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A Message from our Senior Leadership Team

We started this year, looking forward to beginning a new chapter in the life of ACE Schools as we prepared for the merger of Transforming Futures Trust with Reach South Academy Trust. At the beginning of the summer term we turned that page and started a new adventure as part of a much bigger trust which includes primary, secondary and special schools across the South West. We also took this opportunity to welcome Matthew Read and Dan Clift, our Heads of Provision onto our Senior Leadership Team in recognition of the whole school impact of their contribution. We are a stronger team moving forward into 2026-27 and look forward to recruiting to our vacancy for Head of Provision for Health & Welfare and Plymouth WRAP.



While change can be unsettling, it can also be a time of renewal and of exciting new opportunities. This sense of new possibilities continues into the next academic year as we begin to see the benefits that a larger trust brings. It has been a very busy term, especially for our team of administrators as they worked to get new systems in place, an ongoing task. Many thanks to the team.



As ever we maintained our focus on delivering for our young people, maintaining our unconditional positive regard and support for each and every one of them. We have had some great successes in improving outcomes this year with higher attendance, fewer suspensions and more children successfully transitioning to mainstream and special schools. We also heard that nearly twice as many ACE school leavers sustained education, employment or training than the national average for Alternative Provision schools.



At ACE Schools we have always been determined to make a difference; to change lives and to support some of the most

A Message from our Senior Leadership Team

vulnerable pupils in the country. To provide them a safe place to be, surrounded and supported by a Trauma Informed team who value them as individuals. This determination has never wavered and throughout this term we have ensured this core mission has remained in sharp focus in everything we do.



Even in a period of change some things do not and cannot change, the summer term as ever has meant exams and visits from the JCQ! The whole team has pulled together to ensure the exams have gone smoothly, anxieties managed and that our young people had the best possible chance to shine.

For those pupils in non-exam years this has meant being flexible and changes to their routines. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to ensure that while the week may have looked different, learning was uninterrupted!

Thank you to Vicky Keast, the team of exams officers and invigilators who worked so hard to ensure everything ran smoothly.



As we enjoy the last couple of weeks this year with sports days, reward trips and celebration events for our leavers we wish you all the best for the summer and look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting ACE year.

Ruth Westwood
Headteacher



The Three Strand Curriculum

At ACE Schools, our curriculum is designed to meet each pupil's unique needs through three interconnected strands:

Specialist Support

We provide tailored educational and therapeutic assistance, ensuring every pupil receives the specialised care necessary for their success.

Learning and Development

Our ambitious and personalised curriculum fosters social, moral, and academic growth, preparing pupils for post-16 education and adulthood.

Preparation for Adulthood

We equip pupils with essential life skills, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future and contribute positively to society.

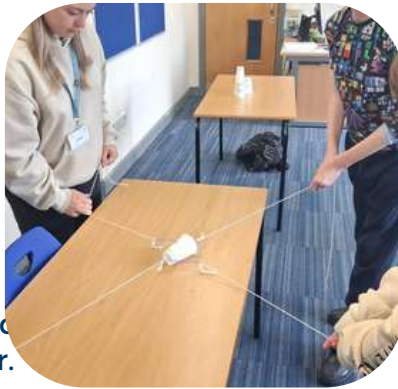
This flexible model allows teachers to adapt the curriculum based on individual goals, ensuring a relentless focus on catch-up, recovery, and challenge. By embracing these strands, we aim to improve life chances and prepare pupils for their next educational journey.



WRAP Plymouth

Interventions **1**

Students have taken part in weekly group interventions focusing on teamwork, resilience and positive relationships. Through team-building games, scavenger hunts and problem-solving activities, pupils have developed their communication skills, built confidence and learnt the importance of working together.



Sammie Williams-Ball

What's your job role?

Learning Mentor and LOTC Base Champion

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?

Watching students blossom and grow when they are given the tools and support

What's your favourite thing to eat?

Pineapples and Coconuts

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?

A World cruise! I get the luxury of a comfortable cruise ship with all the amenities I could need and the beauty of being on the sea.

2 World Ocean Day

Students have enjoyed a range of exciting learning opportunities this term, including a visit to the Dome in Plymouth for the David Attenborough Experience to celebrate World Ocean Day. We are also incredibly proud of our students who have completed their GCSE examinations, showing resilience, determination and hard work throughout the exam period.



