

24 NOVEMBER 2023: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents and Carers,



After six weeks of competition and the longest final in history, I am delighted to inform you that Charlie eventually prevailed over Tilda and has been crowned the Truro School Prep Conker Competition Champion for 2023.

With this momentous news out of the way, I can now focus on the myriad of events that have taken place over the past five days. First and foremost, the academic focus has been on Prep School assessments. It is true to say that some of the children have surprised themselves in that they actually enjoyed the experience!

Outside of the classroom, the drama and music departments have been hives of activity as they prepare for the end of term and Christmas events; please be sure to check the Bulletin calendar carefully as such dates will soon be upon us.

This week has also been busy on the sporting front with all manner of fixtures and galas taking place. The undoubted highlight of the sporting calendar was Wednesday's rugby festival, hosted here at Treiske, which saw some 200 children in action and an equal number of spectators on the touchlines.

Assemblies this week have focused upon 'The Golden Rule': namely 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you' and the equivalent message throughout many of the world's faiths. This led us to explore the importance of respecting and caring for others, engaging with other people and the etiquette that surrounds this.

Continuing on a similar theme, we were treated to an excellent demonstration of how to shake hands (remembering that eye contact is essential and that it should not take place in silence!) and we also explored the value of common courtesies and saying thank you.

Of course, the various sporting fixtures gave us the chance to practise such civilities and we were provided with further opportunities by the numerous guests who visited the School over the week. Over the past five days, we have welcomed spectators, governors, staff from the Senior School, the Head of the Senior School, the CEO of Cornwall Wildlife Trust and a representative from Tatler Magazine. It is fair to say that there are distinct signs of improvement in terms of our etiquette and manners although this is still very much a work in progress.

On the topic of visiting, I take this opportunity to remind you of some forthcoming events. Of course, the Bulletin Calendar on the following page contains detailed information on all proceedings, but these occasions below provide a particular opportunity for us to come together as a community:

- Friday, 8 December 3pm - Friends of Truro School Christmas Fête
- Monday 11 December 6:30pm at Truro Methodist Church - 'Nadelik Lowen' A Cornish Christmas concert
- Thursday, 14 December 7pm at the Cathedral - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

I do hope that you will be able to join us at some or all of these events.

In the meantime, I thank you as always for your support and for lending us your children throughout the week.

With every good wish,

Mr Rob Morse
Headmaster

Monday 27 November

U10/U11 Rugby

v St Hilary (A) 2.50pm-5.15pm (3.45pm start)

U11A League Football Match

v St Mary's (H) 3.45pm

Tuesday 28 November

Year 3 & Year 4 House Cross-Country

Parents Welcome 2.30pm-3.20pm

Wednesday 29 November

Year 5 Play - Dress Rehearsal

Year 5 & Year 6 House Cross-Country

Parents Welcome 2.30pm-3.20pm

Thursday 30 November

6AG BMX cycling

at BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

6DG Swimming

at SBA pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

Year 5 Play

(Assembly Hall) 6.30pm

Friday 1 December

U11 Boys' Hockey & U11 Girls' Hockey

v Truro School U12 at TS astro 4pm-5pm

After school hockey club to go ahead as usual.

Please note that some details may change – please check next week's bulletin for updates

Monday 4 December

Year 6 League Football

v Kea School (A) 3.30pm-5pm

Tuesday 5 December

EYFS Christmas Play Refreshments

Refreshments for parents attending the EYFS Christmas play in the dining hall from 9.30am

EYFS Christmas Play Performance One - 10am

EYFS Christmas Play Performance Two - 2pm

EYFS Christmas Play Refreshments

Refreshments for parents attending the EYFS Christmas play in the dining hall after the performance

Concert by the Prep School Choristers

(Assembly Hall) 4pm

After School Fencing Club

To move to science room due to concert 4pm

Wednesday 6 December

KS1 Christmas Play Refreshments

For parents attending the KS1 Play in the Dining Hall 9.30am

KS1 Christmas Play Performance One - 10am

KS1 Christmas Play Performance Two - 2pm

KS1 Christmas Play Refreshments

For parents attending the KS1 Play in the Dining Hall 3pm

REARRANGED Year 6 Girls' Hockey at Truro High

(A) 2pm-4.15pm (2.45 start)

Able and Interested Rugby Session at Truro School

(A) 2.30pm-3.40pm

Thursday 7 December

6AG BMX cycling

at BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

6DG Swimming

at SBA pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

Friday 8 December

FTS Christmas Fair 3pm

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Messages from Prep First Aid

A couple of medical reminders, with various illnesses circulating.

