

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a really positive start to the new term, and we're already seeing students settling back into routines, reconnecting with staff, and engaging with their learning.

This year, we're continuing to strengthen our personalised approach to planning through what we call Pyramid Planning. This framework helps us ensure that your child's needs, strengths, and EHCP outcomes sit right at the heart of their provision. From there, we layer in consistent routines, therapeutic support, and adapted curriculum pathways that enable every student to feel safe, valued, and ready to learn. The 'pyramid' approach helps us coordinate support across the whole team, ensuring that progress is built on solid foundations and no young person is left behind.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Haigh, who will be leaving Oak Tree next week to take on a new challenge. Michelle has been a huge part of our support network for students and families. Her kindness, care and commitment have made a real difference to many young people. On behalf of all of us at Oak Tree, I'd like to thank her for everything and wish her the very best in the next stage of her journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, it means so much to us.

*Warmest Wishes,  
Matt*

Matt Hughes  
Headteacher – Oak Tree School

## *Key Dates for your Diary*

### Autumn Term 1

#### September:

Suicide Prevention  
Month

#### October:

ADHD Awareness  
Month

Black History  
Month

Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month

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



# ACORN SUPPLEMENT

## Message from Ben

Welcome to your brand new supplement to the bi-weekly School Newsletter specifically for sharing news from the Acorn building. My aim is to write one of these for every newsletter to assist with communication promoting a positive and supportive triangulation between parent, child and teacher.



## What we are learning about this term? – History

**Came** are currently exploring the history of railways starting at the beginning in 1801 when Richard Trevithick's pioneering locomotive travelled up Camborne hill on Christmas Eve.

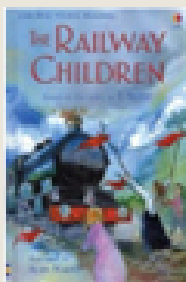
**Castle** are delving into the fascinating world of the Romans.

**Lundy Bay** are tracing the development of trains and railways from the steam engine and the Industrial Revolution through to modern innovations like the bullet train.

**Porth Saxon** are uncovering the lives of the Vikings. They will be learning about the Viking invasion of England and how you can trace your own history to discover whether you are of Viking descent.

## Reading

Here are some ideas for books to read at home that link to their current learning in school.

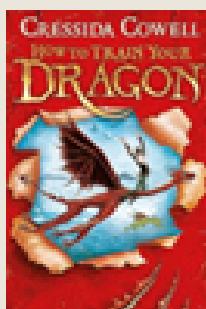
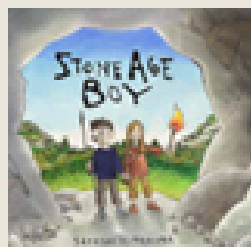


The Railway Children– E.Nesbitt

Young readers edition- 64 pages

Stone Age Boy

Sitoshi Kitamura



How to Train Your Dragon

Cressida Cowell



## Get to know Ben...

**Q1) What year do you think Ben was born in?**

**Q2) What toys were popular when Ben was a child?**

**Q3) What music do you think Ben likes?**

**Q4) What's Ben's favourite TV show**

**Q5) Which football team does Ben support?**

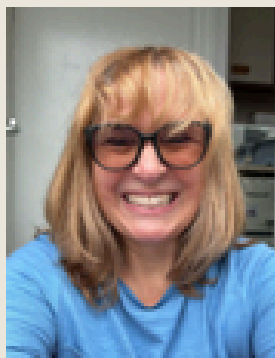
Write the answers to these on a piece of paper, bring to Ben for a small prize

Answers revealed in the next newsletter

### Staffing updates in Acorn

We are delighted to announce that **Claire Meager** has joined our team as Class Teacher for Helford.

[Claire.Meager@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk](mailto:Claire.Meager@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk)



### SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday 19th November, we will be holding an Open Afternoon in Acorn from 2pm giving parents and carers the opportunity to come in, have a chat with your child's teacher and have a closer look at what we have been to in the first 8 weeks of term. We look forward to seeing you all there. To ensure the safety of our children you will be asked for photographic ID to match the school's contact list.

### Ben's Maths Challenge

McDonalds sell McNuggets in sizes of 4, 9 and 20.



Choose a challenge and tell me how I can order :

### Easy challenge

Exactly **48** chicken McNuggets

### Medium challenge

Exactly **37** chicken McNuggets

### Hard challenge

Exactly **43** chicken McNuggets

# OAK TREE SCHOOL WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

## IN THE GYM



This is Xavi on the treadmill. It was his first session and he was brilliant. I hope to book Xavi in weekly.



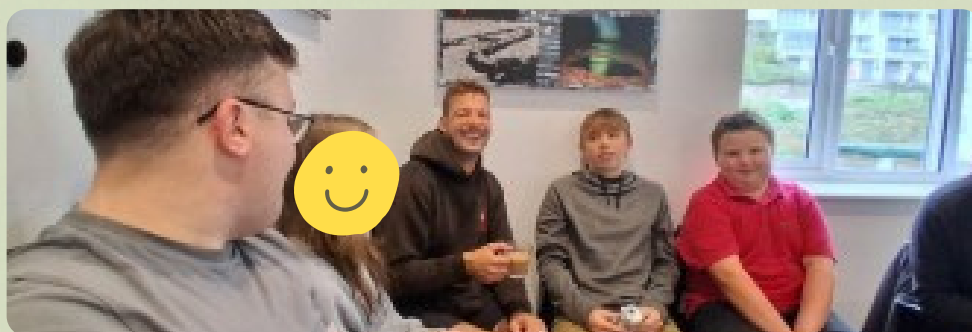
Leo has been smashing the gym sessions recently. He is always ready to challenge himself and I was super impressed the other day when he started the session dysregulated and through exercise was able to turn himself around and continue the day positively.