Independence Skills **3**

Students have developed important life skills through practical activities, community experiences and opportunities to build independence. These experiences have strengthened their confidence, communication and problem-solving skills, helping to prepare them for the future.



Abe

For earning the most Golden Tickets - awarded for being Ready, Respectful & Safe - and for always demonstrating a high commitment to his learning.

Our Stars

Liam

For finding the courage to visit the school site, engage with Entry Level qualifications and for stepping out of his comfort zone and allowing new people into his home.



Growing Our Sustainability Garden

We're incredibly proud that WRAP Plymouth won £500 to create our very own Sustainability Garden after entering a local competition. The project celebrates our commitment to caring for the environment while giving students the opportunity to grow plants, learn about wildlife, and develop practical gardening skills. We can't wait to see the garden flourish and become a space for learning, wellbeing, and enjoying the outdoors together.



If you have any spare garden equipment, plant pots, seeds, plants, compost or other gardening items that you no longer need, we'd be incredibly grateful for any donations to help our garden continue to grow. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated.



WRAP Exeter

Summer Savers 1

During LOTC to Finlake, our students were made aware of the dangers of water, and role played as 'Lifeguards' for a while under the watchful guidance and instruction of the Lifeguards on duty. They were shown how to swim with, and throw out, the life buoy, and were educated on dangers of getting too close to someone at risk.



Louise Pearson

2 River Dart



Students enjoyed a successful visit to the River Dart Country Park where they demonstrated many skills including patience, teamwork, resilience, and independence. They completed the Spider Web obstacle course while supporting and encouraging each other - including the staff - and enjoyed lounging on it in the shade afterwards.

What's your job role?
Learning Mentor & TIS lead

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
I love supporting staff and students on their journey at ACE and spreading trauma informed practice.

What's your favourite thing to eat?
Marmite and melted cheese on toast.

Summer Success 3

Students have worked hard on their final assessments and Year 11s have been looking ahead to their post-16 placements. Engagement on Outreach has been very positive too. Harley has particularly enjoyed his outside project, including clearing, planting and looking after the plants - all while providing the staff with gardening tips!



If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
A multi-stop cruise to visit the Caribbean and South America - all inclusive with a water park, entertainment and a magic show.

Lucas

Lucas has been working extremely hard in maths this term, which has resulted in super results in his Y10 assessments. We are so proud of Lucas' swimming ability and strength.

Our Stars

Charlie W

Charlie has had another cracking term - working really hard on his reading and his maths. He has enjoyed spending time with his peers at the River Dart Country Club and has been very flexible and resilient with different mentors.



WRAP Launceston

Mindfulness 1

We have been exploring ways to practise mindfulness while enjoying the natural environment.

The children have enjoyed playing games together, taking part in litter-picking to help care for our local beach, and using stones and shells to create beautiful pictures. These experiences have encouraged teamwork, creativity, and an appreciation for the world around us



2 World Ocean Day



We have been exploring the impact humans have on our beaches and oceans. We investigated how microplastics can end up in beach sand by carrying out an experiment to see how many we could find.

This led to thoughtful discussions about how plastic pollution affects fish and other coastal marine life, helping the children understand the importance of protecting our environment for future generations.

Vocational Courses 3

We are incredibly proud of the progress our students are making as they prepare for their next steps. Two of our students have recently begun vocational courses in Hair and Beauty, giving them valuable hands-on experience and industry-specific skills. Also we are super proud of our Year 11 students who have completed their GCSE exams with determination and shown resilience throughout.



Kate Weatherill

What's your job role?
Learning Mentor.

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
Supporting the young people.

What's your favourite thing to eat?
Seafood

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
Around-the-World cruise.

Barney

Barney has shown an incredible amount of resilience, confidence and bravery this term, successfully achieving his Level 1 NICAS Climbing Award.

Our Stars

Liam

A huge congratulations to one of our Year 11 students, who has recently completed his GCSE examinations with an outstanding attitude and work ethic.



