

Spring 2026

CELT CONNECT



Cornwall
Education
Learning Trust



As we reach the close of the spring term, I want to take a moment to thank you – our parents, carers, and community partners – for your steadfast support, encouragement, and trust. The partnership between home and school remains the single most powerful ingredient in the success and wellbeing of every young person in our care, and it is never taken for granted.

This term has brought challenge and change, yet also tremendous progress and joy across our CELT family of schools. We have seen children grow in confidence and character, staff innovate in teaching and pastoral care, and communities come together with generosity and purpose. Whether it has been the quiet determination shown in classrooms, the creativity of school performances, or the resilience demonstrated during sporting fixtures, every achievement tells the story of our shared commitment to nurturing potential and opportunity.

At the heart of CELT lies a belief that education extends far beyond results – it is about values, belonging, and a sense of hope for every child's future. Across our schools this term, we have deepened our emphasis on inclusion and belonging, ensuring that every learner, whatever their background or need, feels seen, known and supported. We continue to strengthen our approaches to attendance and wellbeing, knowing that learning can only flourish when young people feel safe, inspired, and connected.

None of this happens without extraordinary dedication from our staff and the daily encouragement you provide at home. Thank you for the countless unseen moments – preparing for the day ahead, reading together, attending events, and being there when challenges arise. Together, we model the community of care that we hope our young people will carry with them into their futures.

As we head into the Easter break, may it bring rest and renewal for all. We look forward to the summer term with optimism and determination – united in our purpose to enable every child in Cornwall to thrive, achieve, and believe in themselves.

NEWS FROM ACROSS OUR TRUST



[Newspaper article](#)

Celebrating the first year at Newquay Primary Academy

In February, learners and staff at Newquay Primary Academy gathered to celebrate the first anniversary of its new school building with a special event marking a milestone year of learning.

To commemorate the occasion, the school buried a time capsule on its grounds, preserving memories from its inaugural year for future generations to discover.

The school hopes that the time capsule will be unearthed by a future generation of pupils, offering a unique snapshot of the academy's first year in its school building.

CELT schools at the heart of national effort to improve attendance

Two CELT schools have been selected for a prestigious government programme aimed at improving school attendance and behaviour.

Lostwithiel Primary School and Penrice Academy are the only two schools in Cornwall to be chosen as lead schools in the Department for Education's Attendance and Behaviour Hubs programme, placing them at the forefront of efforts to help children thrive in education.



[Read more](#)

The selection recognises the strong leadership, inclusive culture and commitment to learners demonstrated by both schools. Being named as hub schools highlights Cornwall Education Learning Trust's growing reputation for educational excellence and collaboration.

Brannel School students win tech award for innovative idea

Learners from Brannel School have won a TECgirls school competition after creating a new technology project to help protect the environment in Cornwall.

Brannel's winning team created a system that measures air quality in local parks using a small computer called a micro:bit.

Judges praised the project for its clear purpose and smart use of technology. As a result, the idea is now being considered for further development on a larger scale in partnership with the Royal Society.



Young learners meet royalty

In March, several of our schools had the distinct honour of meeting Their Majesties during a special visit to St Austell.

Pupils from Luxulyan School delivered a beautiful rendition of "Cornwall My Home" to welcome The King and Queen to the Eden Project, marking the launch of the Big Lunch and Big Help Out initiatives.



At St Austell Church, Reception pupils from Mount Charles School had the opportunity to meet The Queen, presenting her with a handmade bouquet before performing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

The visit also provided an opportunity to discuss key educational initiatives. Our Director of Primary Education, Simon Pollard, spoke with The Queen about the positive impact of the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature in promoting reading for pleasure.

[Royal news](#)

Bodmin College students enter the Dragons' Den

Learners from Bodmin College impressed entrepreneur and Dragons' Den star Lisa Hicks, founder of eco-friendly brand SNOAP, as they pitched their own business ideas in a real-life Dragons' Den experience.

With weeks of preparation and support from local business leaders, including Farmer Tom's Ice Cream and x-hoppers, students gained confidence, creativity and real world enterprise skills that will support them for life.

