



## IN THE KNOW

### Staffing updates:



We welcome Megan Gent to Doubletrees who joins our current TA compliment, as a flexi TA over our school site. Welcome to the team Megan!

We are also excited to announce that we have been busy interviewing for the posts of Family & School Support Officer and Operations Manager this week. Once the final stages of the recruitment process have completed, we will update you in the new year. Watch this space!

Policy of the week is..... Our on-line safety policy. Please [click here](#) to view the policy and learn more.

## HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



As we approach the festive period and with just one week left before the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the Autumn term. It has been a busy, rewarding few months for our learners and our school community.

We have embraced healthy outdoor learning through our Forest School sessions and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in rugby activities with the Cornish Pirates. Our learners have also been active within the community, with visits to Par Garden Centre, accessible cycling sessions through Bikeability, and many festive learning and fundraising experiences, all of which count towards their work related and personal learning goals.

A particular highlight has been our very successful Christmas Fayre, which brought together families, staff and learners in a wonderful celebration of creativity and community spirit.

Thank you once again for your support. I wish you all a restful, enjoyable, and festive break as we look forward to the final week of term and the celebrations it brings.

*Heidi Hoskin*

## CELEBRATING... Christmas Cheer 2025!

This issue we celebrate all things Christmas! We have lots of 'Thank yous to extend for making the end of this term, a very festive one. Thank you to Par Garden Centre for donating our beautiful tree and for Santa and his Elves for delivering it to us and visiting all of our classes. The learners were overjoyed to see you all and had a great time making their sparkly decorations to go on it!

Thanking the Range store for hosting a bag packing and Christmas carol event, where some of our Discovery and Post 14 learners enjoyed the community spirit while working towards their work experience targets.

Thank you to all of our Doubletrees community for your continued support this term, and going forwards in to 2026. Your contributions are what makes our school a positive and enriching place to be. Merry Christmas from all at Doubletrees.



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



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS...

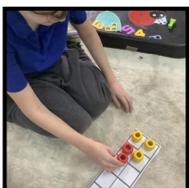
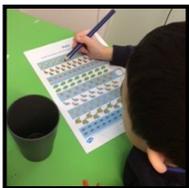
Our school development and quality assurance focus this fortnight has been on understanding the barriers to learning that some of our pupils may be experiencing.

This was not about teaching, but about really looking at what our young people are accessing during the school day, and gaining insight into their learning experiences.

Some of our governors joined us for this, and it was a valuable exercise. Many strengths were identified, and we now have a clear focus for next steps.

A huge thank you to all our teachers and support staff for welcoming us into your classrooms – it is always a pleasure and a privilege for governors and the Senior Leadership Team to spend time with our wonderful learners in the class environment.

*Jo Hobbs. Assistant Head Teacher*



## SPOTLIGHT ON... On-line Safety



### New Guidance from OFCOM

July saw the beginning of OFCOM'S first statutory guidance for tech companies operating in the UK, enforcing legislation brought in with the Online Safety Act. We would like to remind all families that social media platforms have 13+ usage agreements: WhatsApp, Snapchat, Facebook, TikTok and others should not be accessed by primary age children.

### Artificial Intelligence Concerns

With AI-enabled systems so easy to access, and the increasing rise in AI chatbots, warnings have been issued around children using these alone, without sufficient checks in place. AI misinformation is another huge concern. Please stay aware and cautious around your child's online access.

### Delaying smartphone access

With secondary schools across Cornwall tightening up on policies on smartphone use, many families are looking for alternatives as their children grow older. 'Basic phones' can be a practical choice, with long-lasting batteries and little potential for online safety worries.

*Tamsin Kennedy. Online Safety Lead and Willow class teacher.*

## SHOWCASING... Maths

In EYFS, learners are applying their mathematical skills through cooking and sensory exploration. This includes counting scoops of ingredients and using jugs for emptying and filling. Prior to applying this, learners will have accessed number and measure tasks through continuous provision and TEACCH.

In Exploration, learners are embedding data handling through matching groups through different mediums. This may be sorting shapes by properties in the SI room or neon colours in the sensory room. This incorporates learning about shape and sequencing.

In Discovery, learners are working on the use of manipulatives and corresponding visuals to embed number fact recall to begin to solve abstract problems. Learners will also work on weight and measure, through practical application before applying skills around differentiating temperatures within different contexts.

In Upper School, learners are continuing their cooking enterprise to apply their functional math skills when preparing food from around the world. They will also be accessing the community to further embed these skills which involve budgeting for a trip and comparing travel or food prices.

*Victoria Farrelly. Maths Lead and Juniper class teacher*



## 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** Star of the week in Sycamore class is Logan for fantastic listening and responding to instructions!

**BELONG** Adam in Elm class, for excellent participation in our class trip to the garden centre, and making us all laugh with his jokes. Well done Adam!

**COMMUNICATE** Delilah in Hazel class is our star learner, for excellent listening and trying her very best in phonics and singing hands sessions.

**DEVELOP** Apple Class Star Learner is Marc for fantastic exploration of sound this week. Marc has been showing different responses to sounds, with wide eyes and smiling and vocalising to the loud drum.

**ENJOY** Willow's star learner is Lexi for exploring new textures and sensory items within her learning.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

### Outdoor Learning in the Discovery Pathway

This term our Discovery Pathway learnt about hedgehogs, and what a year in the life of a hedgehog looks like; from getting big and fat in the summer to hibernation in the winter. Maple class enjoyed looking around the forest school area and in the poly tunnel for items that they could use to make a hedgehog nest.



Everyone managed to find something to contribute from straw, sticks, grass, dried leaves and even a snack for any hungry hedgehogs- lots of apples.

With Lisa's help (our Forest School HLTA) they assembled their nest, all ready for a lucky hedgehog!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL Festive Work Experience



Our school council took a vote on school trips and community visits and the winner for December month was carol singing and bag packing at the Range store. Our learners helped members of the public, pack items in to bags and help keep the checkout area clear and clean. Learners from our upper school classes also used this opportunity as a festive work experience visit. Our learners behaviour was exemplary, and they kindly wished all the shoppers a Merry Christmas!

## EYFS

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



## ENGAGEMENT

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



## 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...

During the run-up to Christmas, Cornwall Council and Healthy Cornwall will be running Festive Craft and Colouring Events located at our Family Hubs across mid-Cornwall.

Most of these sessions are free and open to the public and will have Healthy Cornwall representatives or Parenting Workers available for parents, young people, and children to talk to.

For more information about Events happening over December and the festive period, please [click here](#).

Together for Families & the Family Information Service (FIS) have provided a Christmas Event guide.

Please [click here](#) to see what is happening in the East of the County, over December/Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS 2025

Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- Bissoe Trail
- Seaton Country Park
- Pentewan Trail

Rides are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays between 22nd Dec and 2nd Jan

Meet time is 1000  
Bike check optional  
For all ages & abilities

Scan here to book!

Here's a 'highlight' collection of our Christmas 2025 at Doubletrees!



### KEY EVENTS

Wednesday 17th December 2025 - Santa's on motorbikes deliver Christmas presents to all learners compliments of the Friends of Doubletrees charity! THANK YOU. & Christmas jumper day!

Friday 19th December 2025 - Last day of the Autumn term.

Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET day for staff. Learners not in school.

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Learners return to school for the start of the Spring term 2026.