

Summer 2025

# CELT CONNECT



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As we bring this academic year to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect—and to look forward with hope, ambition, and determination.

This year has been one of significant change and progress for our Trust. Across our family of schools, we've embraced new ways of working, refined our ambitions, and remained steadfast in our shared commitment to delivering exceptional educational experiences for every child, every day. That phrase is not a slogan—it's a promise, and more importantly, it's a practice.

In each classroom, on every playground, in quiet moments and bold achievements, we have seen the fruits of dedication, resilience, and joy in learning. None of this happens by accident. It is the result of the daily efforts of brilliant staff teams, supportive families, and students whose curiosity, courage, and character make us proud.

Change is never easy. This year, we've asked much of ourselves and of one another. Whether navigating curriculum enhancements, deepening collaboration across phases, or stepping up to new leadership roles—our commitment to high standards and inclusive values has remained our compass.

We are a Trust rooted in equity and excellence. Central to this are our core values: compassion, aspiration, integrity, and community. These guide our decisions, shape our culture, and anchor our vision for all our learners. We believe that every child—regardless of background or starting point—deserves the very best of what education has to offer. Exceptional doesn't mean elitist—it means ensuring that each child is challenged, supported, inspired, and known.

As we prepare to pause for the summer—an opportunity to rest, to reconnect, and to recharge—I want to thank you all. Thank you to our incredible staff: for your professionalism, your creativity, and your service. Thank you to our parents and carers: for your partnership and trust. And thank you to our students: for your effort, your energy, and your spirit.

Let us return in September not just refreshed but re-energised, with hearts and minds on fire with purpose. Our journey is far from over. The horizon is wide, and our mission is bold—but together, we have the courage and clarity to meet it. Wishing you all a safe, peaceful, and joyful summer.

Warmest regards,

Dan Morrow  
Trust Leader



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## 04 / NEWS FROM ACROSS THE TRUST



### New breakfast clubs proving popular with pupils and families

The breakfast club initiative is now in full swing at five CELT schools – Carclaze CP School, Luxulyan School, Lostwithiel Primary School, Fowey Primary School and Mount Charles School, and is rapidly gaining popularity among pupils and families. The programme is already making a positive impact by offering students a healthy, nutritious start to their day.

With increasing attendance and enthusiastic feedback, the breakfast clubs are becoming a valued part of the school routine, helping to foster wellbeing, focus and a sense of community.

Luxulyan School welcomed their local MP, Anna Gelderd, to see their breakfast club in action and she was very impressed to see how the new breakfast club was supporting pupils and families.

### NJA wins the Cornwall Maths Olympiad

Year 5 mathematicians from NJA attended this year's Cornwall Maths Olympiad for a day packed with fun, challenge and learning. Pupils were tasked to solve tricky problems, discover new strategies and use a lot of teamwork in the process.

With 16 schools competing, we're thrilled to share that Newquay Junior Academy took home the trophy - well done to the team. They are returning champions from two years ago and should be proud of their efforts.







[ITV News article](#)

## Mercury Prize-nominated singer visits Mevagissey

Pupils at Mevagissey Primary School have been learning Cornish in the most joyful way possible - through song! Teaming up with Mercury Prize-nominated artist, Gwenno, this creative project is helping to revive and celebrate the Cornish language in a fun, unforgettable way.

## New teacher recognised in National Teaching Awards

Well done to Elizabeth Allday, at Poltair School, on receiving a certificate of excellence in the 2025 Pearson National Teaching Awards.

Headteacher Richard Cardigan said: "She is an exceptional teacher who represents the very best of Poltair. Her journey as an ECT has been marked by rapid growth, resilience and an unwavering focus on student wellbeing and achievement."



[Read more](#)

## Academies secure £200k for enrichment activities



Congratulations to Brannel School and Pondhu Primary School for successfully securing funding from the Clore Duffield Foundation to support school trips and visits for the 2025/26 academic year. Pondhu Primary School hosted a special visit from Dame Vivien Duffield in June to discuss the impact that the funding will have on pupils and students at both schools.

Brannel and Pondhu are among just 12 schools across the country to receive the funding, which will enable the schools to provide a wide-range of curriculum and enrichment experiences for every child.

During her visit, Dame Vivien said "Now more than ever, I believe that culture should be at the heart of our children's learning... Children and young people deserve the very best opportunities to benefit from the transforming power of our world-class arts and heritage."

[Read more](#)



## Port Isaac opens The Lookout

Port Isaac Academy celebrated the official opening of 'The Lookout' in May. This space is a welcomed addition to outdoor learning facilities at the school with a sand and water garden.

The school received a donation from the Doc Martin Fund, created to benefit the local community.

The Lookout will support sensory play, encourage creativity, develop fine motor skills, and provide hands-on learning experiences that promote exploration, problem-solving, and social interaction in a natural, calming environment.



[Read more](#)

## Pondhu in Bloom

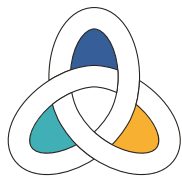
Pupils at Pondhu Primary School have been getting their hands dirty this term, as they launched an exciting gardening project, thanks to a generous grant from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and additional support from the school's PTA.

The £10,000 project saw the installation of brand-new raised beds and gardening equipment so that pupils could get involved in planting and caring for their new garden area. With a strong focus on sustainability, outdoor learning and healthy living, each year group took part by planting their own crops, flowers, trees and fruit.

Headteacher, Rachel Cliff, said: "We're so proud of the enthusiasm and teamwork shown by our pupils. This garden is not only a wonderful way to learn about nature, science and healthy eating - it also brings joy and a sense of achievement."

With green shoots already appearing and pupils eager to tend their crops, Pondhu Primary School is certainly cultivating a new generation of passionate young gardeners.





## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Elsie from Newquay Tretherras was awarded Newquay Storm's 'Coaches Player of the Year' for the U14 and senior 4<sup>th</sup> teams. She represented Cornwall Netball all season and has secured a trial for the Team Bath athlete development programme.



## MATHS SUCCESS

Florence from Bodmin College won the national Maths Institute poster competition for her brilliant architect poster, designed to show how maths plays a key role in this exciting profession. Her creativity and clear understanding wowed the judges.

## CORNISH NIPPERS

Congratulations to 50 pupils from Newquay Junior Academy, who competed in the Cornish Nippers Championships at Carlyon Bay, proudly representing their surf life saving clubs.



“Some people want it to happen, some wish  
it would happen, others make it happen.”  
Michael Jordan



### BOARD OF CHANGE

Lexi from Newquay Tretherras has been successfully selected to be part of the NSPCC Young People's Board of Change. Over the next two years, Lexi will be helping shape discussions around how to improve the lives of young people across the UK.



### GOLF STAR

Bodmin College student, Alfie, made his debut for Cornwall mens' golf team this season. Alfie won both of his matches in a channel league match against Somerset in July.



# 09 / WHAT WE'VE LEARNT...

This summer term, academies across Cornwall Education Learning Trust have embraced new learning experiences. With a focus on exciting classroom projects, creative arts and outdoor adventures, our children have been busy exploring, discovering and approaching new experiences with enthusiasm.



Beech Class at **Luxulyan School** have worked together to create guidebooks on 'How To Care For a Cloud' based on their focus text 'Lizzy and The Cloud.' They each worked on publishing a section of their guide to create group booklets and are very proud of them. They now take pride of place in the school library for others to enjoy.



**Penrice Academy** have been learning about knife crime from St Austell police and Safer Cornwall. Students learnt about the risks and consequences of carrying or being involved with knives, empowering them to make safe and informed choices. Students were also invited to try the knife arch metal detector, an increasingly common security measure to keep everyone safe in public places and large public gatherings.