1. Sickness/Diarrhoea

It is our policy that children must stay at home until a clear 48 hours have passed since the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. We would like to avoid the spread as much as possible, so appreciate your cooperation with this.

2. Colds, Coughs & Sore Throats

It's that time of year when most of us are fending off some sort of cold or sore throat. We encourage the children to come into school as long as they do not have a temperature and are well enough to concentrate. If you have given your child Calpol before they come in and would like us to administer a second dose during the school day, please pick up a permission form from the Reception Office or ask us to email one over to you. Any medicine dropped into us must be in its original packaging, named and handed in for the attention of Mrs Cameron (Medical Care Lead) please.

3. Water

A reminder that all children should bring in a named water bottle daily please. I have so many children sent to me with headaches who admit they have not drunk enough water, so I would really appreciate your ongoing help with stressing the importance of keeping hydrated to fend off the bugs!

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with our Medical Care Lead, Mrs Cameron:
prepfirstaid@truroschoo.com

Christmas Cards

Children in the Prep School are invited to share Christmas cards with each other. We will have a central post box at the front of school, outside the main office. The cards will then be sorted and handed out towards the end of term.

Please ensure that full names, including surnames, are written on the envelopes as well as the form that the child is in. Last posting day will be Tuesday 12 December.

Christmas Fayre

Please start bringing in donations of sweet-filled jam jars, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, books and soft toys ahead of this year's Christmas Fayre on the Friday 8 December.

All proceeds will go to Children's Hospice South West. With thanks from the FTS Team.



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Reverse Advent Calendar

With the 'Season of Goodwill' creeping ever closer, Prep and Pre-Prep would like to invite you to join with them in supporting Truro Foodbank.

Below is a list of items that will be revealed in our Reverse Advent Calendar. Please do not worry if you do not have the specific item listed, or if you cannot contribute every day. The Foodbank is most grateful for any donations.

Donations can be left in the prepared boxes at the top of the staircase in the Prep or in the entrance area in the Pre-Prep. Items suggested on weekend days or after the school term has finished may be brought into school at any time.

1 st Dec: Coffee	2 nd Dec: Tinned Meat pie	3 rd Dec: Tinned Rice Pudding	4 th Dec: Tinned veg	5 th Dec: Tinned Fruit
6 th Dec: Smash Potato	7 th Dec: UHT Fruit Juice	8 th Dec: Cereal	9 th Dec: Biscuits	10 th Dec: UHT Milk
11 th Dec: Tinned Soup	12 th Dec: Tinned Tomatoes	13 th Dec: Tinned Fish	14 th Dec: Pasta Sauce	15 th Dec: Pasta Sauce
16 th Dec: Rice	17 th Dec: Baked Beans	18 th Dec: Pasta	19 th Dec: Toiletries	20 th Dec: Toiletries
21 st Dec: Tinned puddings	22 nd Dec: Tinned Veg	23 rd Dec: Tinned Fruit	24 th Dec: UHT Juice	

Toys for Cornwall

As an alternative (or addition) we would like to invite you to consider buying an extra toy or two for a child in Cornwall who might otherwise not have gifts to open on Christmas morning.

This is a project that Truro Methodist Church have been involved with for a while and last year they provided gifts for 300 children living in Cornwall.

If you would like to buy a new toy for any child between the ages of 6 months to 16 years, we would be very happy to pass these on to Truro Methodist Church on your behalf to support with their work.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity, help and support in making these charitable ventures successful.

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Year 6 Activity Day

Learning Cornish, identifying local marine life, and making Cornish fairings were some of the highlights from this year's Year 6 activity day held at Truro School to give prospective pupils a flavour of life at the Senior School.

The 90 children attending were split into eight groups, named after local beaches. They took part in three of the eight activities on offer which included seaweed printing in art, Cornish holidays gone wrong in drama, and a lesson inspired by the future of space travel in Cornwall with Physics.

After a morning of making new friends and challenging themselves to try new things, the Year 6 pupils had worked up an appetite. The catering department put on a delicious spread of Cornish-inspired foods featuring classic Cornish pasties, local sausages, and Cornish cupcakes.

The final activity of the day saw all the children come together for an afternoon of sport in a Pirates of Truro team game; working together in their groups the children tried to collect as much treasure as possible.

Curiosity in the Classroom

Curiosity is at the heart of learning, and with a wide range of subjects on offer pupils are always trying new things.