WRAP Redruth

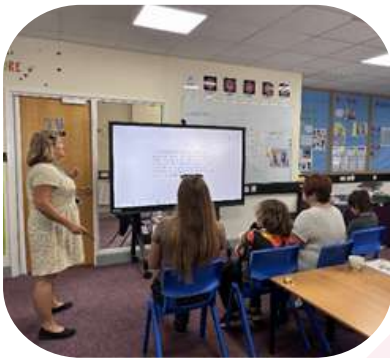
Sense of Self 1

Students have made positive progress in developing their social skills while strengthening their understanding of their sense of self. Over the past few academic terms, they have gradually increased the amount of time they are able to engage successfully in group TIS activities, building their participation from shorter sessions to 40 minutes while remaining actively involved throughout.



2 Creative Writing

We have been working on developing our communication and teamwork skills. We have been learning about the different classes of words, helping us to build stronger vocabulary and improve our writing. Using *The Last Zookeeper* by Aaron Becker as our inspiration, we have also been planning and writing our own imaginative stories, bringing our creativity to life through exciting characters, settings, and adventures.



DofE Bronze Award 3

This term, our students have begun their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) journey, taking on new challenges that will help them grow in confidence, resilience, and independence. Students are developing far more than just navigation and camping skills. Expedition training provides valuable opportunities to build many of the 'soft skills' that employers consistently look for in future applicants.



Katie Pellow

What's your job role?
Learning Mentor.

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
The positive impact we can have on young people's confidence, wellbeing and learning, and celebrating achievements along the way.

What's your favourite thing to eat?
Seafood as it reminds me of being on holiday.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
Thailand because I would love to explore its beaches, food, local culture and the opportunity to see elephants (my favourite animal).

Mylie

Continuously makes an incredible difference in her local community through her volunteer work. We are immensely proud of her commitment to supporting others.

Our Stars

Max

Max's excellent attitude to learning and willingness to go above and beyond make him a fantastic role model. Well done, Max!



Good Luck, Becky! 1

For the last 12 years ACE Schools, pupils and staff have been brilliantly supported by our Pastoral Manager Becky Smith (nee Guilbert) Becky has brought her extensive knowledge to all 3 Cornwall schools, training staff and supporting those pupils who at times, come to us in crisis, then leave as confident, successful young adults. We wish her every success in her new role in education and will continue to bring the glitter to Bodmin base at Christmas in her honour!



Neil Colquhoun

What's your job role?
Learning Mentor.

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
Meeting a wide variety of people and pupils.

What's your favourite thing to eat?
A Curry called Chicken Bangalore, that I make at home.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
I really like going to France. I like the country so much that I set my new book 'Murder en vacance' there.

2 Creative Cooking



During cooking lessons, pupils have researched and created dishes linked to our topics, creating sweet and savoury delights. This term, pupils have been particularly creative for our Artists and Sculpture theme. Pupils baked cakes and decided to sculpt them into houses, kennels and dogs.

Vocational Courses 3

Kane has successfully completed a term at CTSW, where he has taken part in a range of construction-based activities, including bricklaying, plastering and woodwork. Throughout the placement, he has shown a positive attitude, a strong willingness to engage, and has produced some excellent pieces of work.



Amira

Amira completed her SATs assessments this summer and continues to strive to improve her writing. She supports her peers in practical activities, and has been a positive role model for Bodmin and Redruth pupils at forest school.

Our Stars



Jowan

Jowan has continued to strive to improve his learning throughout this year. Despite being in KS3, he conscientiously completes GCSE lessons and assessments, continuing to challenge himself. An excellent year Jowan.

Duke of Edinburgh Programme Showcased to National Visitors

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This week, ACE Cornwall was delighted to welcome representatives from The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), who visited to see how the Duke of Edinburgh programme is being embedded across our provision.

The visit provided an opportunity to showcase the excellent work taking place across our bases and the positive impact the award is having on our pupils. Visitors observed a range of activities linked to pupils' Skills sections, including a life skills cooking session and a bike maintenance workshop, where pupils have been building bicycles from reclaimed parts. During the workshop, pupils demonstrated practical skills such as repairing punctures and maintaining bike components.

The delegation also met with staff to discuss the implementation of the programme and how it has been integrated into our wider curriculum. The Duke of Edinburgh Award has proved to be a natural fit alongside our established Learning Outside the Classroom (LOT) and Preparation for Adulthood programmes. Importantly, it provides a recognised framework through which many of the activities our pupils already engage in can be formally accredited, adding meaningful purpose and increasing pupil motivation and engagement.

