



IN THE KNOW

Staffing updates:

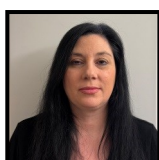


Kate McLellan
Mid-Day Supervisor.

We welcome Kate McLellan to our team of mid-day supervisors. Kate joins our Cherry class, and.....

Eve Hilton **TA**

Eve joins our Elm class as a teaching assistant. Welcome to the team!



This week we say goodbye to Operations Manager Jess Summers. Thank you Jess for all your hard work and we wish you well in your new role in the Trust.

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Last week we had a visit with our school improvement partner Claire Thompson. We were very pleased to receive positive feedback, which reflects the continued progress we are making as a school. The review recognised the increasing consistency in our approaches, particularly in communication and supporting pupils' independence. It also highlighted the strong relationships between staff and pupils, purposeful learning throughout the day, and the effective ways teaching is adapted to meet pupils' needs. The feedback also praised the school's leadership, including the clear focus on priorities for improvement and the ongoing development of our curriculum. Overall, there was recognition of the positive direction our school is taking, with our work becoming increasingly embedded and consistent over time. It was clear that our shared focus on achieving the very best outcomes for our learners remains at the heart of everything we do. We are particularly pleased with that feedback.

We are very happy to share that Nick, one of our Assistant Head's has settled in very well, and is enjoying getting to know our learners, and we look forward to Kelly Davis our second Assistant Head starting with us full time after half term. We are sad that our operations manager Jess has moved to another role, but we are pleased to announce that Emma Powell has efficiently stepped in as an interim office manager whilst we recruit to more capacity in this role.

I would like to wish you all a lovely and hopefully sunny half term break with your families, and I look forward to seeing you all on the 1st June for the second half of our Summer Term.

Heidi Hoskin

SPOTLIGHT ON...

YouTube Shorts

Please note that children must be **13 years or older** to post videos on YouTube.

YouTube Shorts are short, fast paced videos, similar to those found on TikTok or Instagram Reels. These videos appear on the YouTube homepage or within the Shorts tab on the app. Because they are quick and easy to watch, they can become highly engaging and may contribute to increased screen time.

If your child uses YouTube Shorts, it is important they know how to stay safe online, including how to use the **report button** if they come across content that makes them uncomfortable or worried.

The **INEQUE Safeguarding Group** provides helpful guidance for parents about YouTube Shorts and their features, which you can read here:

[Click here](#) for more information about YouTube Shorts.



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

LETS GET TO KNOW...

Nickolas Beckett - Assistant Head Teacher



Hi, my name is Nick and I have recently joined Doubletrees as an Assistant Head. I have been in education for almost 14 years, all of which have been within the SEND sector. My teaching practise has been within a primary setting, so I am excited to be working with children all the way up to 19 years of age. My primary interest is in trauma-informed practice and the lived experiences through the lifetime of people who have survived significant trauma in their childhoods.

Outside of education, I have my own illustration 'side-hustle' where I have produced over 500 illustrations across 10 different countries! I love to run, in particular, ultra marathons/runs, which can be anything from 30 to 70 miles!

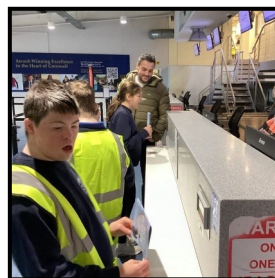
SPOTLIGHT ON... Careers...

Careers is a key part of the Summer term for Cherry and Elm class.

As part of National Careers Week, we have explored Green Careers, linked to our Horticulture lessons. We will be meeting employers linked to our Holidays theme: a representative from local travel agent Newell's, and Access Cornwall CIC, a local company who provide accessibility information about events and venues in Cornwall for the disabled community.

This is in addition to our very successful trip to Cornwall Airport Newquay, where we met a range of employees and learned about their roles.

Last term's key careers event was our My Future event, where our learners had the opportunity to meet different Post-16 education and training providers, allowing them to make informed decisions about their next steps in future educational provisions.



SHOWCASING... Science...

