



Friday Bulletin



14 DECEMBER 2023: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, it would be all too easy to use this Bulletin as an opportunity to list the many events and achievements that have taken place over the last three months.

To do so, however, would be to repeat the weekly communications that have come your way each Friday and, more importantly, to miss the opportunity to impart a message of much greater importance.

Indeed, my final missive of the term is one of sincere gratitude.

In the first instance to your superb children who have given their all both in and out of the classroom. They are, equally importantly, developing an understanding of the importance of kindness, service and respect.

Today's news stories contain nothing but depressing reports, but, if one is ever looking for a more positive story, one need only look at the children in our community to realise that our future is in very safe hands.

My second message of thanks goes to the staff team here at Truro School Prep. They have given wholeheartedly throughout the term (and in many cases throughout the holidays). I take this opportunity to thank them for their professionalism, enthusiasm and determination.

My final message of gratitude extends to you all as parents, grandparents and friends of Truro School. I take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding, your support and for entrusting us with your children over these past 14 weeks.

Looking to the future, I wish you a wonderful holiday with your superb children. I look forward to seeing you all once again early in January.

With season's greetings and the very best of wishes,

Mr Rob Morse
Headmaster



Thursday 4 January

Spring Term Begins

Wraparound, Homework Club and Supper Club commence

6AG Swimming

SBA pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

Friday 5 January

After school activity clubs commence

Monday 8 to Friday 12 January 2024

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

Wednesday 10 January

U11 & U10 boys’ hockey v Mount Kelly

TS astro (A) 1.30pm-4.15pm (2.30pm start)

Thursday 11 January

6AG Swimming

SBA pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

Saturday 13 January

Boys’ Chorister Experience Day & Cushion Concert

Truro Cathedral



NOTICES

Cold Weather

As the weather in January is likely to continue to be cold and wet, a reminder that children should have a warm coat in school at all times as we like to give them the opportunity to spend time outdoors as much as possible.

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Joy Galore at Christmas Fayre

The Assembly Hall at Truro School Prep was a hive of Christmas joy and jubilation as the FTS Christmas Fayre got underway.

Alongside the traditional cake and tombola stalls, there were games galore including Guess the Name of the Teddy, Count the Sprout and Hook a Reindeer.

There was also a very exciting visitor in the shape of Father Christmas. Visitors to his grotto were delighted to share their Christmas wishes with the man himself and each left with a small gift to put under the tree.

Whilst the children enjoyed the fun and games, the school catering staff served up a delicious BBQ, mince pies and other treats.

A huge thank you to all of the parents and children who donated to the fayre and to the amazing FTS Team who worked so hard to make this event so magical. View the full gallery [here.](#)



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The Late Wise Man

There were roars of laughter, and many rounds of applause as Year 5 took to the stage for this year's Christmas play "The Late Wise Man", which tells the story of a forgetful wise man who, despite his best efforts, always manages to arrive late to important events. As the other wise men embark on their journey to witness the birth of baby Jesus, our late wise man faces numerous comical obstacles along the way. Will he finally make it in time to witness this miraculous event?

Beyond the comedic elements, "The Late Wise Man" explores important themes such as perseverance, friendship, and the true meaning of Christmas. Through the late wise man's journey, the play teaches valuable lessons about the importance of being present and cherishing the moments that truly matter.

Our Year 5 cast has been working extremely hard to make the play memorable, and they certainly achieved that. Thank you to Mrs Gregory for your fantastic directing and all the other staff who made it a wonderful night. You can view more lovely photos [here](#).



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Prep's Christmas Feast

With Christmas jumpers donned and festive hats in place, it was a packed Dining Hall at this year's Prep Christmas Lunch.

The catering team once again put on a tremendously festive feast, with traditional turkey and all the trimmings or a vegan festive bake, followed by some marvellous puddings including Christmas Pudding and Cocoa Krispies Reindeer.

Our lucky staff and children tucked into their food, while chatting excitedly about their holiday plans.

We would like to thank our amazing catering team for all of their hard work, today and every day, as they provide healthy, delicious and balanced meals for all of our pupils at Truro School Prep. View more photos [here](#).



A Glistening Christingle

Rev Helen led a beautiful Christingle service for the children at Pre-Prep. Helped by six Sixth Formers, Rev Helen explained the significance of the Christingle Service in telling the Christmas story to children worldwide.