## THE LOST GARDENS



Perranporth class brought learning outside the classroom and completed their maths work in the Hygge, how amazing!

## COFFEE & CAKE



"We had an amazing day - offsite with Malachi, Ethan and Sadie at Portreath where we ended up at a coffee and cake morning in the community hall. The guys are now determined to bake a cake for a future meeting to repay the kindness."

## SPECIAL SHOUT OUT- SETHAN



For his effort and amazing work in photography!



## LUNDY BAY & SWANPOOL

We have been very busy recently in Lundy Bay and Swan pool. Our learning looks very different, but we are both learning about place value.





## This week in the Lost Gardens:

Recently, the sunshine has been glorious as we officially step into the season of **Autumn** (or *Fall*, as it's called in America). The name makes sense—leaves and acorns are falling everywhere all over the school site! We've been putting those acorns to good use by making necklaces, bracelets, and decorations.



## NEWS



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We've also been selecting branches from the Lost Gardens to turn into *magic wands*. These have been a huge hit — both popular and magical! In addition, students have been crafting birch wood keyrings and decorations, showing fantastic creativity and resilience.



In other news, the first prototype of our hot sauce is ready! Voting for its name will begin soon, so there's still time to enter the competition.



That's all for now—but here's a challenge for you:

💡 Can you think of any creative project ideas linked to the season of autumn? Perhaps something inspired by one of the many festivals this season celebrates. Do you know what some of them are?

## *Family Support Team*



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



**Introducing our very own Oak Tree School pantry which is being supported by MCKS Charitable Foundation UK**

### **How do parents/families' access this?**

Parents can request a grocery bag through the tutor team or the family support team. You can email the family support team:

[familysupport@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk](mailto:familysupport@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk)

The family support team will put together a grocery bag that can be sent home with your child from school.

### **What is included in the grocery bag?**

Dried foods, tins, cereal/cereal bars, pasta, long life milk, cooking sauces etc- 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 here.





TRURO YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
**LET'S MOVE PROJECT**  
FREE TO ATTEND!

**STREET DANCE WORKSHOPS**

5 - 6 PM: Session for 8 to 12 years

6 - 7 PM: Session for 12 - 16 years

Would you like to try something new  
or share your skills with our team?

Join us, bring a friend & meet some  
new people!

**WHEN: FRIDAYS**  
(STARTING 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)

**WHERE: TRELANDER AND  
ST CELEMENTS  
COMMUNITY HALL, TRILF**

*Limited spaces: Please book, or feel  
free to pop in and say hello!*

(8 to 12 years)

(12 to 16 years)



**SCAN ME!**



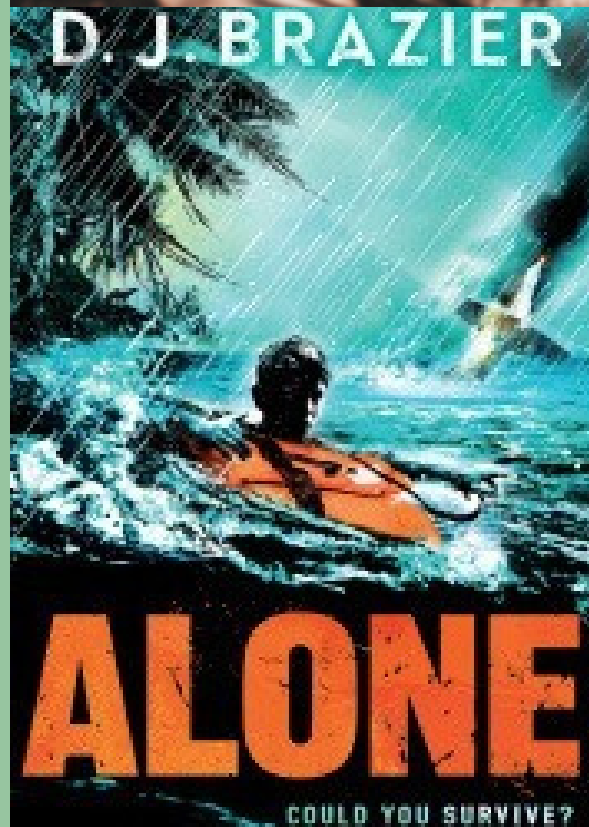
# DIVE HEADFIRST INTO ACTION AND ADVENTURE!

Dive into 'Alone' during your English reading sessions! Show consistent interest and focus to earn a spot in an immersive experience in the week leading up to half term (date to be confirmed).

The experience will entail...  
Morning - *Virtual Meet the Author session. Hear the author's own 'survival' experiences, and ask him questions to further understand his process.*

Afternoon - *Bring the story to life with survival skills activities like den building, zip lining, and more— connecting reading with adventure outdoors.*

**Adventure awaits, don't miss out!**







# 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](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.

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