# ...THIS TERM

Aspirations Day 2025!

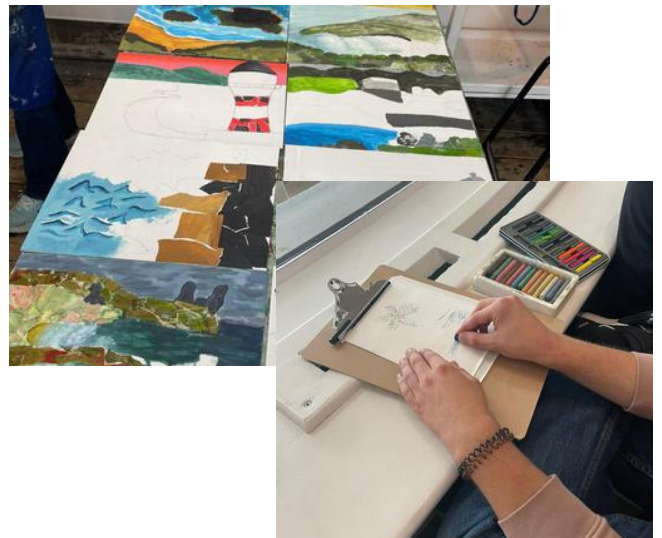
Aspirations help connect classroom activities to real-world possibilities, making learning more meaningful and exciting.

Children arrived at **Lostwithiel Primary School** full of excitement, dressed as the careers they hope to pursue in the future. From astronauts and artists to doctors and chefs, the creativity and ambition were truly inspiring.

In the afternoon, the school was delighted to welcome a wonderful group of visitors who shared insights into their careers and the journeys they took to get there. Pupils were full of curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and learning just how many possibilities their futures hold.



Year 10 students at **Poltair School** visited the St Ives School of Painting for an inspiring workshop with visual artist, Alessandra Aussenda. Students produced some fantastic landscape pieces. The trip combined visits to the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden and the Tate St Ives.





Year 5 pupils from **Newquay Junior Academy** had a brilliant time at the junior life skills event held at Newquay Community Fire Station.

Pupils learned vital skills such as CPR, how to deal with choking, cyber safety, personal health and even how to stay safe when charging devices. They also had sessions on bus travel and railway safety, with GWR staff on hand to give top tips for safe travel.



At **Fowey Primary School**, pupils have been learning about the work of Fowey Harbour and the RNLI. Captain Paul and former pupil, Hannah, from the Fowey Harbour team visited to talk about the different aspects of their work on and around the harbour. Pupils were interested in the environment of the harbour and this led lots of interesting discussions such as 'What happens in the event of an oil spillage in the harbour waters?'

Cannis class took a trip to the Fowey RNLI lifeboat station. The pupils climbed onboard the small and large boats and learnt about how the RNLI save lives at sea.



Pupils from **Carclaze CP School** had an exciting opportunity to step into the science of space with the Space Odyssey experience.

The immersive learning environment gave pupils the chance to learn abstract concepts, bringing science to life.

Thank you to the Friends of Carclaze School for supporting this event.



As part of their science curriculum, Sycamore Class at **Luxulyan School** rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on investigation into the fascinating world of friction. Pupils explored how different surfaces affect the way objects move, testing their hypotheses through a series of lively experiments.

Using toy cars and ramps, the young scientists carefully observed how the texture of each surface influenced speed and distance. The practical activity not only reinforced key scientific concepts but also encouraged pupils to think critically, make predictions, and evaluate results.

By combining curiosity with experimentation, the session brought science to life and highlighted the power of learning through doing—a brilliant example of Luxulyan's commitment to engaging, hands-on education.



Setting sail from Fowey and navigating to Saint-Malo, Guernsey, Salcombe and back, a group of students from **Brannel School** had the incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in French culture while learning the ropes - quite literally!

