

31st March 2026 - Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring Term has flown by with only a few days left until the Easter Holiday!

It has been another busy and productive term. The children are continuing to thrive, producing impressive work and speaking enthusiastically about their learning. For more updates and insights into the learning experiences your children are enjoying, please visit your child's school website.

SEND White Paper *Every Child Achieving and Thriving*

Following the publication of the Government's new SEND White Paper *Every Child Achieving and Thriving*, released on Monday 23rd of February 2026. I want to reassure all our families that inclusion remains firmly at the heart of everything we do across our Trust. Our commitment to ensuring that every child is valued, understood, and supported—academically, socially, and emotionally—remains unwavering.

The new SEND White Paper contains several positive proposals that align strongly with our Trust's values and existing practice:

- **A clearer, more consistent national system of support**, including a *universal offer* that ensures all children have access to high quality adaptive teaching, calm learning environments, and early help when needed. This universal offer is intended to meet the needs of most children within mainstream settings.
- **New Individual Support Plans (ISPs)** for every child with additional needs, giving legal standing to personalised plans that clearly set out support and ensure teachers and parents can easily access and review them together. These ISPs aim to reduce delays, improve consistency, and strengthen collaboration between school and home.
- **Significant national investment of £4 billion**, including the £1.6 billion Inclusive Mainstream Fund to support early intervention and small group provision, and further funding for specialist support services. This investment is intended to help make inclusion routine rather than contested and to ensure schools can provide the right help at the right time.
- **Retention of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)** for children with the most complex needs, with strong transitional protections to ensure no child loses existing support as the new system is phased in.

Collectively, these reforms aim to create a more inclusive, transparent, and supportive system—one that removes unnecessary barriers and enables schools and families to work together more effectively. This aligns closely with our Trust's own mission: to ensure every child, whatever their needs, is known, valued, and supported to flourish.

As a Trust, we welcome the direction of travel set out in the White Paper. While further detail will emerge through ongoing consultation, we are confident that the proposals strengthen the national framework for inclusion—something we have long championed locally.

Please be assured that we will continue to communicate key developments as the national reforms progress, and we remain committed to working closely with you at every stage.

Trust Professional Learning Day

Ahead of the publication of the SEND White Paper, we organised for all staff across our schools to take part in a dedicated INSET day on inclusion on 13th of February. This training brought together highly regarded keynote speakers, consultants, and SEND experts from across Cornwall to strengthen our collective understanding of inclusive practice. It provided our teachers and support staff with the most up to date, research-led strategies to support pupils with SEND in the most inclusive way possible. These sessions reinforced approaches such as adaptive teaching, early intervention, and effective communication with families—ensuring that our schools continue to provide environments in which every child can thrive.

The day began with a keynote address from Dr Adam Lewis-Cole, Senior Educational Psychologist at Psychology Associates. Dr Lewis-Cole shared expert insights into supporting neurodiverse learners and highlighted practical strategies that schools can embed to ensure all children are able to thrive.

During the day, staff participated in a range of workshops delivered by both external partners and colleagues from within the Trust. These sessions provided opportunities to explore effective classroom approaches, share best practice, and build staff confidence in meeting the needs of our children.

The day concluded with school-based breakout sessions, where teams reflected on key learning, carried out a self-audit of current practice, and began shaping action plans to further strengthen inclusive provision within their settings.

It was particularly encouraging to hear the positive feedback shared during these sessions, with colleagues highlighting the value of this collaborative learning and the practical ideas they will now take forward in their schools.

This professional learning day reflects the Trusts ongoing commitment to developing inclusive environments where every child is supported to achieve their full potential.

Ofsted

At the end of January Duloe welcomed Ofsted into their school to share how children's learning is flourishing within the classroom. The school underwent their inspection under the new Ofsted framework and we are pleased with the outcome of 'Strong' standard for attendance and behaviour, with 'Expected' standard rating (which in the previous framework would have equated to the top end of the old 'GOOD') for all other areas inspected.

It is extremely heartwarming to hear parents and carers strongly support the school and speak positively about the guidance staff provide and the progress their children make and that staff value the support available and the many opportunities to develop their skills within the school and across the Trust.

We are all extremely proud of these results, it is a clear testament to the hard work and dedication of all our children, staff and the wider community.

Trust Spring Song Fest

On 16th March, groups of children from across our 15 schools came together to take part in a Whole Trust, environmentally themed Spring Song Fest.

Thanks to Nick Hart, a Trustee of Bridge Schools, this exciting opportunity was made possible through a collaboration with Luke Wallace, a singer and songwriter from Canada who works with schools and is actively involved in environmental projects around the world.

Children from each school were fortunate enough to learn one of Luke's environmental songs. They also worked creatively with staff and music teachers to write their own songs inspired by environmental themes. These were then shared with other schools during a special performance at St Martin's Church in Liskeard.

Through this experience, the children developed a deeper understanding of the importance of engaging with key global issues such as climate change. They also benefited greatly from being part of a collaborative project and from working alongside experienced professionals in the field.

The event brought the Trust together to celebrate and share their songs focused on caring for our environment and ecosystems, helping to inspire a future where generations can thrive.

It was a truly delightful day of collaboration and creativity that was enjoyed by all.



INSET Dates – 2026/27

Please see below training days for 2026/27, to help with planning time off, childcare and forthcoming family events.

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

School Term to start for pupils on Monday 7th September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 12th February 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Friday 23rd July 2027

Easter Holiday

When out and about this holiday, your children can eat free or for as little as £1 at a number of participating venues, so please do take a look at the list of restaurants, fast food chains and supermarkets overleaf.

We will close for the Easter holiday on Thursday 2nd of April and all schools will reopen on Monday 20th April.

I am fortunate to lead an incredibly talented set of staff with supportive trustees, members and governors who work hard to give the very best education we can to support all our children and families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust and partnership as parents and carers. Wishing you a relaxing Easter break and we look forward to the children returning to school on Monday 20th April.

Best wishes,

Adrian Massey and everyone at Bridge Schools

(see list of places where kids eat free (or for £1) over the Easter holidays)



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March - 17th April

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SUBWAY

Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays