



THE DOUBLETREES DISPATCH

6th FEBRUARY 2026

IN THE KNOW

Staffing updates

We would like to welcome Ashley Peters to our Doubletrees community! Ashley will be joining us after half term as our new School & Family Support officer. We will share more information after the break.



Policy of the week:

As the weather is improving! We would like to share our Outdoor Learning Policy with you.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



This week we were visited by Clare, our School Improvement Partner. Clare thoroughly enjoyed her time in school and spoke very positively about the calm, welcoming environment she observed. In particular, she praised our strong total communication approach and the way our staff and learners use communication to support inclusion and ensure every voice is heard. This recognition reflects the commitment, skill and care shown by our whole school community. We also have some areas to further develop and refine. This includes ensuring that we consistently have clear learning intentions and ensuring activities provided closely match this.

You may also have noticed the fantastic work taking place across the school to further strengthen communication opportunities. Our HLTA and communication lead Michelle Smith, has been exceptionally busy developing communication stations, including core boards, sound buttons and our new lanyards with communication visuals. These resources are already proving to be hugely beneficial for both learners and staff. Thank you, Michelle, for your hard work and dedication – these tools are making a real difference for everyone.

This term we continue to place a strong focus on outdoor learning and educational visits. Last week, our Post-14 team thoroughly enjoyed a work experience and life skills visit to Newquay Airport, which provided valuable real-world learning opportunities. Looking ahead, there are many exciting and educational external visits planned for Spring Term 2, giving our classes plenty to look forward to.

Heidi Hoskin

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Internet Safety - Online 'Challenges' & Social Media 'Dares'

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and social media challenges that may appear on the internet. Some influence games and challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be some that are risky/dangerous. Just recently, a child sadly lost their life after participating in a sinister social media challenge.

Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them, and not consider the potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to participate.

We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges and influencers in a general sense. Furthermore, reassure your child that challenges that suggest that terrible things will happen if they do not complete the tasks, are not real and are just a tactic used to try and get people to join in.

The [following link](#) will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child at home.



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

LETS GET TO KNOW...

Hazel class Teacher -

Cerys Peat



Hi. I'm Cerys.

I've been working in education for several years and bring lots of enthusiasm to the Hazel Class. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to meeting all of our families!

I began my journey as a Teaching Assistant in a Special Educational Needs school, I did that for two years before completing my teaching qualifications.

After qualifying, I packed my bags and spent a year teaching in Vietnam — an adventure I loved and a fantastic opportunity to experience a new culture and classroom setting.

I've recently moved to Cornwall and am excited to be settling into both the area and the school community.

When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy keeping active and can often be found out running or swimming

SPOTLIGHT ON...

School Uniform

Despite a recent reminder about uniform we are still observing high incidences of colourful clothing that do not match our important ethos of belonging and identity.

We would like to remind all parents and carers again, about our uniform policy as outlined below;

Our school's uniform is – All Pupils Navy Blue sweatshirt and cardigan Royal Blue polo shirt Grey or black trousers or skirt PE – black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a royal blue t shirt.

Post 14 (Year 12 to 14) Uniform is not compulsory. If learners choose not to wear uniform they must adhere to the Special Partnership Trusts code of conduct.

If you do not wish to purchase the Doubletrees' branded uniform we will allow pupils to wear plain royal or navy blue sweatshirts and polo shirts.

All school clothing should be clearly named. We can then return it.

For more information about our uniform policy, please [click here](#).

SHOWCASING...

Science

Science Spotlight – This Term in School!

This term is set to be filled with curiosity, exploration, and hands on investigation across the whole school. Our learners have been busy developing their scientific understanding while practising key enquiry skills such as asking questions, observing closely, identifying and classifying, performing simple tests, and recording what they find out.

Lower School – Plants & Rainforests

Lower School have been immersing themselves in the world of plants, linked to their exciting Rainforests topic.

Learners have explored:

- The parts of a plant and their functions
- What plants need to grow (light, water, soil, warmth)

Middle School – Arctic Adventures & States of Matter

Middle School have been travelling (in spirit!) to the Arctic, discovering icy environments while learning about changing materials and the states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases.

Highlights of their learning include:

- Watching how materials change when heated or cooled
- Investigating melting, freezing, and dissolving

Upper School – Seasonal Changes & Preparing for Adulthood

Upper School have been focusing on Seasonal Changes, using the topic to practise a range of Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) skills.