From speaking French in real-life contexts, sampling authentic cuisine, and exploring beautiful coastal towns, to becoming active members of the crew, this voyage was full of hands-on learning, teamwork and personal growth.

Matt Barraud, Director of Morvargh Sailing Project said: "From navigating foreign harbours to managing life on board in unfamiliar and demanding conditions, each student grew in confidence, resilience, and empathy. They found their voice, both in French and English, and carried themselves with maturity and pride as ambassadors for their school."



Year 9 DT students at **Bodmin College** have worked to design and create their very own mini soapbox racers. From concept to creation, students developed hands-on skills in design, construction and problem-solving and the results have been fantastic. A brilliant example of creativity, teamwork and engineering in action.







**Port Isaac Academy** has been making the most of the sunny weather this term with plenty of Beach School days and 'stories by the sea'.

Pupils have been taking their art, geography, English and science lessons outside to learn, taking inspiration from the natural environment.



Year 5 pupils from **Pondhu Primary School** had an amazing day at the STEM Fair at Wheal Martyn. Pupils took part in a range of fascinating talks and hands-on workshops, including sessions led by geologists from the Natural History Museum, as well as learning about geothermal engineering and mining robotics.



Year 4 at **St Mewan CP School** brought their Ancient Greece topic to life with Blast From the Past!

The children took part in a battle, played a game called 'Clash of the Titans' and learnt all about Archimedes and his inventions.

Trying to imagine what life was like 2,000 years ago can be difficult so bringing history to life through interactive experiences helps bridge the gap between past and present.



Dolphin Class at **Mevagissey Primary School** had a fantastic time at the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth.

Pupils took part in workshops focusing on shipwrecks around the Cornish coast and had fun exploring the museum. The children were praised by museum staff for their excellent behaviour and thoughtful questions.



Year 8 science classes at **Newquay Tretherras** created their own science fair projects. The winning teams from each class had the opportunity to showcase their hard work in the hall to members of SLT, science teachers and the whole of year 8.

Every project was researched thoroughly, engaging and presented to a high standard.





Year 1 at **Mount Charles School** launched their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic this term and were excited to be visited by some real-life pets. The children were gentle when handling the pets and were excited to learn about looking after different animals.



Trent Class at **Newquay Primary Academy** have been learning about fractions this term through fun and engaging maths games.





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# CELT PERFORM

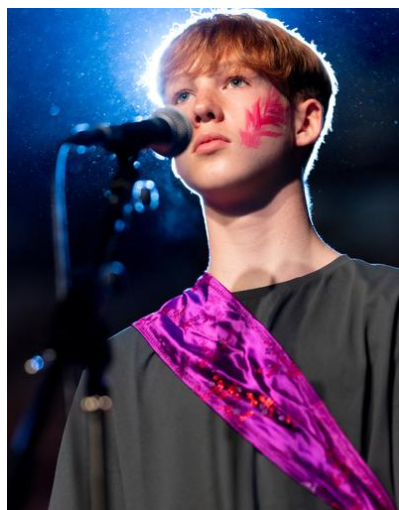
RAMBUNCTIOUS FESTIVAL  
OF EPIC VERSE



Held deep within the magical Carnglaze Caverns, our Trust poetry festival showcased our pupils' passion, creativity and the power of words.

A huge applause to the talented young performers from our family of schools, who lit up the stage with their original verses, bold voices and boundless energy. They truly brought their poetry to life at this spectacular event.

When children are encouraged to express themselves through poetry, art, music, dance or drama, they're not just having fun - they're learning to think creatively, explore ideas and see the world in new ways.





## BODMIN COLLEGE

RJ Working's Beyond the Labels Bodmin College group met with Ben Maguire MP and discussed ways to improve access to recycling bins in the town centre. Students represented young people's voices in Bodmin to bring about change.