[Read more](#)



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**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
EASTER 2026**

THURSDAY 9TH - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL
THURSDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 17TH APRIL
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Take part in fun and exciting sporting activities!
Meet new friends, get active and have fun.

There is no charge for those students in receipt of Free School Meals, however, for all other students there is a charge of £10.00 per day.

A light breakfast & lunch is provided

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 5 & 6

[CLICK HERE](#)  To sign up, scan the QR code or click on the link

SCAN 



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Lerryn from Bodmin College competed at the Cornwall County Championships representing the North Cornwall Dragons and delivered an incredible performance. She brought home 2 gold, 4 silver, and 3 bronze medals, and has also qualified for the South West England Regional Championships this spring, surpassing her goal after months of hard training.



ACRO CHAMPION

Mi Me from Brannel School won her category at the South West Acro Championships and will now represent the region at Nationals later this year.

CORNWALL CROSS-COUNTRY

Lyvie from Poltair School recently travelled to RNAS Merryfield to proudly represent Cornwall as part of the U13 Girls Cross Country Team.



“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.”

Robert Collier, author

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL TOUR

Congratulations to Caleb, Mally, Halwyn and Cohen from Bodmin College on being selected for the Kernow Select Youth squad.

They will represent Cornwall on their football tour to Germany and Holland.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

After finishing 8th at the Cross-Country Championships in Exeter, Isobel from Brannel School qualified for the ESAA National Cross-Country Championship in Liverpool.

Isobel competed in the Intermediate Girls Championship, representing Cornwall.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

A huge well done to learners from Newquay Junior Academy, who took part in the North Shore Pro Cadet Surf Series: a number of competitions throughout the year to showcase their skills, have fun and compete.



“I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”
Jimmy Dean, singer



CORNWALL FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Archie and Piotr from Bodmin College on their selection for, and participation in, their first match with the Under-16 Cornwall Representative Squad. This is an excellent achievement, and a proud moment to represent Cornwall on the pitch.

BILLY SHINES

Billy from NT6 will represent Cornwall as part of St Columb YFC cabaret group in Weymouth.

Billy 1st place for the best under 18 member.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

A huge congratulations to the CELT students who are part of St Austell Youth Band on becoming national champions at the National Youth Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

This is an outstanding achievement, and it's fantastic to see their hard work, commitment, and musical talent recognised on a national stage.



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SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Learners from Newquay Junior Academy competed in the Cornish Surf Life Saving Championships in Penzance and returned with a huge number of medals and awards across a range of events, including: Tube Rescue, Board Relays, Flipper Medley and Mannequin.



BEANO BOSS

Dusty from Newquay Junior Academy has been immortalised in The Beano comic after being successfully selected by the Beano panel and readers.

Dusty applied to be a Beano Boss and was involved in the editorial process - a wonderful example of reading for pleasure in action.

PIPING TEAM WIN

Flynn from Newquay Junior Academy is part of the Cornwall District Piping Team through his involvement in Sea Cadets.

The team recently competed in a piping competition and were overall winners - bringing the cup back to Cornwall.



WHAT WE'VE LEARNT THIS TERM

This term, schools 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.



Year 1 learners at **Carclaze CP School** learnt about recycling by visiting Bodmin Materials Recycling Centre.

Pupils learnt about how to reduce, reuse and recycle different materials, which led to discussions about ways we can all look after our planet. The visit helped bring their learning to life and encouraged them to think about simple changes they can make every day.



Learners at **Mevagissey School** thoroughly enjoyed an engaging and informative session from the RNLI.

Learners discovered how to spot potential dangers, what to do in an emergency, and how to stay calm and safe around the water. The RNLI team shared practical advice and real-life insights, helping to build confidence and awareness in a fun and interactive way.



KS4 Creative Arts learners from **Brannel School** enjoyed two inspiring days in London exploring iconic landmarks and world-class performance venues. Highlights included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Royal Albert Hall, experiencing the West End, and watching Mamma Mia, followed by an unforgettable cast meet at the stage door.

On day two, learners attended an opera at the Royal Opera House, gaining insight into the scale and artistry of professional productions.

The trip built confidence, broadened horizons, and showcased the learners' outstanding curiosity and professionalism.