This term, our learners have been exploring forces, focusing on pushes, pulls and turns. We ended our learning with an exciting Science Week, packed with hands-on activities to deepen our understanding. The children had great fun experimenting with catapults, playing bowling, exploring springs, rolling cars down ramps, and creating their own marble runs. It was wonderful to see their curiosity, enthusiasm, and engagement throughout the day. A fantastic time was had by all, bringing our learning about forces to a fun and memorable finish!

These hands-on activities help learners develop a clear, practical understanding of how forces work in the real world. By exploring pushes, pulls and movement through play, children build important problem-solving skills, improve their observation skills, and learn to predict and explain what might happen during experiments. Activities like building marble runs and using ramps also encourage creativity, teamwork and early engineering thinking. Most importantly, they help foster a love of learning through curiosity, exploration and fun.

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





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 Aidan in Elm class for excellent communication and achieving lots of low tech AAC use. Aidan also initiated interactions and used a symbol independently to ask for help finding his snack and drink.

BELONG Nathan in Maple class for consistently being kind and caring to staff and peers, demonstrating super independence and increased confidence in school.

COMMUNICATE Harry in Willow class for communicating more during snack time through his core board use and signing skills.

DEVELOP Theo was star learner In Juniper for working hard on developing his personalised learning tasks and doing some great joining in with peers during group sessions. He has also been counting to 10 independently!

ENJOY Star learner in Sycamore class is Levi for coping with changes, and for being kind and enjoying time with his friends.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTDOOR LEARNING...

Maple Class had the most wonderful morning at “Into the Woods” Forest School! Our learners enjoyed making their own bread to toast over the fire, preparing delicious strawberry jam, exploring the woods, discovering the pond, and meeting Charlotte and Bob who work there. There was plenty of fun with marshmallow toasting, swinging in the hammocks, and playing on the tree swings.

A fantastic morning was had by everyone!



EYFS

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



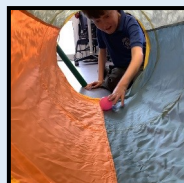
ENGAGEMENT

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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...

Parents Carers Cornwall have some very supportive and informative workshops and support groups for parents & carers. Please [click here](#) to view their workshops and information on how to book.

STUDENT TRAVEL

We would like to remind parents/carers of the process for queries, questions, applications and address changes that involve home to school transport. Please contact the Transport Co-ordination team [here](#) for assistance and advice.



**DAY 2 - FAMILY
ACCOMMODATIONS AND
BOUNDRIES FOR ANXIETY &
OCD**

02
JUN

● 10:30 am - 2:30 pm (GMT+01:00)



AUTISTIC FRIENDSHIP

26
JUN

● 10:30 am - 2:30 pm (GMT+01:00)

Post 16 Bursary and Travel Assistance. Don't forget if your child is turning 16 years old this year, you will need to re-apply for transport to keep your child's travel in place for the next academic year. Please [click here](#) for more information on how to apply and to view the Local Authorities entitlement criteria.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT...

Doubletrees Parent Coffee Mornings!

COFFEE MORNING

MEET THE SCHOOL & FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER. A RELAXED CHANCE TO SAY HELLO, ASK QUESTIONS, AND FIND OUT HOW I CAN SUPPORT YOU.

03.06.26 • 10-11AM

Doubletrees School, St Blazey Gate, St Blazey, Cornwall, PL24 2DS

GOT IDEAS? WE'LL HAVE A QUICK SURVEY ON THE DAY TO HELP PLAN FUTURE COFFEE MORNINGS.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS...

Our VE Day celebration across the Discovery Pathway gave the children the chance to explore an important part of history through engaging, sensory-friendly activities. From music and crafts to shared food and games, the day supported communication, social interaction, and learning in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

It was fantastic to see so many smiles, friendships growing, and everyone enjoying the celebrations in their own unique way. We are so proud of all the children for joining in and making special memories together!



KEY EVENTS...

Monday 25.05.26 - Friday 29th May 26. Half Term

Monday 01.06.26 - Learners return to school for Summer term 2

Wednesday 03.06.26 - Doubletrees Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 10:00—11:00 am

16th - 22nd June - Sports Days. Please [click here](#) for your child's individual class dates/times & locations!

****Our new academic calendar 2026-27 with INSET DAYS has now been released. We have emailed a copy to all parents, and a copy is available to view & download on our website. [Click here](#) to view the calendar.**