Thursday at 9am

A reminder that our next coffee morning will take place this Thursday at 9am. Everyone is welcome. During this time, we will discuss some of the points raised in the recent parent survey. Overall, the feedback was extremely positive, and we are delighted that so many of you feel so warmly about Jacobstow Community Academy. We are always looking at ways to improve further, and your thoughts and suggestions are invaluable.

Thank you, as always for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. I hope you all have a wonderful week and enjoy the crisp, sunny weather we've started with.

Kindest regards,

Michelle Jones

Headteacher

Jacobstow Community Academy

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.

Admissions policy for 2027-28: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Cornwall, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements – the admissions schemes through which you can apply. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page. [Jacobstow Community Academy - Admissions](#)

The consultation runs between 3rd November and 15th December.

Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March

