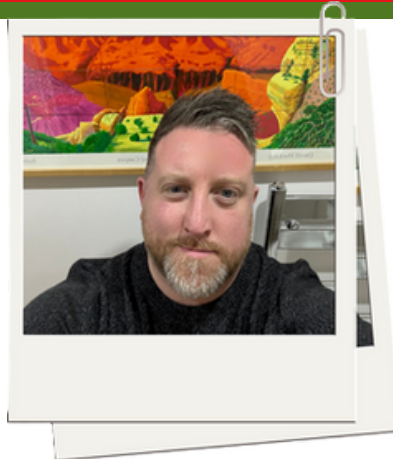




SLT MESSAGE



I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Oak Tree School. It's been a real pleasure to begin getting to know the school community, and I already feel very lucky to be part of such a special place.

I've really enjoyed my first week – especially spending time with our amazing students and staff. Whether it's chatting over lunch, joining in a game of football, or simply walking around the school, I've been made to feel very welcome and have already seen what a kind, caring and supportive community this is.

I'm truly excited about the journey ahead and am committed to working closely with you to ensure every child feels safe, happy, and able to achieve their very best. Relationships are at the heart of everything we do, and I believe that by working together we can make sure every child at Oak Tree School thrives.

Over the coming weeks and months, I'll be sharing more about our plans to support every student to grow in confidence, independence and aspiration.

Thank you for your warm welcome so far – I'm really looking forward to meeting more of you soon.

Many thanks

Matt

Matt Hughes
Headteacher – Oak Tree School

Key Dates for your Diary

Spring Term

Monday 6th January 2025 -
Friday 4th April 2025

Let's Talk Workshop - Puberty

Monday 17th March 2025

Options and Careers Workshop

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Last Day of Term

Friday 4th April 2025

Easter Holidays

Monday 7th April 2025 -
Friday 18th April 2025

Easter Monday - School Closed

Monday 21st April 2025

Return to school

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

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



OAK TREE NEWS



WORLD BOOK DAY!



Gunwalloe

Students of Gunwalloe have had a fabulous time at College again this week. The catering lessons at College have been really worthwhile and fun. The students have cooked some amazing dishes. This week was gammon and chips. All of our students participated in catering lessons this week.

Students have also enjoyed boxercise sessions in and around lessons. It is great to see our students being active and enjoying P.E.





OAK TREE NEWS

CAREERS

A BIG PART OF OUR SCHOOL CAREERS PROGRAMME IS TO DEVELOP SKILLS FOR INDEPENDENCE. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GWR, KEY STAGE 4 STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE “TRY A TRAIN” PROGRAMME AIMED AT PROVIDING THEM WITH THE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO ACCESS AND TRAVEL BY RAIL. WE BEGAN OUR TRAVEL TRAINING BY CATCHING A BUS FROM LANGARTH PARK & RIDE TO TRURO TRAIN STATION WHERE WE MET WITH STAFF FROM GWR WHO SHOWED STUDENTS THE DIFFERENT WAYS TO OBTAIN TRAIN TICKETS, HOW TO ACCESS AND USE THE DIFFERENT FACILITIES AT A TRAIN STATION AND EXPLAINED HOW THEY COULD GET ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WHEN TRAVELLING BY TRAIN. WE THEN TRAVELLED ON A TRAIN AND SPENT SOME TIME IN HAYLE BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL VIA BUS. MANY OF THE STUDENTS HAD NEVER BEEN ON A TRAIN BEFORE OR THOSE THAT HAD DID NOT HAVE EXPERIENCE OF PURCHASING TICKETS AND PLANNING A JOURNEY, SO IT WAS AN EVENT EVERYONE WOULD HAVE TAKEN A LOT FROM AND THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE GAINED WILL HELP THEM IN THE FUTURE WHEN ACCESSING TRANSPORT INDEPENDENTLY.



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 TEXT 07312 263 423

ChatHealth
Parent Line 5-19

 TEXT 07312 263 499

ChatHealth
Young People 11-19

 TEXT 07312 263 096

Alternatively, for 0-19 health advice
you can also contact:

 01872 324261 (option 2)

 hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

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How to support children with SEND with talking to people online

Young people use the internet to contact friends they might know from school or other activities. Sometimes children with special educational needs and disabilities may struggle with making friends when other children are not being inclusive or kind.

[Support children with SEND talking to people online | NSPCC](#)

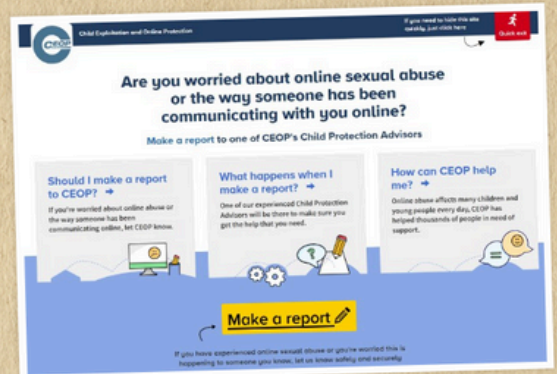


What to do when you see online abuse or inappropriate content

It may be that you, or your child, come across something upsetting or concerning online. It is important that you feel confident about what to do if you do see something inappropriate online, or if your child tells you they've seen something.