In March, Trent Class from **Newquay Primary Academy** learnt about agriculture with a visit to Woodland Valley Farm. Learners enjoyed a wildlife walk to try and spot beavers that have been successfully introduced, den building and feeding the lambs.



Learners across **Poltair School** have been exploring future pathways with a series of career events as part of National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week.

The school welcomed visitors from local businesses, training providers, FE and the University of Cambridge to deepen learners' understanding of the world of work and future learning opportunities.



Learners at **St Mewan CP School** took part in a series of lessons as part of British Science Week, inspiring the next generation of scientists.

This year's theme was 'curiosity' with learners exploring questions such as:

- Does buttered toast always land butter-side down?
- What is the best design for a paper aeroplane?
- How does 'sticky ice' work?

The children loved making predictions, carrying out experiments and discussing their results.



Staff at **Lostwithiel Primary School** have been learning about biodiversity with Learning Through Landscapes.

Teachers took part in a range of activities that will be shared with learners to help every child enjoy the benefits of learning and playing outdoors.

By embedding biodiversity and outdoor learning into everyday practice, the school aims to nurture curiosity, wellbeing, and a strong sense of environmental responsibility in all learners.



Mount Charles School celebrated St Piran's Day dreckly with a visit from the Kernow King!

Pupils learned all about the Cornish chough, the importance of traditional Cornish hedges, and even enjoyed a dramatic re-enactment of the Cornish Rebellion during the time of King Henry VII. They also discovered the achievements of Sir Humphry Davy, including his invention of the first mine safety lamp.



It was a fun, engaging, and educational experience that brought Cornwall's heritage to life and sparked lots of curiosity and excitement among the children.

In January, learners from **Fowey Primary School** took part in a fantastic boat-building workshop, led by Cornwall Marine Academy.

Throughout the workshop, learners worked enthusiastically to design and develop their own boats, carefully considering how their ideas would perform. It was wonderful to see them applying their knowledge, collaborating with one another, and showing real curiosity as they refined their creations.

The highlight of the session was, of course, testing their boats, which brought plenty of excitement and a real sense of achievement. The children demonstrated impressive understanding and determination and it was clear how much they enjoyed the experience.



Future Medics students from **Penrice Academy** spent an afternoon in February exploring a range of medical specialisms with a lecture on emergency medicine. The session with Ashleigh Pestidge from The Royal Cornwall Hospital gave learners the chance to get hands-on experience of specialist emergency medicine equipment.





Newquay Junior Academy learners were transported back in time to learn about the Romans as part of their history topic.

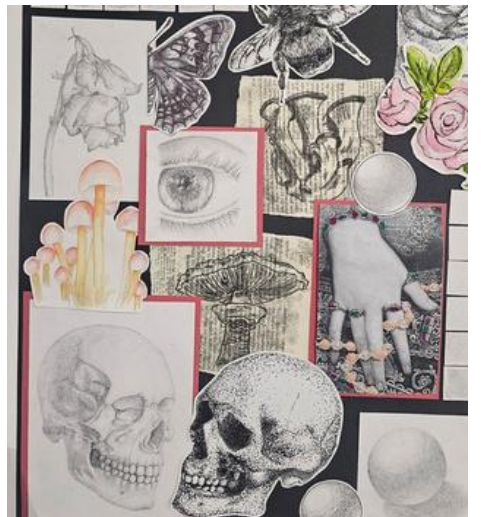
They took part in a Roman Britain Schools Workshop to immerse themselves in Roman life, exploring armoury, dress and handling fascinating artefacts.



Year 10 learners at **Bodmin College** have been exploring the theme of the Human Condition through a series of powerful and thought-provoking observational drawings, inspired by the concept of Vanitas. This classical theme, rich in symbolism, encouraged learners to reflect on ideas of time, mortality and the transient nature of life.

Working across a wide range of media, including pencil, ink, watercolour, coloured pencil and monoprint, learners demonstrated impressive technical skill and a willingness to experiment. They carefully selected and arranged objects to create meaningful compositions, using symbolism to communicate deeper messages within their work.

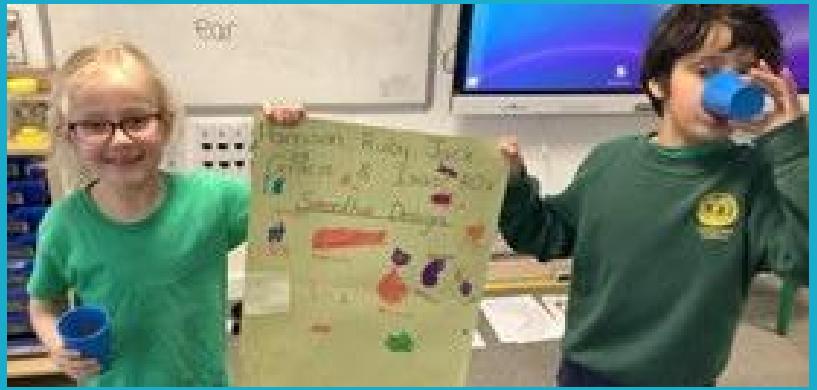
Throughout the project, learners showed great maturity in their thinking, developing their ability to analyse and respond to complex themes.



Beech Class at **Luxulyan School**

brought their creativity and practical skills together in a hands-on smoothie-making session. Following a design brief, learners were challenged to plan and create delicious, healthy smoothies, carefully considering ingredients, flavours and nutritional value.

Throughout the activity, learners demonstrated great focus and responsibility, paying close attention to health and safety as they sliced, scooped, crushed, chopped, and juiced a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.



This term, Seals Class at **Port Isaac Academy** enjoyed the first Beach School session of the year.

The learners listened to a story about a trip to the seaside before exploring a variety of hands-on activities. Some learners tried pebble painting, others investigated floating and sinking while a third group sorted and examined different shells.

The children approached each task with curiosity and enthusiasm, working together and learning through observation and experimentation.



In February, Year 6 learners at **Pondhu Primary School** combined science with creativity to create clay models of invertebrates.

After researching a wide variety of creatures, the learners carefully planned their designs, using their scientific knowledge to ensure accuracy while also adding creative flair.

The models were full of impressive detail, from textured exoskeletons to perfectly shaped antennae - applying what they have learned in science in a hands-on, imaginative way.



February was Health Month at **Newquay Tretherras**, with special lessons and activities for all learners. From Science sessions measuring sugar and lung capacity, Maths problem-solving, Crochet Calming, mandalas and mindfulness, and quiet reading in English... to rowing challenges in the gym, Just Dance in the Activity Studio, outdoor time in our green spaces, feeding the chickens, a fantastic Health Fair, blind food taste tests, gaming to unwind, sound baths, psychology illusions and even relaxed lunchtime screenings of *Horrible Histories* — there truly has been something for everyone.



CELT OUTDOORS



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TEN TORS TRAINING

Ten Tors training is well under way this term, in preparation for the annual event in May. Students from Bodmin College and Penrice Academy have been out on Dartmoor during the weekends and despite the unrelenting wind and rain, everyone was still smiling and laughing at the end of each day, which is a true measure of the grit and enthusiasm they are discovering.



JUBILEE CHALLENGE



Learners in the Greenfield Jubilee Challenge Team have been training at Lanhydrock this term, in preparation for their event.

Their first training day was a 6km walk in wet conditions - a tough start but made slightly easier thanks to new kit, funded by the Dartmoor Preservation Society.

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Brannel CELT-CCF recently had its first Biennial inspection, this was a significant milestone for the CCF, now into its second full year.

The inspection was conducted by Officer Commanding Doy 6 Rifles Major Scott Lacey and 6 Rifles Regimental Serjeant Major Carl Chadwick. It was a great honour to be inspected by our sponsoring unit 6 Rifles.

The cadets at Brannel did a superb job demonstrating all of their newly acquired skills and knowledge and did a sterling job representing Brannel and CELT.

Mr Muller-Forster and Mr Read took the inspecting officer and RSM on a tour of Brannel and talked about the impact the CCF has had in behaviour, attendance and attainment, the inspecting officer was highly impressed with what he saw.

At the end of the inspection on the final parade Major Lacey spoke to a large number of individual cadets and presented awards for CCF syllabus achievement and several promotions for cadets to Lance Corporal and Corporal. The report completed by Major Lacey rated the CCF as above standard and there were glowing citations about the cadets the CCF staff and the school leadership.