Our pupils were outstanding ambassadors for ACE Cornwall throughout the visit, speaking confidently about their experiences and explaining what participation in the Duke of Edinburgh programme means to them. Their enthusiasm, maturity and pride in their achievements made a lasting impression on our visitors.

We were particularly pleased to share that a number of pupils have now successfully completed two of their sectional awards and will shortly receive recognition for these achievements. We also celebrated the progress of Mylie Button, who is on track to complete her full Bronze Award, with only the expedition section remaining.

The visit was a valuable opportunity to celebrate the success of the programme so far and to demonstrate the commitment of both staff and pupils to providing meaningful, accredited experiences that support personal development, independence and future success. We would like to thank our visitors for taking the time to see our work in action and, most importantly, congratulate our pupils for representing ACE Cornwall so exceptionally well.



Dover Road

Eden Project 1

The staff across health and welfare received some specialist training from occupational health on sensory processing through a trauma lens. We also recently organised a whole school trip to the Eden Project where students were able to work together in teams to complete challenges within the time limit.



2 GCSE Success

Our year 11 students have been completing their GCSE exams over the past few weeks with great success. We've put a large amount of access arrangements in place for students to support them through the stressful time which has further helped them to focus. We've also organised the KS3 and Y10 assessments following the summer exams to help prepare them for next year.



Celebrations 3

We've been supporting our year 11 students with taster sessions to help them with the transition to their post-16 placements in September. We have also organised and invited our parents/carers to the end of year celebration assembly and arranged a barbecue for our year 11 leavers.



Drew Burdett

What's your job role?

Learning Mentor

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?

Helping people, especially if they've been let down in the past.

What's your favourite thing to eat?

Hummus, salad and wraps if I'm being good. Otherwise Baklava.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?

The moon.

Ellie

Ella has made a positive start to her time at Dover Road. She has increased her timetable to full-time, including PE, and will not letting anything stand in her way of success. She also extends her learning at home and makes the most out of her time in lessons.



Our Stars

Skye

He uses his imagination and humour every day to make the school a brighter place. He is very supportive of other students and is always keen to ensure everyone is included when we are doing anything!

Primary

PSHE 1

Our TIS activities are completed daily and are linked to Core 6. TIS sessions for LOTC have been linked to SEMH with high levels of engagement. Weekly PSHE sessions continue with good engagement levels



2 Our World



This term our topic is Sculpture and photography. We are looking at a range of sculptures from around the world and locally. Students have also been taking photographs of things which are important or interesting to them across the term. Phonics progress across all students has been very positive. Writing engagement has increased over the last couple of terms and independent learning has also increased.

Life Skills 3

All students have had the opportunity to go on a train this term to learn about buying and using tickets for public transport. The trip to Looe will include writing and sending a postcard home. As part of our topic this term we will visit the arts university to learn new skills and learn about local artists.



Darren Leggett

What's your job role?
Learning Mentor

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
Doing something different every day. No two days are the same

What's your favourite thing to eat?
Cottage Pie with sweet potato mash.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
Canada to watch ice hockey and stay in a log cabin. See Niagara Falls and other tourist things.

Mofe

Exceptional progress in phonics-moving up 2 levels over 2 terms! Also significant improvement in writing across handwriting and sentence writing.

Our Stars

Louis

Louis works so hard in everything he does. He works well with any adult and is one of our most reliable students.



Sports Day 2026

Students and staff from WRAP Plymouth, Dover Road and Primary came together for our annual Sports Day, enjoying a fantastic day of teamwork, fun and friendly competition. Everyone got involved in a range of activities, including races, welly wanging, high jump, tug of war and much more.

Despite the hot weather, everyone showed great determination, resilience and sportsmanship, making it a brilliant day for all involved. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a success!



Outreach

Online Groups **1**

Our daily outreach tutor group online has continued to grow all year. After starting in September, it has proved we can create an amazing online community which nurtures new friendships and creates a safe space for our young people to come and have a laugh with peers who share their lived experiences. Students have shared how this has been a real lifeline for them.