## CELT FOOTBALL TEAMS

Trust football teams took part in the annual Cornwall MAT competition. All of the pupils involved played some fantastic football and showed great determination and skill, demonstrating what can be achieved when our schools come together.

## MOUNT CHARLES

During house days this term, pupils at Mount Charles School have been working together to complete a variety of challenges and activities. Pupils from reception to year 6 worked together and made new friends.



## LOSTWITHIEL PRIMARY

Pupils worked with local artists and organisations to create a unique community installation in Lostwithiel. Each letter was designed by a different group, with pupils choosing to showcase one of their values: participation.



## PONDHU & FOWEY

Pondhu and Fowey primary schools organised a joint trip to London, which involved plenty of sight-seeing, a West-End show, historic landmarks and museums.

Pupils had a full itinerary but still had plenty of time to make new friends.

## MEVAGISSEY PRIMARY

Starfish Class visited the village Memory Café. The children and guests shared photos and talked to each other about their mums. They also made 3D flowers with the guests and finished their session together singing some nursery rhymes.





## BRANNEL SCHOOL

Year 7 students have completed training with the Cornwall Mental Health Support Team that will enable them to provide peer support to new students joining the school in September. Training focused on student wellbeing to ease transition from primary to secondary school.



## NEWQUAY JUNIOR

This term, NJA have been empowering children to stay safe in the sea by teaching them water safety skills, building their confidence in the sea through supervised practice and helping them understand the risks. Essential skills for growing up in a seaside town.

## LEAD

## PENRICE ACADEMY

Students from Penrice Academy travelled to Zanzibar to volunteer, teach and lead activities at community schools. This trip of a lifetime provided students with an unforgettable experience, whilst contributing to young lives in Africa.



## POLTAIR SCHOOL

Lucy Shuker, a Paralympic wheelchair tennis player spent the day inspiring 20 sport leaders. Through training and encouragement, she helped to develop their skills and confidence to lead their very own tennis club activity.



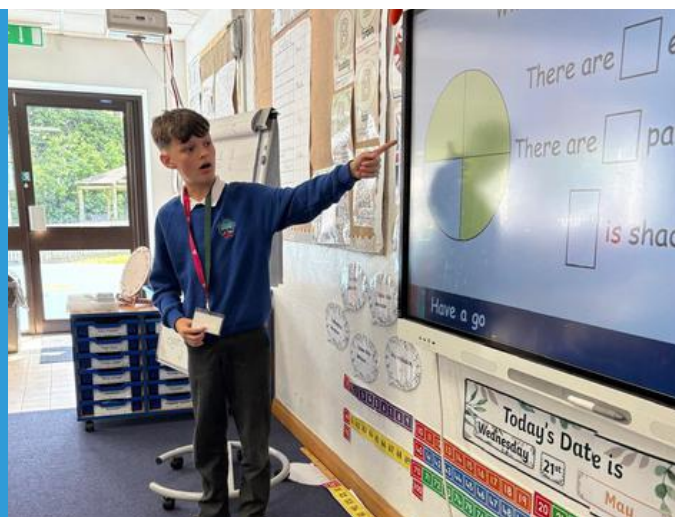
## NEWQUAY TRETHERRAS

120 year 9 students took part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training expeditions. They rose to the challenge with resilience and enthusiasm. Throughout the two weekends, students embraced learning leadership skills and working as a team.

## FOWEY PRIMARY

One lucky pupil won the chance to become headteacher for the day.

'Mr P' embraced the opportunity and did an excellent job of teaching the year 1 and 2 pupils.





## ST MEWAN CP SCHOOL

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St Mewan EYFS pupils have transformed into mini yogis this term. They have also been talking about the importance of looking after their brains and understanding what wellbeing means.



## CARCLAZE CP SCHOOL

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Foundation Stage had a wonderful week of outdoor learning this term. Pupils toasted marshmallows, created poems, mixed magical potions and explored maths in nature. Pupils became curious, creative learners.