If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the [NSPCC Helpline](#)

for free support and advice. If your child needs more support, they can contact [.Childline](#)



Child Exploitation and Online Protection

If you need to hide this site quickly, just click here

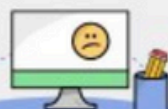


Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors

Should I make a report to CEOP? →

If you're worried about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online, let CEOP know.



What happens when I make a report? →

One of our experienced Child Protection Advisors will be there to make sure you get the help that you need.



How can CEOP help me? →

Online abuse affects many children and young people every day, CEOP has helped thousands of people in need of support.



Make a report

If you have experienced online sexual abuse or you're worried this is happening to someone you know, let us know safely and securely

Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online? Make a Report:



INTERNATIONAL MATHS DAY

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025

The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is a worldwide celebration. Each year on March 14th.

Maths day celebrates all things maths, the spark, creativity and bringing mathematics to life with all sorts of other fields, concepts and ideas.

Creativity unites mathematics and art, fields that may seem separate, but were originally intertwined, both seeking to reveal the beauty of the universe.

Do you like maths?
Is maths important?

Remember - write your answers on your Big Q display in your school hall. Each response is worth a lucky ticket!

AO Religious Knowledge:
Re.5.2 Student describes some religious objects/ places/people and practices



Leonardo Da Vinci's
Golden Ratio



Oak Tree School Big Questions

Parents and Carers

Everything you need to know about booking onto the Holiday Programme



Time2Move Holiday Programme

WE ARE LIVE! The wait is over – our Easter activities are officially available for booking! 🐰🥚🌸

We are very egg-cited for this Easter, we've got something for everyone to enjoy! Head to our website now to reserve your space for a variety of Easter events. Activities will continue to be added, so keep your eyes peeled!

<https://www.activecornwall.org/parents-and-carers/>
Active Cornwall

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RATING

13+

Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child in an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content; a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

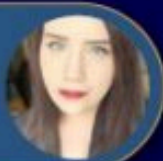
The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

Coral Cripps is a Canadian-born, London-based tech journalist at gmv3.com: a website specialising in all things Web3, gaming and XR (extended reality). With a focus on brands and culture, she researches and writes about the ways that our current innovations – including the metaverse and Web3 – are impacting people, places and things.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday



Cornwall
Wildlife Trust



The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...

Egg Hunt →

Wild Wellbeing



During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and ..., would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book EACH child on to a session below:

Morning and afternoon sessions available:

Tuesday 8 April 2025 at Golitha Falls

Thursday 10 April at Tehidy Woods

Tuesday 15 April at The Dipping Pond, Gossmoor

Tuesday 15 April at Widemouth Bay, Bude

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1cVmDjXF5E>

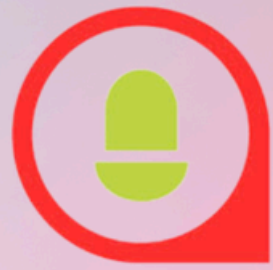


Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)



Lets Talk



Oak Tree
School

ABOUT PUBERTY

WORKSHOP

WHATS INVOLVED?

- Learn about the physical & emotional changes caused by puberty
- Talk about body boundaries and what constitutes healthy relationships



Monday
17th March 2025

10:00am - 11:00am



Oak Tree School,
TR4 9NH

Meet with
Hanna Toms
Relationship & Sex
Education Therapist
(RSE)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT:

01872 264221




kiah.williams@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk

michele.haigh@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WORKSHOP






Oak Tree
School

-  Tuesday 29th April 2025
-  10.00am - 1.00pm
Oak Tree School, TR4 9NH
-  Buffet Lunch included



What's Involved:

-  A free introduction into increasing knowledge & awareness of mental health and wellbeing delivered by Healthy Cornwall
-  Learn the different signs and symptoms to watch out for surrounding mental health
-  Learn some Stress Reduction techniques

To book a space
or for more info:

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Healthy
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LET'S TALK

OPTIONS & CAREERS WORKSHOP



Oak Tree
School

WITH CHRIS PENFOLD - POST 16'S & CAREERS LEAD

To include an overview of the careers program, including:

- Why we do it
- What we do
- How you can support your child with future choices
- Post-16 Options
- Q&A Opportunity



TUESDAY, 1ST APRIL

11.00AM - 1.00PM

OAK TREE SCHOOL, TR4 9NH

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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 horticulture 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 Keheland!

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

An opportunity to get in the festive spirit and create a personalised wreath. Dates TBC

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