In between songs and stories, the children learned the significance of each part of the Christingle orange in the Christian Faith. The children each received an orange and carefully constructed their own Christingles. Each then finished their creations with a 'candle' to symbolise the light of Jesus.

It was a magical service and a very special and memorable way to explore the Christmas story. The Prep children will receive their Christingles in a second assembly.

A huge thanks must go to Rev Helen and to the brilliant Sixth Form helpers who made the service so enjoyable. View the full story and more photos [here](#).



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Prep Christmas Concert

Music filled Truro Methodist Church during Monday evening's annual Prep Concert, as young voices from Year 3 to 6 infused the room with beautiful performances. Families and friends gathered to enjoy the evening, creating a truly special atmosphere that marked the beginning of the last week of term.

The night was a very memorable celebration, showcasing the talent and spirit of the young performers, leaving everyone feeling Christmassy and joyful. View the full gallery [here](#).



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Prep Learn about Earthquake Monitoring

Year 4 had a fantastic time learning about earthquakes with Mr Blackie from Truro School's geology department. He took data from the school seismometer to explain this fascinating piece of equipment to the children and how it is used in School to monitor tectonic plate movements worldwide.

The children learnt how energy travels through the Earth and how we detect earthquakes. Great excitement was had when slinkies were produced to demonstrate P-waves and S-waves and the children worked in small groups to simulate seismometers. To round off their workshop, a Lego seismometer was attached to the computer, and the children made an earthquake by jumping up and down and watched the recording of it on the whiteboard.

A big thank you to Mr Blackie and Mrs Palmer for arranging this fascinating visit.



Festive Paired Reading

Pupils from Prep have been busy creating a festive paired reading session for their Pre-Prep buddies.

Paired reading takes place throughout the term and is a fantastic way for the older children to share their love of stories and inspire the younger children to get stuck into reading.

For this special end-of-term paired read, the older children had made beautiful Christmas cards for their buddies, which they had posted ready in a special Christmas post box. Armed with poems, stories, books and plays, the older children also had some Christmas colouring sheets to share with their younger peers.

It was a lovely morning; well done to all of our Prep children who worked so hard and to our Pre-Prep buddies who listened beautifully.



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A Wonderful End of Term at Prep

There was fun galore at Prep today as children took part in the annual Santa Fun Run in aid of the Children's Hospice South West (CHSW).

The older children helped their younger peers navigate the holiday hurdles on the fun run course. Starting at an inflatable arch, the children progressed via a snow cannon and an 'elfie selfie' station, and negotiated some carol singing and snowball throwing before crossing the finish line. Dressed in their festive finest, it was delightful to see the pupils and helpers getting fully into the festive swing.

Whilst plenty of fun was had, the school community managed to raise a significant amount for the CHSW. Well done to everyone who took part, and a huge thank you to the FTS, staff and parent helpers who made it possible.

Once the race had finished, there was a special treat in the form of Father Christmas, pulled on his sleigh by a Truro School minibus. Having greeted the children, he dashed off to prepare for the big day.

It was a wonderful end to an extremely festive period at Prep. Each of the children will go home today with a special bell to mark the occasion, their hearts full of warm Christmas wishes. View more photos [here](#).



Head's Commendations

Jenson 5SL for The Bigger Picture: a great concept - Jenson's video clip walked us through his home and contrasted different rooms with those of other cultures. He then showed us his Minecraft house design - a great explanation and research.

Emmeline 5SL for The Bigger Picture: Emmeline's curiosity box was original and beautifully presented - containing three identical jars all featuring the unique building challenges for different habitats; desert homes, underwater homes and snow homes.

Matilda 5SL for The Bigger Picture: Matilda's 3D house build was brilliant. It took days to make and included different rooms and interior decoration.

Arthur 5SL for The Bigger Picture: a beautifully baked gingerbread house - a complete labour of love - and some well-researched facts about the history of gingerbread houses.

