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### **A Rare Glimpse of Winter Puffin Plumage at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary**

As the clocks in the UK go forward and spring approaches, nature is waking up, but at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary, visitors have a rare opportunity to see something usually hidden from view: **puffins in their winter plumage!**

Puffins typically spend the colder months far out at sea, meaning their winter beaks are almost never seen by the public. However, thanks to the sanctuary's rescued puffins, who call **Puffin Island** home, visitors can witness this fascinating seasonal transformation up close.

"As we welcome longer days and the arrival of spring, our puffins are just starting to transition from their winter plumage to their vibrant summer colours," said **Heather Green, Animal Care Specialist at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary**, "It's a truly unique sight and a rare chance to see how these incredible seabirds change with the seasons."

With the arrival of **British Summer Time** and the extra daylight hours, now is the perfect time to visit and watch the puffins as they prepare for the breeding season. Soon, their sleek winter feathers will give way to the bright orange beaks and bold markings they're famous for.

The rescued puffins at the sanctuary provide an important opportunity for education and conservation awareness. As wild Puffin populations face challenges from climate change and habitat loss, the sanctuary is dedicated to protecting these iconic seabirds and sharing their story with visitors.

Don't miss this fleeting moment; visit the Sanctuary to see the puffins in their winter best before they fully transform for spring.

### **Step up for Nature this Easter!**

This Easter holidays (5th-21st April) the Cornish Seal sanctuary is offering their visitors the chance to become a 'Junior Marine Life Ranger' for the day.

Young explorers can step into the boots of a **Junior Marine Life Ranger**, meet the Sanctuaries incredible resident seals and puffins, tackle fun challenges, watch seal pup rescue demos, listen to talks from the teams and uncover conservation secrets with their very own Ranger Handbook!

To receive Junior Marine Life Ranger status, the sanctuary is asking guests to take an 'Ocean Protector' pledge, committing to making positive changes for marine conservation.

Book tickets [online in advance](#) to save 20% on Standard Admission

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

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### **About the Cornish Seal Sanctuary**

The SEA LIFE TRUST Cornish Seal Sanctuary is a charity that rescues and rehabilitates grey seal pups from around the Cornish coastline. Each season (September - March), the Sanctuary rehabilitates more 70 seal pups that have been rescued for various reasons, from malnourishment to being separated from their mum.

You can find out more about our mission and vital conservation work, [right here](#)