



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well as we head into this busy and exciting half of the summer term. This part of the year always brings a sense of energy and purpose, and it's been great to see students engaging so positively with what lies ahead.

This week marks the official start of the exam season, and we want to take a moment to wish all of our students the very best. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, maturity, and resilience they've shown in preparing for this important time. From extra revision to thoughtful conversations with staff, their approach has been a real credit to themselves, to you as families, and to the Oak Tree team. We know they'll do brilliantly, and we'll continue to support them every step of the way.

It's also been a real pleasure to meet more of you at the recent Parent/Carer Meet & Greets. Thank you to everyone who joined us – your insights, questions, and encouragement make such a difference. We're looking forward to hosting more events later this term and building even stronger connections across our community.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It's a privilege to work in partnership with such a committed and caring group of families, and we look forward to everything the rest of this term brings.

*Warmest Wishes,
Matt*

Matt Hughes
Headteacher – Oak Tree School

Key Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 1

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 -
Friday 25th July 2025

Half Term

Monday 26th May 2025 -
Friday 30th May 2025

Return to school -

Monday 2nd June 2025

Sports Week -

Monday 30th June 2025 -
Friday 4th July 2025

Sports Day -

Date to be confirmed

**All key dates will be
uploaded on our website.
To view our news and
events please [click here](#).**

Oak Tree News

FISTRAL CLASS

Fistral have had a fantastic week! The class have really enjoyed reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and have been busy writing some wonderfully imaginative character descriptions. In maths, we've been diving deep into fractions, and everyone has shown great focus and enthusiasm.

We've also had a special visitor this week—Paddy the dog! The class have loved taking care of him and have been brilliant at taking him for walks and making sure he's well looked after.

A big well done, too, for making such a great start with our new science teacher. The class have been learning all about circuits and have impressed him with their curiosity and positive attitude

Outdoor Education & Woodland Provision Update



As the season shifts and nature bursts into life, our outdoor education and woodland areas are thriving! The garden is now in full bloom, creating a vibrant learning space for all our students. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers and helpers who've dedicated their time and energy to keep it looking beautiful.

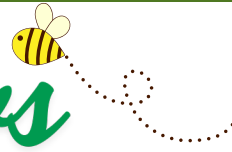
Down at the beach, our seasonal activities are well underway. Pupils have been diving into a fantastic mix of surfing, bodyboarding, swimming, and beach games—developing not only their physical skills but also their confidence and teamwork.

We're also thrilled to share the arrival of ten brand-new, top-of-the-range mountain bikes. These have already been put to excellent use, with the first few groups eagerly taking to the trails and exploring our stunning local landscape on two wheels.

Outdoor learning continues to offer invaluable experiences, and we're proud to see our students thriving in these dynamic and natural environments.



Oak Tree News



EXAMS

GCSE exams starts on Monday 12th July 2025.

Documents explaining the rules and expectations during exams can be found on the Oak Tree School website.

No watches, mobile phones or web enabled devices are permitted and students must arrive on time to their exams.

CAREERS

On Wednesday 30th April we hosted our annual key stage 4 options and post-16 transition event. This provided parents, carers and children in year 9 an opportunity to meet with Heads of Faculty to find out more about the different options that they may wish to pick as they enter their final years of study at Oak Tree School. Alongside this was the post-16 transition event that was attended by our largest selection of mainstream and specialist post-16 providers to date including Truro & Penwith College, Cornwall College, United Response, Access Training, Newquay Orchard Project, CN4C and Skern Apprenticeships. Providers were at hand to talk about the types of provision they may be able to offer learners when they leave Oak Tree School which parents, carers and children found invaluable.

If you have any questions related to post-16 education, please feel free to contact our Careers Lead Chris Penfold via email at chris.penfold@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk



Parent & Carer Support Team

Family Support Team at Oak Tree School

School contact number – 01872 264221

Family Support e-mail: familysupport@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk

Michele Haigh – Team Leader



My name is Michele, and I am the Family Support Lead at Oak Tree School. I have been at Oak Tree School since October 2018 when I started as a Teaching Assistant. I am honoured to be given the opportunity to do this important job for the school, and I am extremely proud to say I work here.

I have worked with young people and families for over 15 years within the youth offending team, drug and alcohol services and in schools. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family in the outdoors, playing tennis and I love baking!

