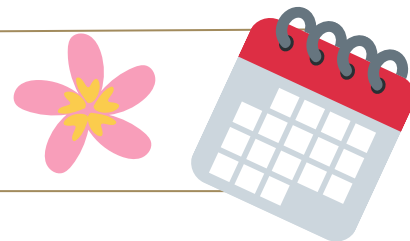




Summer Term 1 *April 2023*



SLT Message

After what seems like a long cold winter, we are finally in the summer term, and thankfully (for a week at least) the weather seems to have joined in too!

This is the term when we get to do some really exciting things in our locality... For instance, on a weekly basis we will have an exciting green time activities back on the menu. Such as the track, surfing and beach activities. Its' clinically proven through many different studies that exercise and outdoor activities have a direct positive impact on people's mental health, so what better way to support our children than trying to enable as much of these things as possible.

Also, around this time of year, is when you may see exciting opportunities for residential trips come up in the newsletter and through communication from school, so for instance we have recently authorised a trip to the Isles of Scilly, and are in the process of booking up school camps, both locally, as well as the South of France! Please remind your children that to be bale to access these types of trips they will need to show consistently safe and positive behaviour on other more local trips such as greentime, outdoor ed and PE.

For many of our learners, those in year 11, this will also be their last full half term with us, some of them have been with us for over 5 years, so we are really excited to support them in taking exams and setting up their post 16 destinations. We are support proud of every single one of them, and wish them the best in their upcoming examinations and assessments.

Luke Bolsin

Key Dates for your Diary

Parent/Carer Cream Tea Afternoon + Book Fair

Tuesday 25th April

My skills, My Future - Inclusive Careers Festival (YR 9,10,11)

Wednesday 3rd May

Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Monday 8th May

Eco Week @ OTS

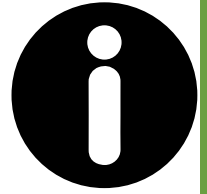
Tuesday 9th May

Tribe Trip - Helford 11th-12th May

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd
May

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



In preparation for upcoming exams...

In the Autumn term we sent out notices that provide exam candidates with all the information they need to ensure they are following the rules laid out by external exam boards. Please read these notices and talk these through with your child to ensure they are aware of the rules. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's tutor team. (Please click the link below to view the documents on the OTS school website)

[Student Zone - Oak Tree School \(oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk\)](http://oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk)



Summer After School Clubs

Day	Club	Description	Location	Lead staff member(s)
Mon	Outdoor Adventure Club (all ages)	Explore the wonders of the outdoors, from rock pooling, look at the history of the local landmarks. Students will engage in various activities around nature and exploring the outdoors	Porthleven Beach/Local area	Ciaran
	Drama Club (all ages)	Fun filled club which offers a fabulous combination of dance, drama and singing	Kynance Cove (Main Hall)	Danni
Tue	Revision Club (KS4)	Offers a place for students access to some extra revision time in a supervised and supportive environment.	Godrevy (Classroom)	Floella
	Baking Club (all ages)	These hands-on classes will enable students to make and bake bread, biscuits, cupcakes, cakes, puddings and much more.	Gwithian (Catering Kitchen)	Courtney
Wed	IT Club (KS3)	Interested in information technology, want to develop your keyboard skills or learn more around software programmes this is the club for you	Porthgwarra (IT Suite)	John
	Newspaper Club (all ages)	Tune in your inner journalist, Discuss school news and create a write up for our School Newsletter	Portreath Class	Rebecca
	American Football Club	All students, regardless of ability are invited to join the fun of this club. Learn the game rules, skills for the game and develop confidence in contact support.	MUGA	Ronan /Josh
Thu	Gym Club (KS4)	Come along to get fit, increase your strength with professional advice, or just enjoy some physical activity.	BornFit (Pool)	Martin
	Drumming Club (all ages)	Designed to engage students in a new talent and experience the sounds and rhythm of playing the drums.	Music Room	Barry
	Dungeons & Dragons (all ages)	Dungeons and Dragons is a creative game that focuses on using literacy skills to create the games story. The fun has just begun – get your game on.	Little Fystral	Kasey

We encourage Key stage 4 students to revise over the next coming weeks and leading up to their exams in June. BBC Bitesize is a great website to use!

[Home - BBC Bitesize](http://www.bbc.com/bitesize)

Summer Menu

School Menus Summer Term 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 1704, 0805, 0506, 2606, 1707				
Musouren Cheese or vegan bolognese, garlic bread	Sweet and sour chicken, rice and spring rolls	Roast Chicken, stuffing and gravy	All day breakfast	Battered fish fillet or Scampi and chips
Vegan bolognese and pasta	Sweet and sour chicken	Vegan Meat	Vegan all day breakfast	Fitness Fingers
Salad bar	Salad bar	Roast potatoes, parsnips and carrots	Salad bar	Salad bar and beans or peas
Week 2 2404, 1505, 1206, 0307, 2407				
Jacket potato-vegan chili, cheese, beans	Chicken enchiladas, corn, nacho chips	Roast beef, Yorkshire puddings and gravy	Beef lasagne, garlic bread	Burger, beef or chicken burger, cheese, beans and onion
Jacket potato-vegan, beans	Vegan chicken enchiladas	Vegan Meat	Vegan bolognese	Vegan chicken burger
Salad bar, soy cream and mushrooms	Salad bar and potato wedges, sour cream and mushrooms	Roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese and peas	Salad bar	Chips, salad bar and beans
Week 3 1506, 2206, 1306, 1007				
Cheese quiche	Sausage, mash and vegetables	Roast Pork, Yorkshire puddings, apple sauce and gravy	Panini Subs - chicken and bacon, medal medley, Tuna and cheese	Pizza - pepperoni, sweet chili chicken and mushroom, Ham and pineapple
Vegan sausage roll	Vegan sausage and mash	Vegan Meat	Meatless meatball pasta	Pizza - cheese and tomato, veggie burgers
Salad bar and potato wedges	Salad bar	Roast potatoes, broccoli and carrots	Salad bar	Chips, salad bar and beans

Dietary requirements: Look out for the badges

Vegan

PARENT/CARER

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DISCOUNT CARD AVAILABLE



The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for families of children with additional needs to use at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission.