2 Topic-based learning

Students continue to develop their learning through the bespoke topic-based learning books that mentors and our teacher create for them based on their interests and ability level. Recently students have been learning about sharks, Egyptology, Greece and biology. Also some of our year tens have made a great start on completing their entry levels this summer term so they are in a great position to come back in September. A big thanks to our online teachers – thank you for everything you do to support our kids online.

Achievement Training **3**

We are so proud of what our year 11 students have achieved this year. One of the best years for exam attendance! We have students who have secured post 16 places at Achievement training for animal care, player ready for game development, City College for travel and tourism and three students hoping to join support-Ed and start new qualifications online with Nisai and Academy 21. We also have a student who will be starting a construction apprenticeship. And one of our year tens is successfully completing the Plymouth Argyle sports leadership level 2. We do everything we can to fill our outreach students with the confidence and self-belief they have been missing so they can thrive post 16.



Rhoda Mathias

What's your job role?
Learning Mentor

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
Supporting the students to learn and grow in confidence to achieve their dreams.

What's your favourite thing to eat?
Japanese Food

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
On The Orient Express

Ellie

Our Stars

Lucas

You have worked so hard to overcome your personal barriers to start with outreach and are already excelling all round. You should be so proud of yourself!

You have overcome barriers, completed challenging work and have gained a ELC 1 in Science. You make me laugh every time I visit with your excellent banter and sense of humour.



Rare Breeds Farm 1

This term, we have enjoyed spending time outdoors in the sunshine and taking part in activities that support the children's wellbeing and help them feel calm and relaxed. One of the highlights was our visit to Totnes Rare Breeds Farm, where the children enjoyed meeting and feeding the animals.



2 Experiments



This term, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Science practicals led by our specialist teacher, Francesca. They explored a range of exciting investigations and hands-on experiments, developing their curiosity, scientific thinking, and problem-solving skills. The practical activities encouraged teamwork, observation, and discussion, helping to bring Science to life in a fun and engaging way.

Life Skills 3

This term, the children have been developing important preparation-for-adulthood skills through a range of cooking activities. Alongside developing their cookery skills, they also learned valuable life lessons, including planning meals, shopping for ingredients, following instructions, working safely and hygienically in the kitchen, and taking responsibility for washing up and tidying away afterwards.



Dani Hill

What's your job role?
Magro Teacher

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
Every day brings new opportunities and challenges. This keeps me thinking and excited to come to work each day!

What's your favourite thing to eat?
Fresh fish with some Greek salad and Tzatziki.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
I would travel across Canada to Niagara Falls and to ski the British Columbia area.

Haidar

Haidar has only been with us for a few weeks but has already shown incredible dedication and determination. We are extremely proud of Haidar's fantastic start and positive attitude to learning.

Our Stars



Taylor

Taylor has done an excellent job of building positive relationships with staff and settling into her new class. She is showing a consistently positive attitude and setting a wonderful example to others. .

Bretonside

River Dart 1

Students enjoyed a memorable trip to the beach, developing confidence, social skills, and resilience in a new environment. Our outdoor intervention programme has been highly successful, with regular visits to River Dart Country Park and climbing sessions on Dartmoor, encouraging teamwork, perseverance, and self-belief.



2 Experiments

Our Year 11 students approached their GCSE examinations with maturity and determination, resulting in the highest exam attendance we have ever recorded. This reflects the positive relationships, targeted support, and strong commitment shown by both students and staff throughout the exam period. The lower year groups have also made an excellent start during Assessment Week, demonstrating positive engagement, resilience, and a readiness to learn. Early indications show strong progress across a range of subjects, providing a solid foundation for future achievement and continued academic success.

Life Skills 3

Our Preparation for Adulthood programme has continued to go from strength to strength, with students engaging successfully in a range of vocational placements and work-related learning opportunities. These experiences have helped develop confidence, independence, employability skills, and a greater understanding of future career pathways. We are excited to expand these opportunities further through developing partnerships with CTSW and City College Plymouth, providing students with an even wider range of vocational experiences and pathways.



Katie Williams

What's your job role?
Learning Mentor

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?
Being a trusted adult for our young people.

What's your favourite thing to eat?
Cheese

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
South East Asia

Evie

Great resilience and working hard during assesment week.

Our Stars

Rubin

Securing an on-site apprenticeship in bricklaying. Rubin also displayed great focus during GCSEs..