As a Family Support Lead, I am able to support with a range of matters to including:

- Home routines
- Behaviour
- Emotional well being
- General issues regarding children
- Support with completing forms/attending meetings
- Signposting to agencies or helping access information about other services.

These are just examples, my door is always open! I am available to discuss your needs and to help you get support that is right for you and your family. Equally, if you have ideas or feedback that would add value to what we provide at school with Family Support then please I would love to hear about it!

You can contact me on the school number or through the family support e-mail

Kiah Williams

My name is Kiah and I am a Family Support Worker here at Oak Tree School. I am very excited to begin this new Journey and work as part of a great team doing such an important role within the school. I have cared for and supported young people and their families for 4 years in my previous role working in a day nursery.

When I am not at work, one of my favourite things to do is take my dog for walks on the beach with a hot chocolate. I also enjoy reading and spending time with my family.

As a Family Support Worker, I can provide support with a wide range of matters that range from transport queries, attendance, signposting to external agencies, assessing family's needs on an individual basis and helping to develop support plans when needed.



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Nancy Richards

My name is Nancy Richards, and I am one of the Family Support Worker's at Oak Tree School. I am looking forward to working within the team and getting to know the families we support.

I have worked within mainstream school previously as a Pastoral Manager and Reflection Manager. When I am not working, I enjoy sea swimming, walking my dogs, spending time with my children and knitting.

As a Parent and Child Support Worker I am available to support with attendance, accessing external support and general issues regarding your child.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Robert Cooper

Hi – My name is Rob, and I have just started my adventure here at Oak Tree School as a Family Support Worker. I have a long history of support roles, both as a police officer (in Hertfordshire) and within colleges in Cornwall as part of the safeguarding response. I come to the school from my role as a team leader with a charity supporting victims of sexual and domestic violence. I have also been a youth Rugby coach and spent 20+ years within scouting primarily as an Assistant County Commissioner.

I am excited about the role and hope all of these life experiences can help to support the students and their families to gain the most from their time with the school.

I moved to Cornwall after retiring from the police in 2012 with my family, I have 6 children and currently 5 grandchildren and love being together with them. I also love travelling and am always planning the next adventure.

Interesting fact to finish with – I attended a Queens Garden party (few years ago now) due to recognition of my work within scouting.



Parent & Carer Support Team

The Family Support team are excited to announce that we now have our very own school pantry in place to support our families and young people. The school pantry is being supported by MCKS Charitable Foundation.

How do parents/families access this?

You can request a grocery bag through your child's tutor team or the family support team. Please see the email contacts below.

The family support team will then put together a grocery bag that can be sent home with the young person or given to the you if you collect your child from school.

Is there a limit on how often a family can request a grocery bag?

We want this to be a facility that all parents and carers can access and particularly in times of need. However, we have no way of telling how quickly supplies will last between the deliveries to school, so this will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

What will be included in the grocery bag?

Dried foods, tins, cereal/cereal bars, pasta, long life milk, cooking sauces etc and on occasions we will get toiletries. We cannot, however, accept requests, a grocery bag will be made up of a variety of the foods listed above.

