

8 DECEMBER 2023: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents and Carers,



During this first week of Advent, our thoughts have naturally turned to Christmastime and it is fair to say that the festive season is in full swing here at Truro School Prep. Both EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances have taken place and it is clear that there are a considerable number of budding dramatists in our midst. On that note, staging one production in a day is a challenge, presenting two performances within five hours of each other, only to repeat the process the following day is nothing short of miraculous!



This of course fell hot on the heels of the Year 5 production of 'The Late Wise Man'. In front of a full house, a cast of almost 60 budding dramatists squeezed onto the Lovett Hall stage and kept the audience thoroughly entertained for well over an hour. I take this opportunity to thank the children and staff for their hard work, enthusiasm and dramatic expertise.

We have also enjoyed our Christmas carols over the past seven days and, particularly, those with a Cornish theme as we prepare for our 'Nadelik Lowen - A Cornish Christmas' concert which will be held at Truro Methodist Church next Monday, 11th December at 6:30pm. All Prep School children are involved and both Prep School and Pre-Prep families are welcome (please see details in the year group Clarion messages for details).

Continuing on the choral theme, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Cathedral choristers on their recitals given in advance of the EYFS Nativity, and for a super concert held here at Treiske on Tuesday afternoon. If you missed the chance to hear them, please do take the opportunity to see and hear them in action in the Cathedral over the forthcoming Christmas holiday - they are extremely talented and busy young men!

Remaining with Advent, and amongst a forest of novelty calendars, we have delved into the meaning of the word 'Advent' and the concepts of waiting and anticipation. Exploring the idea that, rather than wishing our time away to Christmas, we can make the most of every single day in terms of our learning, enjoyment and service to others.

Today we will experience the delights of the Friends of Truro School Christmas Fair. I take this opportunity to thank the FTS committee and all who give so generously of their time, energy and resources to support the School throughout the year.

Continuing on the topic of the Christmas season, and the digital presents that may arrive, please see the helpful information from Chris Dove, Assistant Head (Academic) and Computing Coordinator, contained on Page 4 within the Notices section of this week's Bulletin.

Finally, it is a great pleasure to inform you that this week has provided me with the opportunity to introduce 'Report Reviews' to Truro School Prep. This involved me visiting the Pre-Prep children in their classes to give them some group feedback on their progress during the term and meeting individually with every Prep School child alongside their Form Tutor. The opportunity to congratulate the children on their progress and to identify targets for the future was extremely valuable and I was truly delighted with the engagement shown by each and every pupil.

The reports will be sent home to you early next week and I hope that you will be able to find the time to peruse them with your children. I have also challenged the children to read their reports once again just before they return to school in January - I have always found that this provides the opportunity to remind children of how successful they have been, to refresh their memory of any challenges set and to provide a much-needed boost of enthusiasm for the new term when coming to the end of a holiday.

With season's greetings and every good wish,
Mr Rob Morse
Headmaster

Monday 11 December

Concert Rehearsal

Truro Methodist Church for Year 6 pupils and orchestra 9.20am
11.50am

Year 3-6 Christmas Concert

'Nadelik Lowen - A Cornish Christmas' at Truro Methodist Church 6.30pm. Please see year group Clarion messages for full information.

Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Lunch for Prep and Pre-Prep

Pre-Prep children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on top of their uniform for their Christingle service.

Thursday 14 December

End of Term

No Prep or Pre-Prep after school care or activity clubs

Children may dress in their home clothes for the day but please be mindful that if the weather is good the children will be running around the school field.