House Point Form Champions

Jack 3ME

Edward & Seren 3SM

Hennie 4LL

Barney 4SC

Sophia, Jesse & George
5CD

Rozalia & Albert 5LJ

Penny 5SL

Jakub 6AG

Mairi & Sophie 6DG

Rex 6JL

Merit Awards



Bronze Merit Awards

4LL: Emir, Oliver B

5CD: Reggie

5LJ: Rozalia

5SL: Matilda

6DG: Mia, Sylvie



Silver Merit Awards

4LL: Endelyn, Rohan, Hennie

5CD: Sophia, Charlie

5LJ: Miles, Amaya, Sebastian

6DG: Sophie



Gold Merit Awards

3SM: Henry, Percy, Edward, James

4LL: Sofia

5LJ: Phoebe



Platinum Merit Awards

3SM: Mabel

4LL: Maya, Freya

4SC: Anantveer

Reading Awards



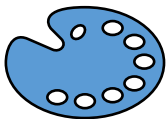
Morpugo Club (50 books)

4SC: Ethan

5LJ: William

6AG: Delilah

Art



Congratulations to the following pupils whose work has been chosen to go in the Gold Frame:

Daniel 5LJ: A fabulous 'Cute Monster' print making use of lovely colours and great skill.

Maths

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

Times Table Challenge Certificates

3ME: Erin

3SM: Elodie

4LL: Oliver G, Rafe, Freya, Emily, Edward

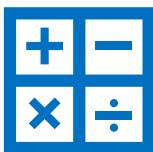
4SC: Audrey, Samuel, Will, Violet-Rose

6AG: Jacob, Archie

6DG: Atticus, Mairi

6JL: Rex, Gracie, Isaac, Rosie, Charlotte, Ben

Rock Stars



Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Ollie S Year 4

Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Erin

Year 4: Edward

Year 5: Qaveem

Year 6: Thomas

Colours

Rugby

6AG: Thomas, Jacob, George

6DG: Charlie

6JL: Raif, Jack, Barnaby, Casper, Isaac, Niamh

Hockey

6DG: Lexi

6JL: Isabella, Lexi, Lowenna, Gracie, Maya, Rosie, Charlotte, Amelia

Judo

6DG: Charlie, Daneil, Jennifer

6JL: Niamh

House matches

Football

Year 3: 1st = Wickett, 2nd = Smith, 3rd = School, 4th = Vinter

Year 5: 1st = Wickett, 2nd = Smith, 3rd = Vinter, 4th = School

Year 6: 1st = School, 2nd = Wickett, 3rd = Vinter, 4th = Smith

Overall

1st = Wickett, 2nd = School / Smith, 4th = Vinter

Hockey

Year 4: 1st = School, 2nd = Vinter, 3rd = Smith / Wickett

Netball

Year 3: 1st = Smith/ Wickett, 3rd = School/ Vinter

Year 5: 1st = Vinter, 2nd = Smith / Wickett, 4th = School

Year 6: 1st = School, 2nd = Wickett, 3rd = Smith, 4th = Vinter

Overall

1st = Wickett, 2nd = Smith, 3rd = Vinter/ School

Rugby

Year 4: 1st = School, 2nd = Vinter, 3rd = Wickett, 4th = Smith

Cross-country

Year 3: 1st = Wickett, 2nd = Vinter / School, 4th = Smith

Year 4: 1st = Vinter, 2nd = Wickett, 3rd = School, 4th = Smith

Year 5: 1st = Vinter, 2nd = Wickett, 3rd = School, 4th = Smith

Year 6: 1st = Smith, 2nd = School / Wickett, 4th = Vinter

Overall

1st = Vinter (57 points), 2nd = Wickett (51 points), 3rd = Smith (43 points),
4th = School (42 points)



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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Background : Robert Organ - *School Children* (1981)

The Truro School Art Collection Goes On An Outing

ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM

In the early 1980s David Heseltine, then Head of Art at Truro School, found himself frustrated that the independent status of the school barred it from borrowing artworks from the Cornwall Council Schools Art Collection. He was convinced that the school should begin its own Collection in order that generations of students might learn from looking at the real thing. Today, the Collection encompasses nearly 300 artworks representing a veritable A-Z of late 20th and early 21st century artists, the majority of whom lived and worked in Cornwall and some of whom attained international recognition.

The Collection is rarely seen, and it is only the second time that the Collection has featured in an exhibition at the Royal Cornwall Museum in forty years. The exhibition draws from David's unique personal archive and anecdotal reminiscences that amplify the personal generosity of the many artists whom he visited in their studios who either gifted to the Collection or whom he purchased from.

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY - SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024



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