Click the link below to apply.

[Cornwall's Max Card Scheme | Care and Support in Cornwall](#)

AFTERNOON TEA @ OTS

Join us for Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 25th April 2023 1.30-2.30pm
at Oak Tree School

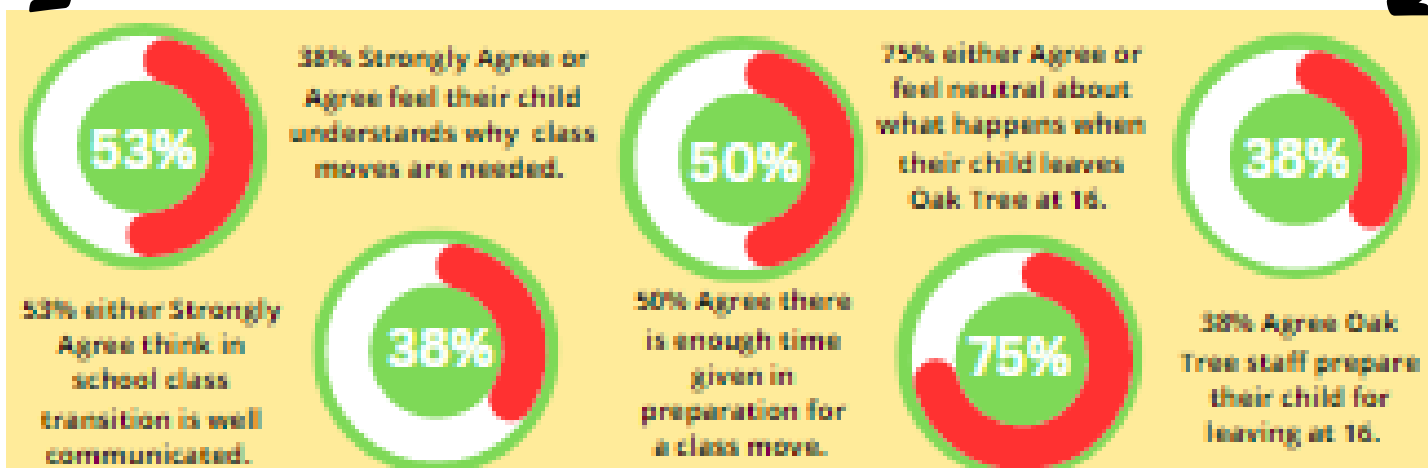
We welcome you to come and meet the Therapy Team and Pastoral Support Team here at Oak Tree, a chance to chat and ask any questions you may have.

Please ring the main office or email michele.haigh@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk to let us know you're coming, so we can make sure we have enough scones!
01872 264 221

Therapy and Pastoral Support Team

- Michelle Haigh (Parent and child family worker)
- Michelle Pascoe (Therapy Co-ordinator)
- Louise Ryves (Speech and Language Therapist)
- Tamsin Jones (Occupational Therapist)
- Sarah Cameron King (Educational Psychologist)

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Transition Survey. We have taken all comments on board and will update you soon on things we aim to do to improve our in school and post-16 Transition. Please see the survey results below.





CLASS NEWS



STUDENT WELFARE

The Spring term has seen a lot of new starters join Oak Tree School which is always exciting and with the school continuing to grow, our staff team is too. Within the Student Welfare Team, we have taken on two new members – Tegan and Vinny. The first half of the Spring term saw the opening of our new site Oregon, offering a designated space for our KS3 and KS4 students. This has meant that the Student Welfare Team is now working across two sites, ensuring that there is a member of staff available to offer student support if and when it is needed. As the Student Welfare Team has doubled in size, it has enabled us to provide further therapeutic support across the school. Tegan and Vinny are both running Draw and Talk sessions, overseen by the EPs, which encourages free expression through drawing and is targeted at students who can find it difficult to engage in open conversation. In addition to this, Luke and Ronan run a Restorative Justice group which targets students that have experienced a particularly difficult altercation, and aims to discuss what happened and encourages relationship repair between them. These sessions provide students with an opportunity to sit down and discuss their individual perspectives, and utilises staff support to try and find some common ground and understanding. This has been particularly successful with some of our older students, who can be very reactive but then incredibly reflective in these sessions once emotions have settled. There is also a focus on how we as a Student Welfare Team can support them with their own coping strategies and discuss useful tools to help the student in difficult or negative interactions.

As we move forward with the Summer term we are eager to continue our support of students and deliver the best education and pastoral support possible. With our new team members and now working across two sites, this term will be an opportunity to try new approaches with the students, and improve our current way of working. We are exploring new debrief techniques to increase student engagement in self-reflection, and consistently working towards decreasing our numbers of RPI. We are looking forward to see what the Summer term brings!



Luke
Terry



Tegan
Hooper



Vincent
Trevenna



Ronan
O'Neill

Raising money for the Bowel Cancer supporting the Bobby Moore Fund.

Lots of staff and students wore their favourite football shirt to raise money and awareness for Bowel Cancer in support of the Bobby Moore fund. In total we raised £40 towards the charity. Thank you to all those who got involved and donated.

