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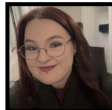
### Staffing updates:



**Sarah Jenkin** has left us this term for a new life in Scotland. We will miss you very much Sarah. You have made a significant impact, and we thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

### We welcome the following TA staff to our team:

#### Autumn Donno



**Fiona James**



**Ellie Brett**



**Rosa Ridout**



**And Elicia Cann. Teacher.**

## HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



As we approach the end of the summer term, and this will be our last newsletter before the summer break next Friday, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and involvement play a vital role in the success of our learners journeys, and we value everyone's commitment to our Doubletrees community.

This term has been filled with many highlights, including a fantastic sports day where everyone demonstrated great team spirit, resilience, and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, cheering us all on and sharing in the celebrations (and the water soakings!) We also had the pleasure of recognising the achievements of our Duke of Edinburgh participants in our post 14 teams. Their commitment, perseverance, and personal growth throughout the programme have been inspiring, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished.

Our transition days have been very successful, and all of our learners have enjoyed getting to know their new class teams and peers, and we are very proud of how our learners have embraced the changes in preparation for their new class teams and classrooms in September. We say good bye to some of our learners who are now moving on to alternative and further education providers in the next phase of their lives. We will miss you all!

\*A reminder, the last day of school for learners will be Friday 18th July 2025.

As we look ahead to a well-deserved and hopefully sunny summer break, I wish all of our families and staff a fun and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year.

*Heidi Hoskin*

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### Friends of Doubletrees Charity - Generously Fundraising and Supporting our School

We are delighted to share with you all the fantastic efforts that our Friends of Doubletrees charity (FOD) have achieved to raise funds for our school; which we are currently very gratefully utilising in the re-development of our school playgrounds. Phase one of the update included the installation of the new swing set in the adventure playground (pictured). The money raised by the Tesco blue tokens and the efforts of the FOD team made this possible. FOD have also been raising the profile of our school in the community, and so far have secured donations from Imerys (who have donated £850) and St Austell Brewery (who have donated £1000) Amazing work! The team are now busy in the community raising more funds for phase two, where we hope to install a wheelchair swing and accessible trampoline in the future. If you are interested in joining FOD and helping us to achieve even more, please email [friendsofdoubletrees@doubletrees.org.uk](mailto:friendsofdoubletrees@doubletrees.org.uk) to enquire. Thank you for all you do FOD!



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



## LETS GET TO KNOW...

Claire Astle  
Teacher. Post 14



My name is Clare and I will be the new teacher within the post 14 team. I am thrilled to be part of the upper school team and Doubletrees community. I have been an English teacher in secondary education for a long time and am so excited to transfer my skills and learn new ones here.

*About me:* I love baking, reading, being with my husband and daughter, eating out, and spending time with those I love! Although a very unpopular opinion, I can't stand salt and vinegar crisps (or vinegar in general) or coffee! I am an avid member of my local Makaton choir (Community Signing Choirs Cornwall) – it's safe to say that I am probably a better signer than I am singer.

And finally, unless meeting 90s Pop icons East 17 as a teenager counts, my claim to fame is that I have climbed Sydney Harbour Bridge!

## SHOWCASING...

Creative & Expressive Arts

We, as a Silver Artsmark Awarded school, see the Arts as another way to communicate and interact with our learners and we like to use it as a tool in our teaching. It engages, motivates and inspires learners to participate, interact and be a part of our community. We observe reactions to sound and movement and encourage proactivity by providing exciting resources to dance with, make a mark or to create sound. Our resources are accessible and available for everyone to find something they can resonate with. We have huge gathering drums, resonance boards, sets of instruments from around the world and this year we have been experimenting with a use of ICT in music and communication sessions. We love to interact and can use resources or our bodies to give time to each other, listen and respond without words. Beauty and magic is created here frequently. We have had a wide range of professional artists and performers to the school including local dance company UPG, Drums4fun, the Garker Street Band, Shallal and CScape dance company. Many of our connections have been made through the AsOne Hub or Kreative Arts Kernow through funded opportunities. We have enjoyed setting up extra-curricular opportunities like Makaton choir, Open orchestra and music tuition or therapy. This week we enjoyed yet another concert organised as a result of The Boconnoc Estate Music Festival, this time a string quartet 'Apollo' from The Royal College of Music came to awe and wow us with their talents. Please contact the school if you would like to sign up to individual music tuition in September as we have some spaces which have become available.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

Curriculum Updates & Community Connections

We've been busy behind the scenes reviewing and updating our school curriculum in preparation for an exciting rollout this September. These changes are designed to better support our students' learning and personal development, and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon. Keep an eye on our school website for the latest updates.

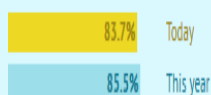
In Upper School, we're placing a stronger emphasis on preparing students for life beyond the classroom. This includes expanding opportunities for them to engage with our local community—whether through visits, projects, or partnerships that build real-world skills and confidence.

We'd also love to involve our students in shaping these experiences. If your child or young person has a favourite local destination they think others would enjoy or benefit from, please let us know! Their input could help guide future outings and community connections.

Stay tuned for more developments as we get ready for a fantastic year ahead!

## Whole School Attendance

83.7%



## 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. Our attendance target at Doubletrees is 91%.



## 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** Our star learner in Cherry class was Heather; she was amazing at Bikeability, cycling independently on the two wheeled bike. A great achievement!

**BELONG** Juniper class star learner is Leo, for engaging in a range of play activities and independently engaging with self help skills during mealtimes.

**COMMUNICATE** Laura in Elm class for spending time and communicating with new learners and building new friendships. Well Done.

**DEVELOP** Lily in the Redwood class for using her hands to reach, engage and develop her skills with the guitar during music lessons.

**ENJOY** Piran in Oak class for supporting with classroom tidying and enjoying tasks that help to keep our environment safe.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

### Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Over the past school year, students in both Cherry and Elm classes have been working on their physical, volunteering and skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh award. They have used PE, cookery, music, and supporting the school with a range of extra activities both in class and outdoors. Class members have completed these sections with enthusiasm and gained knowledge and experience in some new skills. Seven members of Cherry class took part in their Duke of Edinburgh expedition on Monday and Tuesday. It was the bronze award for two learners and a practice silver for the remaining five learners. The weather was fair but challenging with the wind, which made putting the shelter up great fun! We stuck to our team goal/moto 'Its not just about winning but how you play the game' (chosen by the learners), to help us through the day.



The cricket ground was where we took all of our equipment to set up camp and make our lunches. We enjoyed a walk to the co-op to shop for further supplies for our lunches for the two days, and we chose a yummy chocolatey pudding to help give us energy to wash up and put all the equipment safely away. There was lots of enthusiasm to help with cooking the burgers and onions, and learners also created a very healthy salad to go on the side. All washed down with a cup of hot chocolate. Well done everyone!

### EYFS

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



### ENGAGEMENT

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



### EXPLORATION

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



### DISCOVERY

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



### POST-14

Please click [here](#) to see what we have achieved in Post 14 this week..





## COMMUNITY CORNER

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY...

Please [click here](#) for free events provided by PlayWaze for events in our local community that are free or low cost, such as swimming, sports, arts & crafts and play activities.



Please [click here](#) for Free or Under £5 events happening in our local community over the Summer break provided by the Together for Families service.



Action for Children Cornwall SPACE is a Cornwall Council funded service providing Holiday Activities for disabled children and young people aged between 5 – 18 years. We offer disabled children and young people exciting new activities to try, providing families with an all-important short break. Please [click here](#) to see what Holiday activities are available in your local area.



### DID YOU KNOW? - Support & Advice Services for Families – Message from the Service Director - Education and Children's Community Health

'I am writing to remind you of the services and signposting available to families, for support and advice'

A wide range of help and support is available to families in Cornwall.

All families can access our [Parenting Offer](#) – a comprehensive range of self-help resources, groups and free parenting programmes that all parents can explore and book themselves onto (you don't have to be referred or have an assessment).

Our award-winning [Family Information Service](#) can be accessed by all families to easily understand the range of support available including childcare, activities and the SEND Local Offer for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Families can request support from Cornwall's [Early Help Hub](#), the front door to targeted Early Help services. Early Help Hub staff will consider with the family whether the child is eligible for support and which service is most appropriate. Information about our Early Help Hub is [here](#)'

*Eveleen Riordan  
Service Director - Education and Children's Community Health*

### KEY EVENTS:

**Friday 18.07.25 - End of the Summer Term for learners.**

Saturday 26.07.25. Doubletrees Art Display at St Austell Art Festival 10—4. Unit G1 White River Place (previous peacocks store) Come and see our creations!

Monday 08.09.25 - Learners return to school for the start of the Autumn Term.

### ASDA CASH FOR SCHOOLS!

Playground Project  
Under Construction!

Thank You for Supporting  
ASDA's Cash for Schools  
Initiative!



We are thrilled to share some more fantastic news, thanks to your incredible support, Doubletrees School has raised **£451.54** through ASDA's Cash for Schools initiative. On top of that, we were awarded an additional **£364.30**, bringing our total to an amazing **£815.84!**

These funds will go directly towards the next phase of our **playground redesign project**, which will provide even more engaging and inclusive spaces for all our young people to enjoy.