

3rd April 2025 - Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring Term has flown by with only one day left until the Easter Holiday!

The children continue to flourish in our schools producing some remarkable work and can talk enthusiastically about their learning. There has been a great deal of activity in all the schools this term. To see more news blogs of the learning experiences children are enjoying, please visit your child's school website.

Ofsted

Last term we had visits to Harrowbarrow, Lanlivery and Looe. This Spring Term has seen another wave of Ofsted visits across the Trust. At the beginning of January Darite and Polruan welcomed Ofsted into their schools to share how children's learning is flourishing within the classroom. Since Polruan's previous report we are delighted they were awarded 'Good' across all areas of the inspection. Darite also remains a 'Good' school with the Ofsted report confirming the school has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection. Last week it was Polperro's turn, and this week Copper Valley Infant and Nursery have also welcomed Ofsted Inspectors. We look forward to receiving and sharing the full reports for both these schools in due course.

It is heartwarming to hear our parents and carers are positive about the quality of education at our schools and that our staff are overwhelmingly positive about the support we can offer them in their work.

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.

Lego Champions!

On Thursday 13th of March, the team of Year 5 and 6 pupils from Darite Primary Academy the Darite Marine Marvels- were crowned champions in the First Lego League Robot Performance at RNAS Culdrose for the fourth year running!



The team of 7 children competed against 24 other primary schools on the second day of the two-day competition. The theme this year was "Submerged".

The day included the children having to invent, develop and present an "Innovation Project" that would support the research of scientists studying oceanography. The team contacted scientists at NOAA in America and the Marine Biological Association (MBA) in Plymouth. After an amazing Q and A with Professor David Sims and Dr Freya

Womersely at the MBA, during which they learned about the cutting-edge research being done in Plymouth, the team decided to look at ways they could support the MBA team with extending battery life in the tags. This is one of the many challenges facing Professor Sims and his team as they explained.

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The MBA team are using tags to track shark species including whale sharks - the data from which, support research in climate change and human impact on the oceans. The children chose to look at how batteries in the tags could be recharged, extending the life of the tag, gathering more data and allow scientists to make tags smaller to track juvenile sharks. The team discussed several ideas such as solar panels on tags until they settled on adapting hydroelectric turbines into miniature impellers that could be attached to tags. The judges on the day were very impressed with their ideas and display of teamwork.



Along with this aspect of the competition, there was a science show, interactive exhibits such as electric art, rocket making and coding. The Navy personnel were only too happy to help, and the children were very impressed with the drones on display.

The second aspect of the competition was the Robot Game. This was a coding competition - the participants had to build and code a robot from a set number of Lego pieces to move around a mat, interacting with Lego obstacles and scoring points.

Scoring a huge total of 310 points the team from Darite Primary were very proud to win the coding phase of the competition and were awarded the trophy for the Robot Performance for the fourth time in a row!

There was very strong competition over the two days with more than 50 teams competing. The Darite Marine Marvels- were awarded the highest placed runners-up and as such, we are really proud to announce that the team will be attending the National Finals in Harrogate for the second year in a row!



We are also proud of Harrowbarrow Primary who attended the event on the second day and won the Judges Award for good effort and positivity. Thanks to the team at the MBA (www.mba.ac.uk), Cornwall Council and RNAS Culdrose for their support in making the project a great success.

This week the Darite Marine Marvels were interviewed by BBC Radio Cornwall further to them hearing about their success story in the local press. Congratulations and good luck for the National Finals!

World's toughest row across the Atlantic

Also, this term Bridge Schools Trustee, Sally Crabb completed an amazing challenge of rowing across the Atlantic in support of the RNLI. Representing the UK, as part of a team Sally rowed an astounding 3000 miles to cross the finish line in Antigua in: 40 days, 16 hours and 48 minutes, coming an incredible **1st in the mixed class category**.



Photos by: World's Toughest Row

We are proud to celebrate achievements of everyone within Bridge Schools including our Trustees!

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Health and Wellbeing

On February 14th we held an INSET day at Wadebridge Primary for all Teachers within the Trust. The day offered a timetable of Health and Wellbeing workshops and webinar training, heavily supported by Schools UK with their partners Sonder and Sparta Health, Healthy Cornwall and our very own Trust Subject Leads. The sessions were very well received by all and it was good to see everyone fully engaged in the wide range of topics available to them throughout the day, making it a really positive end to the first half term.

iPads in classrooms

Over the years we have continued to invest in technology for learning and have deployed 1400 iPads across the schools, bringing our pupil: iPad ratio to a minimum of 2:1 across the whole Trust, small schools are at a 1:1 ratio. In addition, we have invested in teacher iPads as we look to introduce new and exciting software next term during our June INSET in preparation for the new academic year to enhance learning in classrooms.

Trust Dodgeball Event at Callywith organised by Lyndsey Smerdon Wadebridge



At the beginning of February groups of children from across KS2 within the Trust competed at the Bridge Schools Dodgeball Tournament. The teams were able to enjoy the sports facilities at Callywith College. We are very proud of you all for showing our Trust values throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to 1st place Blisland, 2nd place Looe and 3rd place St Cleer for great teamwork.

Trust Alternative Sports Day organised by Lucy Miles at Looe

I have just returned today from the Trust Alternative Sports Day at Looe Primary Academy.

The day started with an excellent warm up with Rachel from Bond Dance Company and thereafter the children enjoyed participating in a range of exciting sports such as Mini Segways, Fencing, Soft Archery, Football Golf and an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament all run by some of our fantastic sports coaches used across the Trust Schools.

Two favourite moments from the day were watching the children master the obstacle course on a Segway (this takes much more focus and skill to master than you'd think!) and supporting each other as united teams despite coming from different schools!



The day encompassed many of our trust values as children showed determination, excellence and responsibility when participating in the activities. Thank you to Lucy Miles (teacher from Looe) for organising the day for all the children.

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All of the children will receive a medal and certificate for participation.

A fantastic day was had by all!

INSET Dates – 2025/26

Please see below training days for 2025/26, to help with planning time off, childcare and forthcoming family events.

3 rd September 2025
24 th October 2025
5 th January 2026
13 th February 2026
22 nd May 2026
5 th June 2026
23 rd July 2026

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 Friday 4th April and all schools will reopen on Tuesday 22nd April due to the Monday being a bank holiday.

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 so much for your continued support as parents and carers. Wishing you a relaxing Easter break and we look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 22nd 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 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

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

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, after 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

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

LAS IGUANAS

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

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.