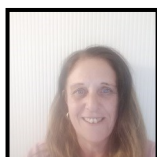




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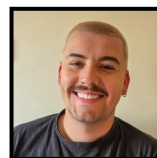
Staffing updates

We welcome our new Teaching Assistants and class Teacher to our Doubletrees compliment.



Kirsty Howard who joins the Juniper class

Stephanie Cutts who joins our Maple class



Jacob Eaton who joins our Sycamore class

and Claire Foley who is the new teacher for the Hazel class.



HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



As we approach the end of the half term, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our learners, families, and staff for their continued commitment to making our school a safe, enriching, and enjoyable place to be. Your support and involvement play a vital role in creating the positive learning environment we strive for every day.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on delivering the priorities set out in our School Development Plan, which you can read more about on page two. These goals are central to our mission of helping every child thrive—academically, socially, and emotionally.

We're excited to continue working together this year to ensure every learner reaches their full potential. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

As this is the last newsletter before the break, I wish you all a restful and safe half term, enjoying all the Autumn festivities.

Heidi Hoskin

SAFETY ADVICE ON...

Halloween/Bonfire Safety with the Child Accident Prevention Trust

With Halloween and Bonfire Night all quickly approaching this is one of the most atmospheric and exciting times of the year for children. But it can also be one of the most dangerous.

Did you know that sparklers burn 16 times hotter than a kettle? Or that powerful rockets unsuited to family back gardens are on sale to parents online? Please click on the helpful link below, so we can all stay safe while enjoying the festivities this Autumn.

[Click here](#) for handy safety guides and accident prevention advice with CAPT.



Scheduled Roadworks in St Austell...

Wales & West Utilities in partnership with Cornwall Council will be carrying out essential gas pipe replacement works in St Austell (near ASDA) from the 8th Oct until Christmas. Please can families ensure that provision is made to arrive on time for drop off and collection, to facilitate a smooth transition for our learners. Thank you



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

FOCUS ON... School Development Plan 2025-26

At Doubletrees School, we are committed to helping every learner become as independent as possible and ready for life beyond school. Here's what we're focusing on this year:

1. Working Together with Families

- Building stronger partnerships with parents and carers.
- Clear communication and inclusion for all families.
- Developing a Parent Partnership Handbook to support understanding and access.

2. Empowering Our Staff

- Providing leadership opportunities for staff at all levels.
- Creating a safe and supportive environment for idea sharing.
- Encouraging collaboration to help children thrive.

3. A Curriculum for Life

- Equipping pupils with essential life skills and experiences.
- Expanding learning opportunities beyond the classroom.
- Including community visits and real-life experiences.

4. Supporting Every Learner

- Ensuring consistent EHCP processes to meet individual needs.
- Removing barriers to learning for full participation.
- Using trauma-informed and total communication strategies for wellbeing and inclusion.

5. Enabling Pupil Voice

- Ensuring all pupils have a variety of ways to share their views and shape their learning.
- Developing new tools for sharing views and decision-making.

6. Preparing for Independence

- Supporting autonomy in learning and daily life.
- Celebrating achievements and progress.
- Prioritising meaningful community access experiences.

SPOTLIGHT ON... On-Line Safety & Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is bullying online and can take place across many different platforms such as WhatsApp, Snapchat and on games such as Roblox and Minecraft.

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied online, let them know it's not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may wish to set up any parental controls that are available.

Further information

Please [click here](#) for further information and advice about online safety and parental controls.

SHOWCASING... PSHE

Hello! My name is Emma Kalarus, and I'm excited to be leading PSHE/RSE this year, alongside my role as the class teacher in Holly and Exploration Pathway Lead.

This term, the learners are focusing on key areas of personal development through engaging and meaningful activities:

Lower School are exploring different types of relationships through a range of sensory-based activities. Pupils are learning to recognise familiar peers and adults in school and are developing positive peer interactions.

Middle School are focusing on self-awareness, learning how to build trusting relationships, get along with others, and understand the difference between public and private behaviours and spaces.

Upper School are exploring self-esteem, engaging in activities that help them recognise what they're great at and the things they enjoy doing.

Across all pathways, we are also placing a focus on health and hygiene. We're thrilled to be working in partnership with Brighter Smiles, who have kindly supplied every learner with a tooth brushing pack. As part of this initiative, we'll be working towards a school accreditation scheme with the aim of achieving an award here at Doubletrees School, so please keep an eye out for more information coming soon! In addition, we will continue to use our PSHE topic boxes to support learners who may be going through difficult situations, whether in or outside of school. If there are any changes or challenges at home that you feel may affect your child, please do let us know so we can offer the right support in school.

Emma Kalarus. Holly class teacher & PSHE lead



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 Kyle was star learner in Juniper for transitioning really well into school and around the building, as well as joining group sessions independently. Great achievement!

BELONG Star of the week in Sycamore is Connor for how he has settled into his new class and environment!

COMMUNICATE Apple Class star Learner last week was Romeo for fantastic tactile exploration and communication in our Autumn treasures sensory walk.

DEVELOP Evie is our star of the week in Redwood, for working hard and developing her hand skills.

ENJOY Tilly in Cedar class for having a great week and enjoying singing and playing in the open orchestra.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Fire Engine Visit for Fire Prevention Week

Last week, firefighters from St Austell station visited Doubletrees as part of Fire Prevention Week! All Pathways had an interactive time exploring the fire engine, learning about all the special equipment the firefighters use and trying on some of their heavy protective gear. We enjoyed learning about fire safety and how to keep ourselves and our environments safe.

A huge thank you to the St Austell Fire Service for such a fun and inspiring visit!



National Poetry Day in Redwood

Autumn Sensory Stories

We were excited to invite Maple Class to join with us to explore our Autumn poem.

The learners embraced the sights, sounds, textures, and smells of Autumn, bringing the poems to life with their senses. They wowed at the falling leaves that swirled around them, feeling the crisp, textured pine cones in their hands and enjoyed warm, comforting scent of hot chocolate!

It was a lovely opportunity to share our love of story telling with our friends across the school.



EYFS

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



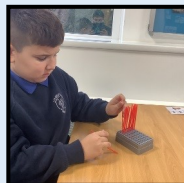
ENGAGEMENT

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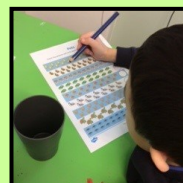
EXPLORATION

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



DISCOVERY

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



POST-14

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





COMMUNITY CORNER

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY...

Together for Families have compiled a fantastic list of accessible free and under £5 events for over the half term break. Please [click here](#) for more information

Parent Carers Cornwall have some workshops for parents in November/December. Please [click here](#) for more information and how to book.

UNDERSTANDING WHOLE BODY REGULATION TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S FUNCTIONING

03
DEC

🕒 10:30 am - 2:30 pm (GMT+00:00)

INTRODUCTION TO SENSORY PROCESSING AND THE IMPACT ON A CHILD'S FUNCTIONING

14
NOV

🕒 10:30 am - 2:30 pm (GMT+00:00)

Please [click here](#) to read all about the new post 16 education, training and employment youth text service!

Cornwall SPACE Action for Children hold many referral based activities over half terms and school holiday's. Please [click here](#) for more information about what is available in the local area, and how to book.

DID YOU KNOW? Bridges for Change CIC

Bridges for change is a newly formed CIC that aims to provide a voice for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs to have their voice heard at every strategic level within the local authority and the local health services.

We will arrange consultations across the full spectrum of need of families and work with both children services and adult services including transition from one to another to ensure good co-production of changes in services We will also provide a limited number of accessible activities working with providers and funders who have a track record of delivering to children and young people with additional needs.

We are also a platform for providing other support to families such as food vouchers and making grant applications to organisations such as family fund and emergency essentials.

We are proud to be part of the Disability Alliance which is chaired by Disability Cornwall and IOS And is a group of 10 organisations supporting different communities of disabled people across Cornwall.

Through our social media platform we enable parents and carers to give and receive support from one another in the challenging environment of parenting a disabled child or young person.

[Click here](#) for more information about Bridges for Change or email us; bridgesforchange@outlook.com



KEY EVENTS

Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025. Half Term.

Monday 3rd November 2025 learners return to school for Autumn term 2.

Thursday 13th November—Children in need cake sale in school! Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated. Wear spotty clothes. Suggested donation £1. We are celebrating a day early this year due to school photos the next day.

Friday 14th November—Harlequin Photography on site; professional individual school photos.

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED

Children in Need 2025



Discovery cake sale
(Donations greatly appreciated!)
Wear spots or 'children in need'
themed clothing for a £1 donation



When?

Thursday 13th November
(Due to school photos
on Friday 14th November)

What?

**Cake sale and wearing spotty
Children in Need clothing**

**For further information please
speak to your class team**