Forest School

Managing Emotions **1**

Students working together in a small group to build their own tree house. It was expressed that this was to be their designated chill area in the shade while it has been very sunny at forest school. Social skills and teamwork on display, students taking ownership of something with a therapeutic result.



Trish Wildman

What's your job role?

Learning Mentor - I support Jamie at Forest School

What's your favourite part about working at ACE?

Seeing students enjoying themselves and having fun in an outdoor environment

What's your favourite thing to eat?

Sweet potato wraps with hummus, pakoras and chutney.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, all expenses paid, where would you go?
Antarctica.

2 Problem Solving

Students sawed off a piece of wood after being taught how to do it. Followed by colouring the wood in a country represented at the football World Cup, learning their national flag, where they are in the world geographically and a few different words in their language. Students were then taught how to use the drill to attach their wood flag to our World Cup stump.



Rock Climbing **3**

Leon Brown has been taking a group of year 5/6 boys rock climbing/scrambling each week this term. We have been incredibly proud of their resilience and level of maturity shown. They have all been great role models for Ace. Our forest school group has been very successful again with positive feedback from all involved.

Liv

Always puts in a massive effort to get on well with others, engage in whatever activity we are doing and is always curious and inquisitive.

Our Stars

Lily

An amazing role model for her younger peers, Lily sets a fantastic example for others and enjoys that feeling of responsibility, to positively influence others.



Fit and Fed Holiday Programme – Summer 2026

Plymouth City Council's Fit and Fed programme offers free holiday clubs for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals (Reception to Year 11). A limited number of funded places may also be available for children with EHCPs, young carers, looked after children, foster children, children under Child Protection Plans, refugees and asylum-seeking families, and other eligible groups.

Fit and Fed clubs run across Plymouth throughout the summer holidays, giving children the opportunity to stay active, learn new skills, make friends and have fun in a safe environment.

Activities Include:

- Multi-sports, football and physical activities
- Swimming, trampolining and water sports
- Dance, drama and performing arts
- Arts, crafts and creative workshops
- Science, STEM and coding activities
- Outdoor adventures and nature-based sessions
- Karting, bowling, adventure golf and Teen Taster activities
- SEND-friendly clubs and specialist sessions

Healthy Meals Included

Every child attending a Fit and Fed session receives a free healthy meal or packed lunch, helping children stay well-fed throughout the school holidays.

How to Access

- **Eligibility:** Children receiving benefits-related free school meals (plus a limited number of funded places for other eligible children).
- **Booking:** Families will need their child's unique Fit and Fed code to book free places.
- **Summer Allowance:** Eligible children can attend up to 16 free days during the summer holidays.
- **Reminder:** Places are limited, so please cancel bookings if your child can no longer attend so another family can benefit.

For more information, bookings and to view all available holiday clubs, visit:

www.plymouth.gov.uk/fit-and-fed



Devon HAF Holiday Programme – Summer 2026

Devon County Council's Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme offers free holiday clubs, healthy meals and exciting activities throughout the summer holidays for children aged 5–16 who receive benefits-related free school meals. Some children who meet Devon's extended eligibility criteria may also qualify for free places, and many providers offer paid places too.

Key Details:

- Ages: 5 to 16 years
- Eligibility: Children receiving benefits-related free school meals. Some children with EHCPs, young carers, care-experienced children and other eligible groups may also qualify.
- Summer Programme: Up to 16 days of activities during the summer holidays.

Activities Include:

- Multi-sports, football, cricket, gymnastics and archery
- Arts, crafts, music and creative workshops
- Forest school, bushcraft and outdoor adventures
- Cooking, healthy eating and nutrition activities
- Nature walks, conservation and environmental projects
- Minecraft, STEM and digital activities
- High ropes, climbing and adventure activities
- Youth leadership, wellbeing and team-building sessions

With over 180 activity providers across Devon, there's something for every child to enjoy. Every session includes a healthy meal or snack alongside a fun programme of activities.

How to Access:

- Booking: Families can browse and book activities through the Devon HAF online booking system.
- New for Summer 2026: Devon is no longer using HAF codes. Eligibility is checked automatically through the booking system when you register.