Sponsored Santa Run (weather permitting)

in Aid of Children Hospice South-West

Pre-Prep Christmas Party

End of day pick-up arrangements

(siblings can be collected together at the earliest time slot)

Nursery & Reception	3pm-3.15pm
Year 1 & Year 2	3.15pm-3.30pm
Year 3 & Year 4	3.30pm-3.40pm
Year 5 & Year 6	3.40pm-3.50pm

No afterschool care or clubs (as above)

Nine Lessons and Carols

Truro Cathedral 7pm - All Welcome

Monday 1 to Friday 5 January 2024

[details may change – please check next week's bulletin for updates](#)

Thursday 4 January

Spring Term Begins

Wraparound, Homework Club and Supper Club commence

Friday 5 January

After school activity clubs commence



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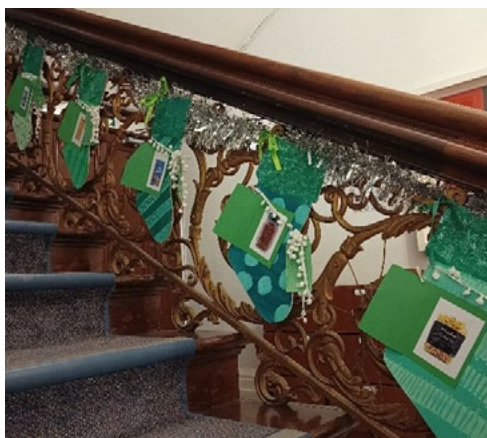
Christmas Donations

Thank you for all the food and toy gifts provided for the School's Reverse Advent collection. Year 3 are enjoying opening our windows to reveal the 'Food for the day' and will continue collecting until the end of term - please do keep donating if you are able.

Below is the list of items; donations can be left in the boxes at the top of the staircase in the Prep or in the entrance area in the Pre-Prep.

Donations of toys for the Truro Methodist Church collection can be dropped in to the office in Treliske House.

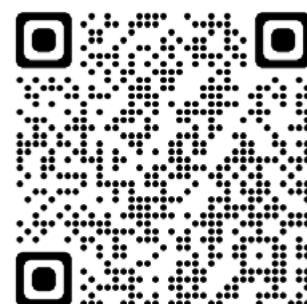
Many thanks again for your generosity, help and support in making these charitable ventures successful.



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	

Santas on the Run at Prep

A reminder that the Santa run is taking place at Truro School Prep on the last day of term. We are raising money for the Children's Hospice South West and donations can be made at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/lynette-lukes-1701352274730> or via the QR code.



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Uniform Shop Opening Times

The school uniform shop will close on the 15th of December 2023 and re-open on the 3rd of January 2024. If you have any queries, please contact Katie in the shop or feel free to contact Phil Nicholls [here](#).

Head Lice

We have cases of head lice in school and would very much appreciate your help in trying to eradicate them. Please can you check your child's hair this evening if possible, using the wet comb method, to help us become lice free! Head lice are difficult to find in dry hair, but in wet hair they lose their grip, move more slowly and can be combed out. Regular combing will help to prevent re-infection as it damages the lice and breaks their life cycle.

To avoid using chemical applications, we recommend washing the hair, rinsing and applying a normal conditioner. Comb through the conditioner with an ordinary comb to remove the tangles. Then, using a head lice comb, part the hair into sections. Comb through, starting at the scalp and out to the end of the hair. After each stroke check the comb for lice and rinse or wipe the comb. After combing the entire head, rinse out the conditioner.

To try and limit the spread of head lice we would advise weekly wet-combing as above, maintain long hair in a ponytail or braids, avoid sharing combs/brushes and hair accessories and do not allow head-to-head contact.

Many thanks for your help with this.
[Mrs Cameron](#), Medical Care Lead

Online Safety Section: The Festive Fortnite!

Short days, inclement weather and generous relatives can mean that our children's access to online devices can be less than ideally regulated over the festive period. Technology forms an integral part of many of our children's lives and supporting them as they navigate this digital world can be challenging. It is easy to lose track of the duration of time a child spends gaming or simply watching YouTube videos, as the nature of digital entertainment means there is no clear endpoint to their time online. Combine this with the chance for a parent to ensure they have a happily occupied child over a busy Christmas period, and it is easy to see how the amount of time a child spends online can spin out of control.