Going forward at Brannel CELT-CCF is now engaged in a partnership with Poltair so learners at Poltair can start to parade.

Brannel will have a Royal Navy section with students able to join this from September.



CELT Staff

If you would like to be involved in the CCF please contact Captain Ryan Pentecost at Brannel School to discuss what benefits and opportunities this can bring.
rpentecost@brannel.celtrust.org



St Austell

Festival of Children's Literature

Save the date!



13th June 2026



staustellfestivalofchildrensliterature.com

CELT PERFORM





THE CELT ORCHESTRA PLAYS ON

In February, the CELT Orchestra met at Penrice Academy for its third rehearsal.

Talented young musicians from across our schools have formed friendships through this ensemble, strengthening our musical community.

MUSIC FOR YOUTH FESTIVAL



Newquay Tretherras' Senior Choir, Jazz Band, and Samba Band had an inspiring day performing at the regional round of the Music for Youth Festival in Truro. Each ensemble represented the school with pride and musicality, impressing both the audience and festival mentors. The Samba Band brought energy and vibrant rhythms to the stage, the Senior Choir delivered beautifully blended harmonies and the Jazz Band closed the performances with a stylish, creative interpretation of Cantaloupe Island by Herbie Hancock.

JOSEPH AT BODMIN

Bodmin College's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat was a tremendous success, showcasing incredible student talent, creativity and dedication.

Every element came together to create polished and engaging performances and was a true testament to the hard work and teamwork of everyone involved.





★ NT'S GOT TALENT

The revival of NT's Got Talent delivered an exceptional showcase of student talent. The audience and judges alike were treated to an impressive range of performances, including singing, instrumental music, drumming, dance, magic, a diablo and devil stick routine to the 1812 Overture, and a timed Rubik's Cube challenge. Each performer demonstrated skill, confidence, and stage presence.



INTO THE WOODS

Penrice Academy was transformed for three magical and spellbinding nights as learners brought Into the Woods to life on stage. The performances were a true celebration of talent, creativity and dedication, leaving audiences thoroughly captivated.

The school production was truly a team effort - congratulations to the cast and crew and a special thank you to families and friends who supported the performances.



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Poltair School's production of The Addams Family Musical was spooktacular!

The performers impressed audiences with their energy, skill and commitment, bringing each scene to life with professionalism and enthusiasm.

The production would not have been possible without the dedicated staff, whose commitment and countless hours of hard work behind the scenes helped to bring everything together.



DANCE SHOWCASE

Bodmin College dancers performed at the Hall for Cornwall in January as part of the annual Secondary School Creative Arts Showcase.

The performances were an opportunity to celebrate new and original dance and drama pieces created by young people.



BRIT SCHOOL



A special congratulations to Maia from Bodmin College, who has secured a place at The BRIT School in London.

The BRIT School has built a strong reputation for producing successful alumni in the creative industries, including artists like Adele, Amy Winehouse and Tom Holland.

YOUNG VOICES 2026

Learners from Carclaze CP School and St Mewan CP School performed at the Young Voices' 30th Anniversary Concert at the O2 London.

Young Voices concerts create the largest school choir performances in the World in the biggest arenas in the UK.

Well done to both schools!



CELT UPSKILL DAY



This term, Newquay Tretherras hosted an inspiring 'Upskill Day' for music teachers from across Cornwall Learning Education Trust.

The trust's lead educator for music, Bethany Wade and her team delivered a full day of activities.

Hands-on workshops included steel band, samba and African drumming. Participants from primary and secondary also explored music tech and collaborative planning.

The day even ended with a calming sound bath – a chance to reflect on our learning and on the importance of teacher and learner wellbeing.

Bringing colleagues together like this is a perfect example of how CELT makes it possible to build bridges and share great practice for the good of all our learners.

Now, more of our music teachers have the confidence to use a range of instruments in their classrooms. Excitingly, they also have the tools to establish vibrant ensembles in their schools.



COLLABORATE

NEWQUAY PRIMARY

The rain did not dampen the spirits of learners from Newquay Primary Academy who took part in Newquay St Piran's Day Parade on 5 March.

They proudly paraded their boat 'SS St Pirans' to celebrate the Cornish saint.



