



IN THE KNOW

Staffing update

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Claire, who joins our current teaching staff compliment after half term, in an upper school class.

We also welcome Rhianne and Helen as two new TAs. All are joining in preparation for the opening of our newbuild!

Policy of the week is: Health & Safety.

[Click here](#) to keep up to date with our Health and Safety policy.

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

As we move further into the term and our last newsletter before the half term break, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support.

A particular thank you goes to everyone for embracing our new parking procedures. Your cooperation has made a noticeable difference—reducing congestion at drop-off and pick-up times and, importantly, enhancing the safety and security of our site for all children, families, and staff. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

We've had some wonderful extra curricular enrichment opportunities this term. Our Bikeability sessions have been a great success, helping our learners build confidence and skills that will support their independence. And our recent trip to the beach was a highlight for many, providing both a fun and memorable experience outside the classroom.

I hope our families will be able to join us for our Your Child's Future event on the 22nd May. This is a great opportunity to network with other educational providers and support services. Wishing you a wonderful weekend. *Heidi Hoskin*



SPOTLIGHT ON... School Transport & Parking Procedures

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been following the new procedures — your support is greatly appreciated.

Despite our efforts to manage traffic flow, congestion at the front of the school has reached a level that poses a significant safety risk. It has also affected the timing of end-of-day departures, with staff needing to work extended hours to manage delays.

To help reduce congestion and prioritise the wellbeing of students and staff, we have introduced new measures:

- Drop-off and collection parking spaces are now available in the top car park, located to the left of the entrance, in the bottom row in front of the green fencing.
- The gates to the walkway will be open from 9:15–9:30am and 3:30–3:45pm, providing access to reception.
- We kindly ask that all parents, carers, and respite providers use either the top car park or the cricket club car park during drop-off and pick-up times.
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Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work together to maintain a safe and supportive environment for everyone in our school community.

MEDICAL TRACKER

Today was the deadline for approving care plans and medications on medical tracker, for your child. So far, we have had 320 medical conditions approved, so we wish to thank you for your support with the transition to this new mandatory system. If you have any IT issues or require support, Emma our administrator will be available on Monday morning to assist. This will ensure that your child will be able to receive their medications on Monday, and their care plans followed.



LEADERSHIP INSIGHTS... Read all about what we get up to...

LETS GET TO KNOW...

Nikki Williamson
Class
Teacher



Nikki has worked at Doubletrees for three months. She began working in different classes and building relationships with children and adults in the school. Nikki is now the Teacher in Cedar class and loving every minute. She also helps run Open Orchestra with children throughout the school. She loves this as music is her passion. (She plays lots of instruments including the flute, ukulele, bass, acoustic and classical guitar and is learning the saxophone and violin).

About me: Outside of school I live close to the school and love exploring the local area. I love nature, birds, being outside especially near water and taking photos. I have four grown up children and have been married to my handsome husband for 32 years!

Fun Fact: My husband used to be in the Navy, fixing helicopters so I've had the chance to fly in lots of different helicopters (even though I'm scared of flying!)

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Communication

Communication is a core subject area at Doubletrees school focusing on key words, Makaton signs and the use of core boards. Core boards have been incorporated into our daily routines and lessons, allowing all learners to communicate their needs, wants and understanding of an activity taking place. (Attached a picture of Holly class and a learner learning the Makaton sign for help and learners using core boards during their lessons).

We have asked the learners through school council what signs they would like us to learn to support their needs. These will be placed in classrooms and corridors to help support the learners.



SHOWCASING...

Discovery Pathway



Discovery Pathway are looking forward to an exciting summer term.

We will all be visiting Par track to take part in a Bikeability session and will be using some of the skills we have been learning in school to visit the cafe for a snack.

We are all working hard to prepare for the events at our annual sports day when we will all come together at the Cricket Club to take part in egg and spoon races, obstacle courses and field events.

Later in the summer term we are also planning a whole pathway trip to Par beach to finish our topics of 'Waves' and 'The Beach'.

Cedar class will be making some treats to share as their topic has been 'What's on the menu?'

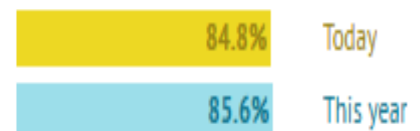
SPOTLIGHT ON...