For more information please contact: 01872 264221

familysupport@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk



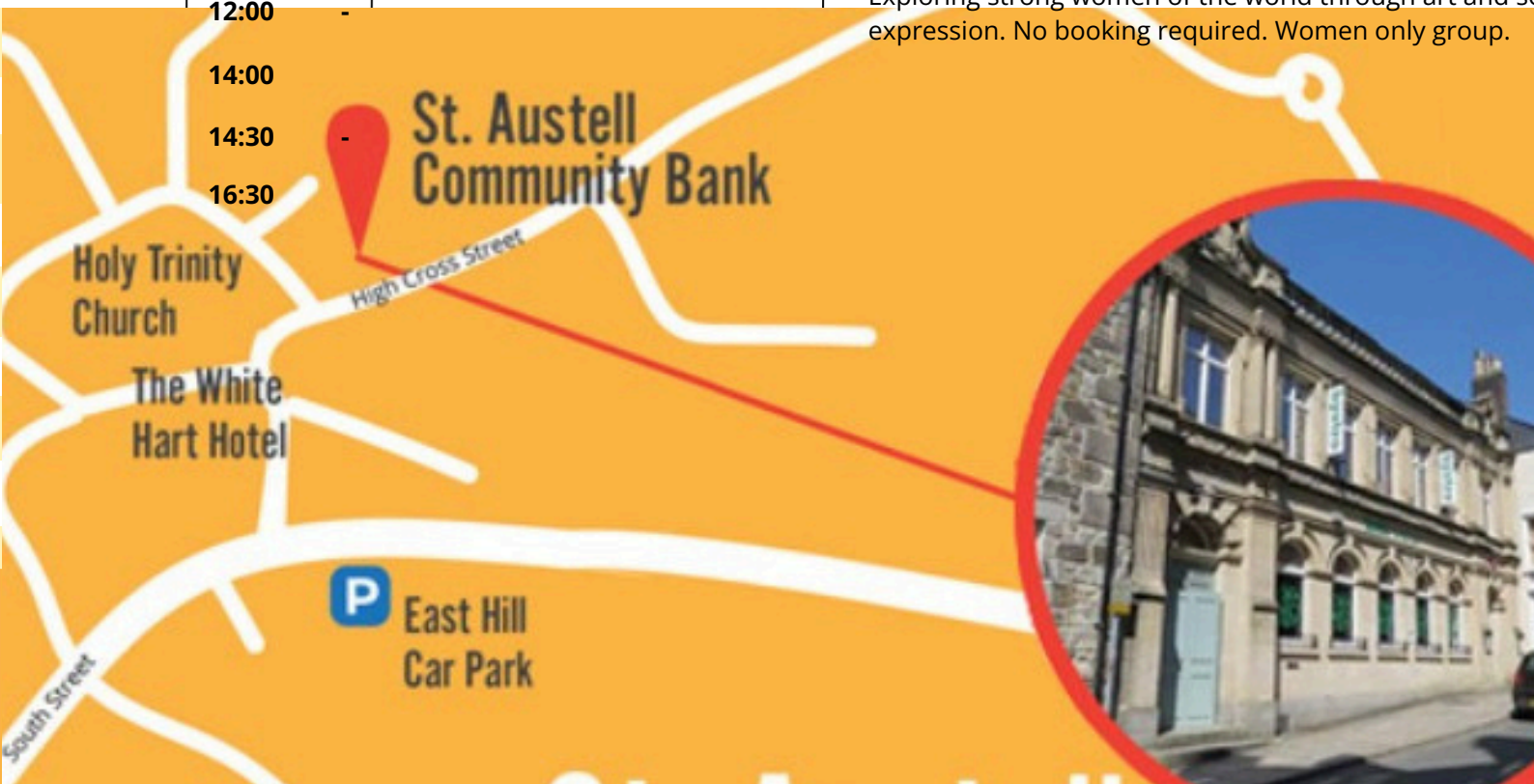
Our School Pantry Cupboard is proudly supported by
MCKS Charitable Foundation UK

What's on?

Activities The Bank, May 2025

CN4C offers many ways for the community to come together & they are all completely free!

Monday	11:00 - 13:00	Job Club	Discover new job opportunities and find the employment right for you. Computers provided. No booking required.
Tuesday	10:00 - 14:00	St Petrocs	Offering homelessness advice. Drop in and appointments available.
Tuesday	10:00 -	Affordable Food Club	A subscription based food larder.
Wednesday	14:00 - 10:30	SWAP shop	Come and exchange any household items for other items you may need.
Wednesday	12:00 - 14:00	Community Lunch	Good food and a friendly chat. No booking required. Advice and Guidance available.
Wednesday	13:00 -	Health Checks	30 minute health checks run by Healthy Cornwall. Every fourth Tuesday. Book in advance. Eligibility criteria apply.
Wednesday	15:00 - 13:00	Stop Smoking Clinic	20 minute appointments run by Healthy Cornwall. Running every second Tuesday. Book in advance.
Wednesdays	- 15:00	Crafty Chat	Fun craft sessions with a friendly chat. No booking required.
Wednesdays	18:00 - 19:30	Georgia's Voice	Fortnightly mental health support group for young women aged 18-25.
Thursdays	16:00 -	The HELP Drop-in	Safe space. Everyone welcome! Information, Advice and Guidance available.
Thursdays	16:00 -	St Awesome Breakfast Club	Open to all. Come and enjoy a nutritional breakfast and meet and chat with old and new friends.
Fridays	16:00 - 10:00	SWAP shop	Come and exchange any household items for other items you may need.
Fridays	- 12:00	Nature Club with CWT	Join Cornwall Wildlife Trust to create some art with natural materials.
Fridays	10:30 -	WOW - Women of the World	Running on 2nd, 16th & 30th. Exploring strong women of the world through art and self-expression. No booking required. Women only group.
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Courses