[Internet Matters](http://www.internetmatters.org) (www.internetmatters.org) offers a wealth of advice and information for parents and professionals across the spectrum of online safety. This includes a section specifically for guidance around screen time and the risks (and benefits); click [here](#) to read more. [This short video](#) also suggests three sensible rules for managing screen use. Finally, [Common Sense Media](#) provides in-depth guidance on the nature of the online games available, detailing areas such as positive role models, ease of play, language and violence; a very useful and highly recommended website for parents seeking to understand more about the games their child is immersed in.

Open discussions, secure parental controls and engagement and interest in a child's online life are key. Although there will inevitably come the plea for "just another five minutes" over this festive period, a good understanding of your child's digital interests combined with a few simple protocols can ensure a healthy balance of screen and family time is maintained.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding online safety, do get in touch.

Have a digitally happy Christmas!
Mr. Dove

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A Twinkly Nativity

In the heartwarming spirit of the festive season, our Early Years' pupils put on a fabulous performance of 'A Twinkly Nativity.'

We were delighted to welcome family and friends to enjoy this special occasion, and our Boy Choristers greeted guests with a beautiful concert before the show.

Infused with the timeless tale of the Nativity and adorned with an extra touch of sparkle and shine, this wonderful play had the audience laughing, clapping, and singing along. The children flawlessly recalled countless lines, choreography, and a medley of songs that they had been rehearsing throughout the half-term. Their performances demonstrated just how hard they had worked.

A huge thank you to all the staff who made this show one to remember, and a massive well-done to all our performers who poured their hearts into the twinkly production. View the full gallery [here.](#)



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Don't Be Afraid

Year 1 and 2's 'Don't Be Afraid' Christmas play took the nativity to new heights with a modern twist.

Navigating the traditional story one step at a time, the young performers showcased exceptional talent, flawlessly delivering lines and enchanting the audience with uplifting songs.

The play's fusion of classic elements and contemporary creativity resulted in a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. 'Don't Be Afraid' not only celebrated the spirit of Christmas but also emphasised the importance of following the light in challenging times. A remarkable performance that truly captured the joy and unity of the festive season. You can view more lovely photos [here](#).



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The Story of the Candy Cane

Pre-Prep pupils were treated to a surprise guest in the form of Rev Helen, resplendent in a candy cane costume. A traditional part of the Christmas season, the Rev explained the true symbolism of the iconic candy in the Christian faith.

Created over 100 years ago to encompass the essence of Christmas, the candy is sweet like the Baby Jesus, while the shape of it is said to be representative of the crooks carried by the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus, in the Christian faith Jesus is also our Good Shepherd. Held upside down, the shape also forms the letter 'J'.

The red colour is symbolic of the humanity of Christ, while the white is a symbol of his divinity, blended to form one structure.

Pupils certainly enjoyed the assembly and every one took home a candy cane, challenged to tell their families the story behind the treat.



Decking the Pre-Prep Halls

Christmas is in full flow at Pre-Prep after a fantastic morning of Christmas crafting. Pupils were tasked with making a range of beautiful decorations including sparkling baubles, twinkling trees and stars. The children took care to use biodegradable glitter and recyclable materials where possible.

They also made cards and tags and prepared some tempting reindeer food to welcome Santa's team on Christmas Eve. With carols sung and Christmas stories shared, it was a truly magical and memorable morning. A huge thanks to all of the staff who work so hard to make these activities possible and add such a large sprinkling of Christmas cheer to all they do.



Notes from the Wild Woods

Every half-term we will share with you what Citizen Science projects we have been up to in Forest School and suggest ways you might also get involved in helping nature at home.

Nursery and Reception

We have been using the cut willow to make star wands and decorations and we made our Christmas wreath.

We have been enjoying looking at the footage of our Badgers from our new Wildlife Camera. It's been brilliant being detectives seeing where they have been digging and finding paw prints!

Our new night camera has found them to be very active around our site. Their main diet is earthworms, so this reminds us to use no chemicals on lawns and flowerbeds.