BODMIN COLLEGE

Pathways students took part in sand dune conservation work, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts. Working with the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, Cornwall National Landscape, and Beach Guardian, they supported important environmental work at Constantine Bay.

LUXULYAN SCHOOL

The school choir recently performed at a St Austell Music Festival fundraising event with Stuns'ls, a sea shanty group.

Their joint performance of "Cornwall My Home" was superb.



COLLABORATE

MEVAGISSEY PRIMARY

The school is continuing with fundraising efforts for its outdoor learning development project and has received donations from local community fundraisers, sponsored runs and kind donations.



FOWEY PRIMARY

EYFS learners spent time at Fowey Memory Cafe, working together with people in the community to plant herbs including parsley, mint and chives! The children showed great teamwork, chatted to new friends and brought a plant back to school to add to the garden.

NEWQUAY TRETHERRAS

In March, Tretherras welcomed its partner school from Cuenca. The Spanish students spent a week learning about life in Cornwall and helping learners perfect their Spanish skills. A trip to Spain is planned for October.



EMPOWER



POLTAIR SCHOOL

Year 9 learners have been taking part in Travel Training, designed to give them the knowledge and confidence to use public transport and travel safely. The learners have also had the opportunity to learn about alternative post-16 pathways.

CARCLAZE CP SCHOOL

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, learners took part in the daily mile. To ensure a connection and belonging, classes buddied up and supported each other to complete it.



PORT ISAAC ACADEMY

Year 5 learners demonstrated fantastic independent learning through their research and preparations to showcase project presentations. They developed their confidence in public speaking as well as their presentation and planning skills.

EMPOWER



PENRICE ACADEMY

In February, every learner had the opportunity to make their voice heard as part of the Cornwall Youth Council elections.

Ballots were cast for a manifesto pledge rather than a name.

PONDHU PRIMARY

As part of learning about oral health, the children have been enjoying fun, hands-on activities to practise those important brushing skills.

It has helped the children understand why looking after their teeth is important.



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Go on...
check out
what there is
to do at your
local library
this Easter!

Hop to it!



Kid's Book Club!

St Austell Library

Last Saturday of each month, 11am-12pm. For ages 7-11
First meeting Saturday 28th February. Book your spot with us now!

You will need to be a library member to join the book group. Membership is FREE and we can sign you up in minutes if you don't already have a library card - just bring an adult with you. For more info, come to the Help Desk, call 0300 1234 111, or email staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk

LEAD

BRANNEL SCHOOL

Brannel students took part in the Youth Sport Trust Young Ambassador Event at Penryn College. The day focused on leadership, student voice, and the power of sport to create positive change in schools and communities.



MOUNT CHARLES

School councillors have been working closely with Caterlink, to help discuss and design the new summer menu. They recently tasted two exciting dishes: Greek chicken pittas and a spinach and cheese whirl. The feedback on the food tastings was extremely positive.

NEWQUAY JUNIOR

Lilac led Red Nose Day fundraising efforts at NJA by making homemade cakes to sell to staff.

The Academy raised over £500 for Comic Relief.



TRANSFORM

MOUNT CHARLES

The young carers group has been busy this term transforming their garden. Learners have worked together to plant flowers and brighten up the school grounds as well as enjoy some well-deserved time outdoors.



ST MEWAN

The Student Council did an excellent job of working as a team to prepare some of the outside area for spring. They spent some time clearing leaves and weeds, disposing of rubbish and filling pots with soil ready for planting.



LET'S GO ST AUSTELL

Beat the Street

St Austell
25 March – 6 May 2026

Play the free, fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game!
Play as an individual, create a team with your friends and colleagues or join your school team and you could win loads of great prizes.
Visit [beatthestreet.me](https://www.beatthestreet.me) to find out more.

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Beat the Street

Penzance & St Austell
25 March - 6 May 2026

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5 MARCH 2026



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THE SOUTH WEST

Wednesday 11 February



“These events are so important for our profession, they nourish us, they keep us going, they build momentum because if we thrive then so will our learners.”

Hayley Bissenden,
Director of the Centre of
Excellence



“Floyd’s journey from challenging beginnings to inspiring others through leadership and mentoring was both moving and motivating. He illustrated the power and impact that teachers can have on raising aspirations.”