## LUXULYAN SCHOOL

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Pupils have been learning about transformations in nature this term. Ducklings have been hatching and sunflowers have been growing taller. Pupils have been enthusiastically tracking the progress.







# **St Austell** Festival of Children's Literature

Now in its third year, the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature continues to grow in popularity. This year, a vibrant two-day celebration captivated thousands of children, teachers and families from across Cornwall.

The schools' day was hosted across schools in the town. Children took part in live storytelling sessions, book signings and interactive workshops covering everything from character creation to live draw-a-longs with illustrators. It offered pupils the chance to meet their literary heroes and engage with the creative process first-hand.





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CELT COMBINED CADET FORCE

INSPIRE TO  
ACHIEVE



## Brannel cadets shine at Okehampton Camp

In July, 29 Brannel CCF cadets from years 8 -10 had an incredible week at Okehampton Battle Camp on the edge of Dartmoor.

Over six packed days, the cadets developed a wide range of military and adventure skills including air rifle and full-bore GP rifle shooting, clay pigeon shooting, archery, field gun, paintball, laser tag, and a full fieldcraft exercise using blank ammunition.

Friday brought a competitive edge with Brannel winning GOLD in the Command Task — a brilliant team effort to round off the week!



Several cadets achieved Marksman status for their performance on the 100m range, an exceptional achievement, especially for their first time on a range.

Special congratulations to Brodey, who placed 10th out of 360 cadets in the air rifle competition — outstanding work!

For many, the highlight of the week was the final fieldcraft mission, a realistic assault on a mock farm involving trench and building clearance, led by an experienced Gurkha Sergeant Major — a moment our cadets will never forget.

Throughout the week, our cadets were a credit to their school — showing resilience, teamwork and making new friends from CCFs across the country.

Opportunities could not be possible without our dedicated Brannel CCF staff, who gave up long days to make this unforgettable experience possible.



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# BELONGING: FROM INSPIRATION TO IMPACT CONFERENCE

**Saturday 05 July 2025**





“Everyone in the room was moved by the inspirational keynote by Chris Lubbe - so much to reflect on. Including what it means to be a community school, the importance of educating the whole child and being able to forgive.”

Simon Pollard,  
Director of Primary Education

“Natasha Carthew brought a Cornish perspective to the table, highlighting how poverty and rural isolation shape young lives. She reminded us not to take opportunity for granted, not to have preconceived ideas and assumptions on learners outcomes.”

Amy Daniels,  
Director of Inclusion



“What an inspiring morning, and a huge thank you to the teachers who gave up their Saturday to attend this conference on inclusion and belonging. It was so refreshing to be part of the conversation on how we can make education more inclusive for everyone and not just focus on academic outcomes. ”

Krista Cartlidge,  
CEO of MYTIME Young Carers





# CELT OUTDOORS



## Reward adventure days

This term, Newquay Tretherras students have been participating in reward adventure days with the Outdoor Learning Team.

One recent highlight was a group of year 8 students heading out to a local crag to put their climbing skills to the test. They spent the day scrambling, climbing and belaying – all under glorious blue skies. While it was very much a reward day, it was also a great learning experience. The students took on full responsibility for each other's safety, working in pairs under the careful supervision of the NTOL team.



## Summer mountaineering

Over May half term break, a group of students from Newquay Tretherras ventured to the Lake District for a week of summer mountaineering. Despite the less-than-summery weather – with plenty of rain – the spirit of adventure remained undampened! Throughout the week, the students took on a variety of exciting challenges: they summited mountains, climbed impressive crags, scrambled along iconic ridge lines, and even canoed across a majestic mountain lake. The aim of the trip was to introduce students to the many ways the mountains can be explored and enjoyed – and they fully embraced every opportunity, showing resilience, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. A fantastic week of outdoor adventure and personal growth.



## Duke of Edinburgh

Year 10 students from Bodmin College took part in their Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition over half term.