Their learning has included:

- Noticing changes in daylight, weather, and the environment
- Exploring how seasonal patterns affect daily routines.

SPOTLIGHT ON... Wellness. Should I send my child in to school?

We currently have a high level of high temperatures and stomach upsets over our school community. Please help us to stay well by keeping your child at home for 48 hours after their last episode of upset, and by not sending your child in to school if they are unwell or needing medicine such as Calpol. Thank you for your support with this.

Please [click here](#) for more guidance/advice.



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 Ellie-Mae in Oak class, for showing excellent independence through following classroom routines. Great achievement Ellie-Mae!

BELONG Harrison in Hazel class for engaging well with others this week! Well done Harrison.

COMMUNICATE Amber in Apple class for enthusiastic communication. She has been full of lovely bubbly chatter all week and has been turn taking with staff and anticipating our responses.

DEVELOP Isobel in Willow class for engaging and developing her skills in her PE sessions with her peers.

ENJOY Isabelle in Maple class for continuing to enjoy the responsibility of carrying out jobs, which has led to amazing transitions to further tasks and locations.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

CHERRY CLASS VISIT THE LOCAL AIRPORT!

Some of Cherry class had an absolute blast at Newquay Airport this week!

To support our term's theme of Holidays, we met lots of different people who work at an airport: from security staff to check-in operators, fire-fighters, the customer service team, and a wave from the pilot as the plane took off!

Our learners, filled in their own passport, chose their holiday destination, checked their baggage in, and finished the day visiting the airport's fire station where some of them were thrilled to actually ride in the brand new engines and help the firefighters use the hoses.

A brilliant day was had by all and thank you so much to Newquay Airport for hosting us – we'll be back next week with the rest of the class.



PANTOMINE FUN! M&M PRODUCTIONS

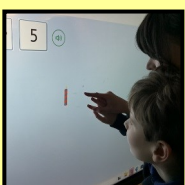
Doubletrees had a fantastic time at the Snow White pantomime last week. From the moment the performance began, our learners sat beautifully and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout. They were fully engaged with the performers, eagerly joining in with the audience participation, responding with enthusiasm, and singing along to the familiar songs. Their smiles, laughter, and excitement showed just how much they were enjoying the experience, and it was clear that the performance was a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable treat for everyone involved.

Thank you for the family donations towards this event and to the Friends of Doubletrees for this awesome experience!



EYFS

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



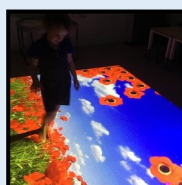
ENGAGEMENT

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EXPLORATION

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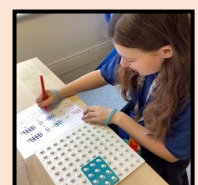
DISCOVERY

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...

[Parents Carers Cornwall](#) have a series of free supportive and informative workshops for parents/families every month. Find out what workshops may be of help to your family.

Family Information Service (FIS) have lots of very useful and supportive information and events for parents and learners. Please [click here](#) for more information about events and how to book them.

The school magazine Primary Times have some free and low cost events happening over the half term. Please [click here](#) for more information about how to book and join in.

Inclusion Cornwall have some accessible events for the School Holiday's and weekends. [click here](#) to see what is available in your local area.



DID YOU KNOW?

Communication & Makaton

Makaton is the UK's leading programme for adults and children with learning or communication difficulties, and we widely use Makaton as a communication tool at Doubletrees.

It is a language programme that combines signs, symbols and speech to give different options for people to communicate.

Using signs can help people who do not use speech or are developing speech. Symbols can help people who have limited speech, or who cannot or prefer not to sign.

Makaton transforms the lives of people with communication difficulties, by giving them a way to express themselves independently.

Being able to communicate eases frustration and gives people confidence and independence while they develop communication and language skills.

Please click on the link below for more information about learning Makaton. If you navigate to the Sign In tab, there is an option to create a free account, and access free Makaton symbols and downloads at home.

[Learn Makaton](#)

KEY EVENTS:

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Safer Internet Day in school.

Friday 13th February 2026 - Last day of Spring term 1.

16th—20th February 2026 - Half Term.

Monday 23 February 2026 - Learners return to school for Spring term 2.