Laura Pedlar
Marketing and Communications

SOUTH WEST SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT NETWORK

It was a privilege to host the first South West School Improvement Network for primary schools on behalf of the Cornwall Hub. Held at Mount Charles School, the event provided an opportunity to see high-quality Reception provision alongside a strong focus on improving English and Maths attainment across the school.

Trust leaders and Headteachers from across our region were welcomed for a productive and collaborative session, with partnerships and professional relationships developing beyond individual Trust boundaries.



CELT RISING LEADERS

The CELT Rising Leaders programme is one of the ways we are investing in our people to develop the next generation of great leaders from within.

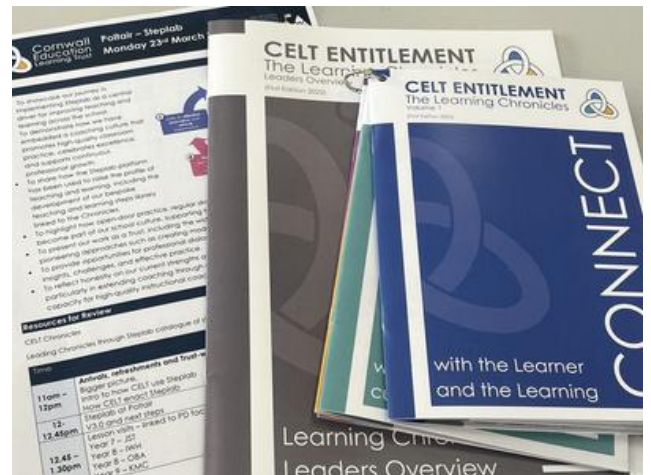
Through a series of conferences, we are bringing colleagues together to develop and deliver school improvement projects that will make a difference.

At the most recent conference, staff presented their plans to headteachers, trust leaders and our Chair of Trustees.

The event showcased thoughtful, high-quality work with clear impact across our schools. The standard of both the projects and the professionals leading them was exceptional.



STEPLAB PD LEADERSHIP



we're delighted to spotlight the PD Leadership Intensive programme with Steplab. This initiative provided a structured, evidence-informed approach to professional development, empowering our leaders to drive meaningful improvements in teaching and learning across CELT.

Throughout the day, our colleagues engaged deeply with instructional coaching, deliberate practice and data-informed decision-making. Our leaders have developed practical strategies to support teacher growth, focusing on small, actionable steps that lead to sustained improvement over time.

This will strengthen collaboration across departments and schools, enabling staff to share insights, refine their practice, and build greater consistency in how professional development is delivered.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to embedding these approaches further and continuing to invest in high-quality professional development that benefits both staff and learners.

ASPIRING LEADERS

This term, colleagues across CELT continued with the DSL & DDSL Aspiring Leaders programme.

The second session in March provided a valuable opportunity for deliberate practice, with a strong focus on building confidence and consistency in safeguarding decision-making.

The training centred on developing high-quality written records, understanding the importance of clear and objective language, and exploring how to construct and interpret a whole-child chronology. Through collaborative discussions, scenario-based activities and reflective practice, colleagues engaged deeply with the complexities of recording and analysing safeguarding information.

Amy Daniels, Director of Inclusion said “It has been particularly encouraging to see such thoughtful engagement, professional curiosity and a shared commitment among colleagues to ensuring the highest standards of safeguarding for every child.”



RISE SOUTH WEST DISCOVERY EVENT



A highlight of this term's Department for Education RISE South West programme was the KS4 Attainment Discovery Morning held at Penrice Academy.

The event brought together leaders from across the region with responsibility for improving KS4 outcomes, providing a valuable opportunity to see strong practice in action, engage directly with school leaders and teams; to take away practical strategies to strengthen provision in their own settings.

Set within a wider programme of Discovery Mornings focused on national priorities, the session at Penrice Academy exemplified the intent of the RISE South West initiative: to create focused, high-quality professional dialogue between schools, enabling leaders to share expertise, ask meaningful questions and develop approaches that have real impact on learners' outcomes.

Colleagues from across the South West benefited from the opportunity to collaborate and learn together.



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