We hope to send you our best footage so we can learn and care about our environment and keep it special by making habitats at school and at home.

You can find out more about these fascinating creatures at the [Badger Trust](https://www.badger-trust.org/).



A still image from our Wildlife Camera of two frolicking badgers.

Year One

Pupils have inspected their ladybird hibernation hotels as a survey with [The Buzz Club](https://www.thebuzzclub.org/). We found few ladybirds still flying around but they weren't in our houses!

Year Two

Pupils have been practising knot tying while making dens and whittling sticks to make reindeer.

Christmas gift boxes!

We will make bird and bat nesting boxes over the winter months and thought you might also make these at home together in the Christmas holidays!



[How to build a bat box | The Wildlife Trusts](https://www.wildlife-trusts.org/)

GO WILD!

If you have any good ideas or you want to share your nature successes, please get in touch with Victoria Stableford on VLS@truroschoo.com

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Year 5 and 6 Girls' Hockey

It was wonderful to see great teamwork, passion and determination in our hockey teams at Truro High School this week.

Despite the chilly temperature and biting wind, our teams had a blast – scoring plenty of goals and developing their game understanding throughout the afternoon.

Well done to everyone who played. You were great ambassadors for the school. Our A team won their game 4-1 and our B team won their game 3-0.

Players of the match (chosen by the opposition) were Gracie (A team) and Lissie, Lowenna and Lexi (B team).

Special mention to our determined goal scorers - Amelia and Lissie (1 goal each), Lexi (2 goals), Maya (3 goals).



Pre-Prep



Golden Awards for going above and beyond in Pre-Prep

Evie

Rupert

Gold Commendations

[Florence 5LJ for a super 'Merry Christmas House'](#)

Comment: Carefully decorated with festive pictures and wonderful poetry.

House Point Form Champions

Malhar & Freddy 3ME

Zander, Henry &
Christopher 3SM

Emir 4LL

Barney 4SC

William V 5CD

William S 5LJ

Emmeline & Qaveem
5SL

Jacob & Conrad 6AG

Shiloh 6DG

Lexi 6JL

Merit Awards



Silver Merit Awards

3ME: Boe, Teddy, Wilf, Erin

4LL: Oliver G, Rafe

4SC: Barney, Emily, Ollie William, Violet-Rose

6DG: Sienna, Atti, Ayden



Gold Merit Awards

3ME: Ella D, Harleen, Jack, Greta, Max, Zander, Elodie, Seren

4LL: Edward

4SC: Harry, Audrey, Ollie, Anantveer, Ethan, Arthur W



Platinum Merit Awards

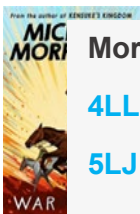
3ME: Bobby

3SM: Daisy

4LL: Ashleigh

4SC: Ollie

Reading Awards



Morpugo Club (50 books)

4LL: Harvey

5LJ: Isaac

Handwriting



A Pen Licence has been awarded to **Edward (3SM)**

Maths

3 x 5
4 x 6
2 x 8
7 x 2

Times Table Challenge Certificates

3ME: Wilf, Malhar, Kaleem

3SM: Henry, Henry, Daisy, Mabel, Harry, Joseph, Ramona, Athena, Edward, Seren, James

4SC: Harry, Fjola

5CD: Sophia, Toby, Woody, Henry, William

5LJ: Alyssia

5SL: Qaveem, Hugo, Oliver, Rory, Matilda

6AG: Lewie, Jacob

6JL: Gracie, Barnaby, Niamh, Charlotte, Ben

Rock Stars



Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Poppy

Year 4: Ethan

Year 5: Qaveem

Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Edward Year 4

Swimming



Oliver 6DG has achieved his 600m distance swimming award.

Golf



Toby 5CD won his first golf trophy on Sunday at Carlton Bay, winning the Junior Captain's Cup.



Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday 14 December 2023

Truro Cathedral

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Featuring Truro School
and Truro School Prep
Choirs and Vocal Groups

All welcome





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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