For more information and to browse activities, visit:

www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/child-family-support/family-support/haf-programme



Time2Move Holiday Programme – Summer 2026

Cornwall's Time2Move Holiday Programme, delivered by Active Cornwall in partnership with Cornwall Council, provides free holiday activities and healthy meals for children aged 5–16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Many activity providers also offer paid places for children who are not eligible.

Key Details:

- Ages: 5 to 16 years
- Eligibility: Free for children receiving benefits-related free school meals; some providers also offer paid places.
- Healthy Meals: Every child attending receives a free meal or snack as part of their session.

Activities Include:

- Football, multi-sports and team games
- Swimming, cycling and Bikeability sessions
- Dance, cheerleading and performing arts
- Arts, crafts and creative workshops
- Bushcraft, den building and outdoor adventures
- Nature exploration, gardening and environmental projects
- Cooking and healthy eating activities
- STEM, science and digital activities
- Wellbeing sessions, youth leadership and community projects
- Inclusive activities with additional SEND support available

With activities taking place across Cornwall throughout the summer, there's something to suit a wide range of interests and abilities.

How to Access:

Visit: www.activecornwall.org/t2mholidayprogramme

Children eligible for free places will need their Time2Move booking code, which can be obtained via the Cornwall Council Time2Move webpage.



Affordable Meal Deals: Kids Eat Free or Cheap

Families can take advantage of these fantastic offers at restaurants, cafés and supermarkets during the summer holidays:

Asda Café

Kids under 16 eat for £1 every day. No adult spend required.

Tesco Café

Kids can enjoy a free Pick 'N' Mix lunch when an adult purchases any item from the café menu.

Morrisons Café

Children under 16 receive a free kids' meal with every adult meal costing £5 or more.

Dunelm Pausa Café

Children eat free when an adult spends £4 or more in the café.

Premier Inn

Up to two children under 16 eat breakfast free with every paying adult breakfast.

Bella Italia

Kids eat free with the purchase of an adult main meal on selected days during the school holidays.

Frankie & Benny's

Kids eat free with every adult main meal purchased during selected promotional periods.

ASK Italian

Up to two children eat free with every adult main meal during selected school holiday promotions via the ASK Perks app.

Zizzi

Kids eat free with every adult main meal during selected school holiday offers.

 Terms vary by location, time of day, and whether booking, app or voucher sign-up is required. Always check before visiting.

Great British Summer Savings



We are the department for opportunity

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the Great British Summer Savings scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit:
<https://summersavings.gov.uk>

Safeguarding & Support Contacts – Summer Holidays



If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person during the school holidays, there is help available. Below are important contact numbers for Children's Social Care and mental health support across Plymouth, Devon, and Cornwall.

In an emergency, always call 999.

Plymouth – MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub)

Phone (24/7): 01752 668000

For concerns about a child's safety or welfare in Plymouth

Devon – Children's Social Care

Phone (office hours): 0345 155 1071

Out of hours: 0345 600 0388

Cornwall – Children's Social Care

Phone (office hours): 0300 123 1116

Out of hours: 01208 251300

Mental Health Crisis Support (All Areas)

NHS 111 – Option 2

NSPCC Helpline

0808 800 5000

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you're concerned about a child or young person. These services are here to support families throughout the summer break.

Key Dates

Stay informed about important upcoming events and deadlines this term

25/26 Term Dates & Review Week

Term	Pupils Start	Pupils End	Non-pupil Day	Review Week
1	Monday 8 th September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025	3rd-5th September 2025 (Staff Training)	Week Commencing 8th September 2025
2	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025		
3	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026		Week Commencing 12th January 2026
4	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Friday 4 th April 2026 (Bank Holiday)	
5	Monday 20 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Monday 4 th May 2026 (Bank Holiday)	Week Commencing 27th April 2026
6	Monday 1 st June 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026		

26/27 Term Dates & Review Week

Term	Pupils Start	Pupils End	Non-pupil Day	Review Week
1	Monday 7 th September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	2nd, 3rd & 4th September 2026	Week Commencing 7th September 2026
2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026		
3	Monday 4 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027		Week Commencing 11th January 2027
4	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Friday 26 th April 2027 (Bank Holiday)	
5	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	Monday 3 rd May 2027 (Bank Holiday)	Week Commencing 19th April 2027
6	Monday 7 th June 2027	Tuesday 20 th July 2027		