



Doubletrees School

Achieve, Belong, Communicate, Develop and Enjoy

Welcome back to Family Connection!

We are delighted to reintroduce our **Family Connections Newsletter**. Each month, we'll be sharing important updates, helpful support information, upcoming training opportunities, family engagement events, success stories, and resources designed to keep families informed, connected, and supported.

Our goal is to strengthen communication and create opportunities for families to engage, learn, and be part of our community. We look forward to sharing this journey with you and hope you find each edition helpful, informative, and inspiring. This newsletter is for you, and we would love to hear from you. If there is anything you would like to see included in future editions, or if you have any suggestions, ideas, or topics you would find helpful, please let us know. Your feedback will help us make the newsletter as useful and relevant as possible.

Thank you for being part of our community—we're excited to reconnect and keep you updated on all that's happening.

Happy reading!

Cornwall Parent Care

Cornwall Parent Carer Forum is a parent-led organisation that supports and represents families of children and young people with SEND across Cornwall. They work with local services, education providers, and health professionals to ensure parent carers' voices are heard, helping to shape and improve services for families. Find out more at www.cornwallparentcarerforum.co.uk.

Family Learning

How can we help you to support your child's learning and development? Let us know what you need! We have the opportunity to work with the Family Learning team from Cornwall Adult Education - they specialise in working with different generations in the family, helping parents and carers with ICT, coding, maths and literacy topics for the whole family to grow and learn together. If you are interested in finding out more, about this or other ways to engage with your child's learning, please contact Ashley Peters (School and Family Support Officer) at apeters@doubletrees.org.uk

FREE online support for parents
every Weds 7pm -9pm

School Anxiety



This week: Are you supporting a child suffering from school anxiety?



Book online facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to **Your FACE** on the Home page



Post-16 Travel

Please note that if you are applying for Post-16 transport, payment must be made at the time of submitting your application. Applications must be submitted through Student Travel; if you do not apply, you are at risk of not having transport arranged. If you are eligible for financial support through the bursary scheme, you may be able to claim this cost back. The school will provide the necessary bursary forms to allow you to submit a reimbursement request, and these forms will be available at the beginning of the autumn term. Please retain proof of payment, as this may be required as part of the reimbursement process. To apply for Post-16 transport, please use the following link:

<https://forms.cornwall.gov.uk/Post16Transport/ApplicantType>





Free School Meals Update

From **September 2026**, eligibility for Free School Meals will expand to include **all families receiving Universal Credit**.

To help ensure eligible children don't miss out, Cornwall Council will introduce an **Auto Award system** from August 2026, using information they already hold to identify and register eligible pupils automatically. Families will be contacted before checks are carried out and will have the option to opt out.

Free School Meals can provide valuable support for families, helping to reduce household costs while ensuring children receive a nutritious meal during the school day. Registration may also help schools access additional **Pupil Premium funding**, which can be used to provide extra support and resources for pupils.

Although the new system aims to make the process easier, families can still check their eligibility and apply at any time. If you think your child may qualify, keep an eye out for information from your school or Cornwall Council over the coming year.

Coffee Morning Survey

Scan the QR code to complete our short survey and share your thoughts on our coffee mornings. Your feedback will help us understand what's working well, what could be improved, and how we can make these sessions as welcoming, useful, and accessible as possible for everyone.

Thank you for helping us shape future coffee mornings to best meet the needs of our families.



Access4ALL

The Access4ALL discount card scheme is now available to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families across Cornwall.

Who can apply?

- ✓ Children and young people aged 0–25
- ✓ Must live in Cornwall
- ✓ Have a SEND need or disability

How to apply:

Register on the Disabled Children's Record

Remember to tick the box to request your card

Provides exclusive discounts and priority offers at local venues such as Cornwall Football Golf, Screech Owl Sanctuary and many more.

CORNWALL SLIP AND SLIDE EVENTS



SEN SESSIONS

SEN sessions return in 2026 at Cornwall Slip and Slide, offering a calm, inclusive park experience for neurodiverse families and individuals with additional needs. We can't wait to welcome you.

Dates for 2026:

Sunday 28th June – 10am to 12pm

Saturday 18th July – 10am to 12pm

Sunday 6th September – 10am to 12pm

BOOK NOW