Attendance

Regular school attendance impacts far more than just academic achievement it is the cornerstone of our learners success. A consistent presence in the classroom boosts attainment and fosters crucial social and emotional growth.

Whole School Attendance

84.8%





STUDENT STORIES & STAR LEARNERS!

Each week we have a star learner assembly where we recognise all of our learners achievements. We select a star learner that corresponds with our core values below...

ACHIEVE TJ in the Cherry class for coping really well with change and challenges, and working hard in Maths and English. Well done! A great achievement.

BELONG Willow class star learner is Mason for using the word of the week independently within an activity to ask for help from an adult.

COMMUNICATE Claude in the Orchard is our star of the week for fantastic listening to instructions, all week!

DEVELOP Our star learner in Holly, was Jake for developing his instrument playing skills during our instrumental phonics sessions.

ENJOY Lowen is star learner this week in Juniper for turn-taking with peers in group sessions, copying actions and waiting for his turn. Great sharing Lowen! It was lovely to see how much he enjoyed the sessions.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Forest School

With the wonderful weather we have been having things have been warming up at forest school. Learners have enjoyed both the shade of the trees in full leaf and time on the long grass under the blossom of the apple trees. We are using areas of the school as 'no mow may' to encourage biodiversity around the site.

The polytunnel is very hot so the main task is getting it 'planting ready' with lots of watering - which has been fun for all! Growing a potato in a bucket challenge has been set with a few classes taking up the challenge (elm class has been very inventive with the bucket choice, whilst also recycling - amazing! Watch this space for results when we harvest.

Happy gardening!



POST 14 BEACH TRIP! Exploring the Sun, Sea & Sand!

Some of Elm went to the beach to explore the sights and sounds. We loved seeing the wind in the trees, listening to the birds and exploring the different types of flowers and plants at the beach. We all want to go back and have a picnic on the beach next time!



EYFS

Please [click here](#) to see what we have achieved this week in EYFS....



ENGAGEMENT

Please [click here](#) to see what we have achieved this week in the Engagement Pathway....



EXPLORATION

Please [click here](#) to see what we have achieved this week in the Exploration Pathway....



DISCOVERY

Please [click here](#) to see what we have achieved this week in the Discovery Pathway....



POST-14

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COMMUNITY CORNER

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY...

Please [click here](#) for the latest NHS community services such as mental health, food restrictive disorders and learning disability services available in Cornwall to young persons and their families.

Please come along and meet some fantastic organisations and look at what support and opportunities are available for you and your family now, and in the future.

Your Child's Future Thursday 22nd May

**10:30 until 12:00
at Doubletrees**

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us for a 5 session online workshop where we will teach you practical strategies to support your child with their anxiety and worries

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

Please click on the QR code to join the Anxiety and Worries Workshop.

DID YOU KNOW?

DOUBLETREES DOUBLES NATURE! RECEIVING A RHS GRANT FOR OUR OUTDOOR SPACES

Exciting news here at Doubletrees; the RHS (Royal Horticulture Society) through Nature Parks, have awarded our school a grant!

The purpose of the grant is to both:

- 1: Improve biodiversity across the school site and
- 2: Empower children and young adults to make a positive difference to both their own and to nature's future.

We are focusing on two outdoor areas at the school – the 'Sensory Garden' and the 'Kitchen Garden' as both are fully accessible to all of our learners.

Our mantra for this work is:

'Trees and plants native to the area are ideal choices as they have adapted to their environment and have created an ecosystem that helps with resistance to insects and diseases. Local nurseries are being used to acquire plants for project for plant health and longevity, to cut down carbon footprint and support local businesses. Encouraging biodiversity is important to attract birds, insects and mammals to set up habitats and find food. Plants will be child friendly, encouraging sensory exploration and potentially have a use for commerce, moving forward'



KEY EVENTS

Thursday 22nd May—Your Child's Future Event 10:30– 12:00

26th—30th May 2025—Half Term

Monday 2nd June— Learners return to school

SPORTS DAYS

Tuesday 24th June - Engage, EYFS and Exploration Pathway events.

Wednesday 25th June - Discovery Pathway Events.