The teams undertook a three-day, two-night expedition in the south and central Dartmoor area travelling between Burrator and Fernworthy Forest. Conditions presented a range of challenges including thick fog on the first day, higher temperatures on the second day and plenty of midges throughout.

The team demonstrated maturity in their conduct and decision making during their first experience of wild camping. They also added to their skill sets, practicing safe river crossings and low-visibility navigation.



## Ten Tors and Jubilee Challenge

There may be many challenging outdoor events in Britain today, but Ten Tors stands alone in its scale, its ambition and the fact that it is aimed solely at young people.

Congratulations to the teams from Bodmin College and Penrice Academy who participated in this year's events.

Miss George, Bodmin College said: "We hope that, for every student, their medals and memories will stand not merely as tokens of a journey completed, but as proof that within each of them lies the strength to achieve the extraordinary."





# VE DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day across our Trust with street parties, assemblies, and ceremonies. Most importantly, schools took the time to reflect on the importance of this day. Children learned about life during wartime, the sacrifices made by so many and the joy and hope that VE Day brought to millions.







# CELT INSET DAY

Friday 20 June 2025





"What a day of fantastic professional development opportunities for staff across Cornwall Education Learning Trust. I feel very privileged and humbled to play a small part in it."

Simon Pollard,  
Director of Primary Education

"What an awesome INSET day! Over 800 staff from our 16 schools came together to hear about our vision for Cornwall Education Learning Trust and our Learning Chronicles launch. A real moment in our Trust story. Awesome team effort!"

Doug O'Brien,  
Director of Insights and Strategy



"It's clear that what we're building together isn't just systems or strategy, but something more human: a genuine sense of team, purpose, and possibility."

Hayley Bissenden



# YOUNG CARERS SUMMER EVENT

In July, Poltair School proudly hosted CELT's Young Carers summer event, bringing together 250 young carers from across our primary and secondary schools for a fun-filled day!

It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and connect, and we're so grateful to everyone who joined us and supported the event. Thank you to The Longstore and James Kittow Butchers for the delicious BBQ, to Chartwells for the ice creams and a special thank you Claire Harvey, Poltair's young carer operational lead, who worked tirelessly to coordinate the event.







# ECT AND ITT GRADUATION 2025

Wednesday 16 July 2025

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We proudly celebrated the achievements of our early career teachers (ECTs) and initial teacher trainees (ITTs) at our CELT graduation event in July.

This special occasion marked not just the end of a training journey, but the beginning of a lifelong impact on the lives of learners across Cornwall.

A huge congratulations to our graduates for your dedication, passion and resilience. Thank you to our mentors, school leaders, and the wider CELT community for the incredible support you've provided throughout this journey.







## A CUPPA WITH... LEANNE RANDALL, HR LEAD

Each term, we sit down with a member of staff to uncover the stories, quirks, and passions that make them who they are - beyond their job role.

### What's the most unusual job you've ever had, and what did you learn from it?

When I was younger I was a holiday rep in Portugal. It gave me the foundation of people skills that led me to this career.

### Imagine you're an inventor. What is one product you'd create that would make everyone's life easier?

Probably some sort of AI recorder that allows me to keep a diary of my children's days, developments and to capture the funny moments that I never want to forget. That way I could keep these memories and moments forever.

For example, being able to capture the moment my son was in the car coming home from nursery and telling his baby sister "you're my most favourite person in the whole world!"

### If you could instantly master any new skill, what would it be and why?

I would really like to learn how to create a blog. I would love to be able to share my journey into parenthood with others, offer them tips and advice and help offer some reassurance to new parents.

### What's the most interesting thing you've learned this week?

This week I learnt that Disney has a hugging policy for their character performers. It dictates that when a child hugs a character, the character will not initiate the release of the hug, allowing the child to end it at their own pace. This practice stems from the belief that a child's hug should be honoured for as long as they need it. My children and I have adopted the Disney policy in our house!





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