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	14:00 - 16:00	Empowerment through Research	Collaborative issue-solving in our community and understanding perspectives. Everyone welcome!
Wednesdays	10:00 - 14:00	Fresh Spring Flavours: Cooking & Eating Well	Learn some new cooking skills and enjoy your food afterwards. Booking required.
	10:00 - 12:00	Next Steps in Digital Skills	Bridging the digital divide. IT course. Booking required.

We offer three different personal development training courses. Details below.
Register your interest now!

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Pre-Assessment included. 10 week course.

Negative or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can affect the life you are living now. They can keep us fixed to the past, and have ongoing effects throughout adult life. But we can do something about this. Do you want to understand more about how these experiences may be affecting you? Join us on “ACEs recovery” to explore how we can start to move forward from these experiences

SPACE

Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally

SPACE is a free programme for any parent or carer who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own. This is a 4 session, face-to-face programme.

HOPE

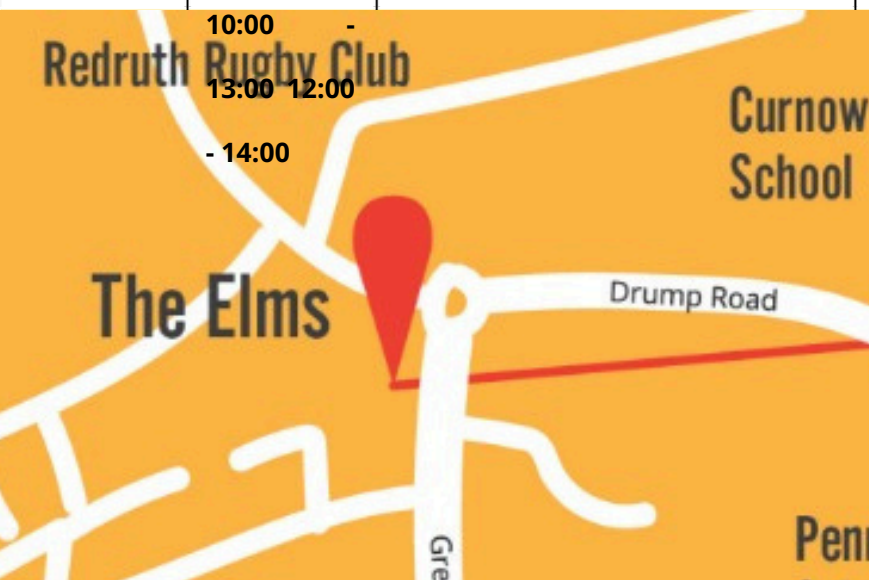
Help Overcoming Problems Effectively

HOPE is a programme to help people build confidence to self-manage their health conditions. This could include: Physical health e.g. pain relief. Mental ill-health issues such as anxiety, stress, and depression. Discover how to use relaxation techniques to refresh your mind and body. Learn how to make plans and achieve goals that can help you make changes for the better.

What's on?