Year 5 have been testing out their creativity skills in ceramics, creating handmade butterflies adorned with colourful paints.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 class are currently enjoying learning the basics of German with Mrs Palmer. Languages are an important part of learning, with children having the opportunity to learn French, Spanish, and German from the Pre-Prep.



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Magical Preparations for Year 5 Play

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's Year 5 play of 'The Late Wise Man'. The children have been working really hard, practicing their lines, learning songs, and choreographing dances.

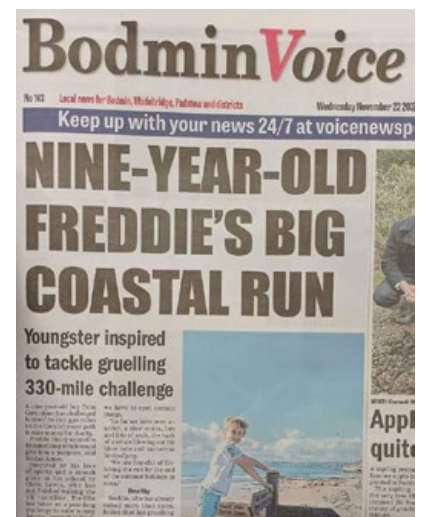
We look forward to seeing the finished play next week and hope to see lots of Year 5 families there too.



Freddie's Fantastic Feat

A huge well done to Freddie S who is running a whopping 330 miles of the Cornish coast path to raise money for the Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

You can donate to Freddie's cause [here](#) and follow him on Instagram @freddierunscornwall.



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Rugby Festival

What a fantastic celebration of sport at our U11 rugby festival!

A huge thank you to Mount Kelly, Truro High, St Hillary's, Plymouth College, and Exeter School for joining us for the afternoon.

The children took part in lots of mini-games focussing on improving their skills and gameplay throughout. It was wonderful to see the group's confidence grow as they progressed through the afternoon; scoring lots of excellent tries as well.



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Year 3 and 4 Gala Report

3rd place 79 points	Truro School Prep
2nd place 83 points	Mount Hawke
1st place 90 points	Devoran

We welcomed Devoran and Mount Hawke to the Prep School on Monday afternoon to take part in our interschool gala. This was the first opportunity for some of our year 3 pupils to take part in a swimming gala against other schools. The children swam well, providing some close finishes and excellent races.

Year 5 and 6 Gala Report

On Wednesday afternoon a team of 8 Year 5 and 6 girls headed to Truro High for a gala against Truro High and Polwehele. We had swimmers finishing in the top 3 places for all the races, showing strength throughout the team in all the strokes.

Backstroke – Rosie 2nd place, Isabella 3rd place.
Breaststroke – Isabella 1st place, Alyssia 2nd place, Pheobe 3rd place.
Front Crawl – Isabella 1st place, Charlotte 2nd place.
Relays – Medley relay 1st place, front crawl relay 1st place and 3rd place.
Raft Race – 2nd place

Year 5 and 6 Gala Report

4th Place 60 points	Truro School Prep Blue
3rd Place 100 points	Devoran School
2nd Place 113 points	Truro School Prep Red
1st Place 126 points	Mount Hawke

On Thursday afternoon we travelled to the Senior School to host a swimming gala against Devoran and Mount Hawke. The swimming gala saw some exciting races with super close finishes. Before the relays, the 1st and 3rd places were only separated by 9 points, but, with excellent teamwork Truro School Prep could pull out some wonderful relays to secure 2nd place.



Gold Commendations

Emmie 5CD for The Bigger Picture 'The World around us'

Comment: For such a creative piece of work using autumnal inspiration to show the beauty of the natural world.

Rupert 5LJ for The Bigger Picture 'Are you aware of the world you live in?'

Comment: A fabulous powerpoint, full of the wonderful sights, sounds and tastes of nature.

William 5LJ for The Bigger Picture 'Are you aware of the world you live in?'

Comment: William produced a beautiful box 'full of nature' in response to his Bigger Picture homework – with vibrant, carefully arranged coloured leaves amongst the treasures.