Activities The Elms, May 2025

Mondays	9:30 - 14:30	Meet your CHWW worker	Meet your Community Health and Wellbeing Worker Running on 12th. Pool Family Hub, behind Treloweth.
	9:30 - 11:30	Tiny Tots	Playgroup for under 5's and their parent/carer. Running on
	9:30 - 12:30	Rise & Thrive	19th. Pool Family Hub, behind Treloweth School.
	10:30 - 12:00	Cuppa Companions (Tyacks	Enrichment group - hands-on activities for those not attending school including crafts, cooking and trips out.
	12:00 - 14:00	Hotel) Health Coaching Cuppa	An opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Tyacks, Camborne.
	15:00 - 16:30	Companions	Appointments or drop-ins available. Run by Healthy Cornwall. Optional weigh in available.
Tuesdays	10:00 - 11:00	Navigating SEN: Parent Support Hub	An opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Drop in.
	09:30 - 11:30	The Magic Cupboard Warm	Coffee & chat group for parents with SEN young people
Wednesdays	10:00 -	Tums Woman Kind (Spring	(aged
	13:00 - 13:00	Term)	15-24) for support, advice, or to connect with other parents.
	- 15:00	Georgia's Voice	A subscription based food larder.
Thursdays	19:00 -	HELP Drop In with Coodes Solicitors	Under 5s & parent/carer group. Come and enjoy a story rhymes, and gentle play in a warm and friendly atmosphere.
	20:30 - 10:00	Health Checks	Our women's peer support group. Safe supportive space
	11:00 -	Puffalots (Illogan)	for all women. Introduction/referral needed.
	12:00 - 14:30	The Wanderers	Fortnightly mental health support group for young
Fridays	13:00 - 16:30	Chilled Art Group	women aged 18-25.
	10:00 -	Friendly Friday	Drop in for advice and guidance. Free legal
Saturdays	12:00 - 17:00	Why Don't You? Club	consultations on 1st, 15th and 29th from Coodes Solicitors.
Sundays	- 19:00	Social Sunday	60 minute health checks run by Healthy Cornwall. Booking in advance required. Eligibility criteria applies. Gentle exercises if you have completed pulmonary rehabilitation. The Old School Centre, Illogan. Walking group leaving from The Elms to various places. Booking required. Weather dependant. Bring your own craft project and enjoy a relaxed, social space to create! Limited materials and prompts available. Good food and a friendly chat. Booking required.
	10:00 -		Fully accessible family activities for children aged 5-16 designed to be enjoyed by all. Booking required. Good food and a friendly chat. Booking required.



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Events 2025

For times and prices visit our website, facebook, instagram or give us a call (01209 613153)

January



18th Wassail & Back to the Land Day

An early evening celebration with music, dancing and refreshments. Help us dress our trees with tasty treats for the birds. Bring your Christmas tree for recycling.

February



19th Feathered Friends

Its nest box week so come along and make a nest box for your garden birds. Take part in a birdy trail around our site.



Winter Pruning Days

Join our horticulture team every Thursday for pruning & gathering scion wood for grafting

March



Mothers Day

Join us for pop-up activities in our shop & on-site. Check our socials for details or call us.



Grafting Workshops

Join our horticulture team every Thursday and learn the art and science of apple tree grafting.

April



9th and 16th Easter Events

Join us for pop-up activities in our shop & a trail on-site. Check our socials for details or call us.



26th Trevithick Day

<https://www.trevithickday.org.uk/>
Visit us at our plant stall on Commercial street very near our shop!

May



23rd Dragonfly Camp

A one night camp to learn about our dragonflies and hopefully witness their summer emergence.



28th Dragonfly Fun

Make your own beautiful Dragonfly. Test your knowledge on our trail.

June



7th Camborne Green Fest

Visit us at our plant & produce stall. Have a go at our fun & suitably 'green' activities.

July



2nd Blue Light Day

https://www.facebook.com/bluelightday/?locale=en_GB



5th -7th Butterfly and Moth Camp

A glimpse into the lives of our lepidoptera with a local expert.



14th Stithians Show

<https://www.stithians.show>



19th Camborne Show

<https://www.camborne-show.org.uk>

August



16th, 17th and 18th West of England Steam Fair

<https://www.weses.co.uk>

Visit us on our plant & produce stall and have a go at our fun activities.

September



4th, 11th and 18th Summer Pruning

Join our horticultural team to carry out work on our espalier orchard



20th Giant Vegetable Show

Come and marvel at our magnificent giant vegetables. Enter our competition with your own spectacular specimens.

October



11th Apple Day

Our annual celebration of all things Kehelland!



29th Bat Evening

Join us and a local bat expert to look at our night time fliers.



29th Allantide

Celebrate this Cornish autumn festival. Take part in our Pumpkin trail and other fun activities.

November



Christmas Trees and Festive Trail

Its time to choose your Christmas Tree and help plant out new Christmas tree plantation. Have a go at our Christmas Trail.



Wreath Making

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December



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