Merit Awards



Bronze Merit Awards

4SC: Tom, Connie, Emily

5CD: Charlie, Jesse

5SL: Jenson, Oliver, Penny



Silver Merit Awards

4LL: Sofia

4SC: Audrey, Fjola, Samuel, Arthur W

5SL: Jenson, Arthur



Gold Merit Awards

5LJ: Aubrey

House Point Form Champions

Teddy 3ME

Mabel & Hugo 3SM

Ashleigh 4LL

Emily & Audrey 4SC

Fitzwilliam & William L
5CD

Isaac 5LJ

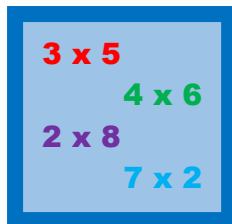
Jenson 5SL

Fergus & Luca 6AG

Shiloh 6DG

Isabella, Niamh, Gracie
& Ben 6JL

Maths



Times Table Challenge Certificates

3ME: Oliver, Teddy, Poppy, Malhar, Kaleem, Freddy

3SM: Henry, Henry, Zander, Elodie, Daisy, Percy, Mabel, Harry, Joseph, Christopher, Athena, Edward, Hugo, James, Theo

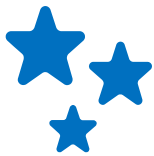
5CD: Toby, Woody

5LJ: Florence

5SL: Qaveem, Oliver, Rory

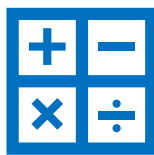
6AG: Fergus

Rock Stars



Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Qaveem Year 5



Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Poppy

Year 4: Anantveer

Year 5: Isaac S

Year 6: Barnaby



Football



Lissie 5LJ has been selected to play for Plymouth Argyle's U10 Academy, following a successful trial. She now takes part in weekly training and matches, in addition to playing for Newquay football club and training with Cornwall FA.

During half term, Lissie played in a match against Brentford (the London Premier League club). Plymouth played very well and dominated the match from the start resulting in a staggering 15-2 victory.

Tai Kwon Do



Greta 3ME achieved 9th Kup on 18th November

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New Adult and Child Cookery Classes



TRURO SCHOOL COOKERY

Cookery Classes

Bookings Now Open to Spring 2024!

Our Cookery Classes are now available to book up to Spring 2024, with some exciting new classes added.

There are parent and child classes, classes for 2 (an ideal opportunity to catch up with a friend or family member over some delicious food, a cookery lesson and a glass or two of wine) and there are also day classes available for those who want to maximise their skills.

For a full list of our new classes, check out the Truro School Cookery website > www.truroschoolcookery.com

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Our first adult and child Mexican cookery class went fantastically earlier this month. Students learnt how to make their own corn tortillas from scratch, a spicy and smokey chicken tinga and corn 'esquites' (a charred fresh corn salsa).

We've opened up another couple of tickets for our [American Diner](#) class on 9th December where students will be learning, amongst other things, how to make 'Sloppy Joes', blueberry pancakes and ice cream sodas.

Because of the success and popularity of these adult & child classes, we've added 3 new ones to the schedule here in the Cookery School; [tapas](#), [pasta](#) and [sushi and gyoza](#). Book now to avoid disappointment!

These classes offer the perfect occasion for a parent, guardian, carer or family friend to spend some quality time with a young person whilst the two of you learn some new cookery skills in a fun and informal setting.

A full list of courses can be found at <https://www.truroschoolcookery.com/cookery-courses-cornwall/>

Cookery School Gift Vouchers

Give someone a truly special occasion to remember with our Truro School Cookery Gift Vouchers. Available [here](#).

Our monetary e-vouchers are available in multiples of £10 or £25 and are suitable for all budgets – simply select any value and the lucky recipient can use it against any of our cookery classes. Our vouchers are valid for 12 months.



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Boys' Chorister Experience Day and Cushion Concert

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024

Come and experience what it's like to be a chorister in Truro Cathedral Choir!

Get to know the choristers and what they do; stand in the beautiful choir stalls where they sing in the amazing space of the cathedral; explore the crypt where they rehearse; try on a chorister's cassock and surplice and see and hear the mighty cathedral organ being played close up! And, of course, learn music and sing along with the choristers, culminating in performing a concert along with them.

All boys currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 are welcome.

For more information and to book a place, please email jab@trurocathedral.org.uk



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2023



Truro School Prep Assembly Hall

8 DECEMBER || 3 PM

SANTA'S GROTTTO, STALLS, GAMES, CRAFTS, BBQ & MORE!

Would you like to join us as a volunteer? We are looking for helping hands to set up, run stalls and manage the grotto queue! All welcome, please message fts@truroschool.com



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WETSUITS NEEDED



The FTS are looking for donations of any outgrown wetsuits for **The Wave Project.**



Wetsuits can be donated to the Truro Prep Office or Truro School Cafe (near the SBA) until 1st December.



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Please use this QR code to register your child for Wraparound care or via the Forms link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VZUiYbg1Ff>

