

05 JANUARY 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

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Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been a pleasure to welcome your children back to school this week and, despite the torrential downpours, they have been in very good spirits.

We started the morning with a Prep School Assembly, which focused on New Year's resolutions. We took, as a starting point, the targets identified during our report reviews at the end of last term. Following the same theme, I was able to introduce a schoolwide resolution which is to develop the children's metacognitive skills.

As I wrote in my pre-term letter, metacognition is often defined as 'thinking about thinking', but it is much more than this. It is also a form of self-regulation, involving self-awareness, critical analysis skills, and the ability to problem-solve.

For children, having metacognitive skills means that they are able to recognise their own cognitive abilities, direct their own learning, evaluate their performance, understand what caused their successes or failures, and learn new strategies. It also helps them learn more efficiently and, when the time comes, helps them learn how to revise.

This morning allowed me to underline the importance of the children thinking about the strategies that they have used in the past to direct their current and future learning. As is too often the case, when children find things difficult it is all too easy to rely on parents or teachers to solve the problem for them.

Whilst we must always be there to support and to assist, we are encouraging the children to think for themselves as to how they might solve the problem; using previously learnt information and looking at their exercise and textbooks to see if there is any information that could aid them before seeking assistance from their teacher.

A similar approach in the home environment (of course when time allows) may be worth investigating if it is not already part of your normal routine. As promised in my message earlier this week, I will write further on this topic later in the term.

In the meantime, I wish you all a lovely weekend in the sunshine (it has been a long time since I have been able to write that!) and I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

With every good wish,

Mr Rob Morse

Headmaster

## 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 12.30pm-3.30pm

## 15 - 19 January 2024

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

## Tuesday 16 January

Year 5 & 6 Swim Gala (hosted by Richard Lander School)  
SBA 9am-1.30pm (9.30am start)  
We regret that parents are unable to watch due to limited space and the number of schools taking part.

## Wednesday 17 January

Learning Support Coffee Meeting  
Library 3pm-4pm

## Thursday 18 January

6AG Swimming  
SBA pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

## Friday 19 January

U11 Boys' & U11 Girls' Hockey v Truro School U12s  
TS Astro 4pm-5pm

## Saturday 20 January

Entrance Exams for Year 6 Pupils  
Truro School 9am-1pm

## NOTICES

### **1) School Uniform**

If you have bought new uniform, shoes etc over the holidays please make sure that each item is clearly named.

Please could you also check all older items as pen can fade and labels become detached.

### **2) Road Safety Reminders**

A reminder to all parents not to turn right into the driveway from Tresawls Road (A390), as this is an illegal manoeuvre which could result in points on your licence.

Please also take care and drive slowly at all times whilst on school premises as children may be running around.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

### **3) Reverse Advent Calendar**

A message from Truro Foodbank:

Thank you for bringing in the reverse advent donations; at a time of high demand this is very much appreciated. The donations totalled 206.9 kilos which is nearly 350 meals. Please pass on our thanks to all involved.

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## Truro School Prep - Lunchtime and After School Clubs: Spring Term 2024

**Truro School Prep - Lunchtime & After School Clubs - Spring Term 2024 - V2 04.01.24**

		Before School & Lunchtime <i>Lunchtime clubs run from 1.30-2.00pm, unless otherwise stated</i>	After School <i>Finish at 5.00pm unless otherwise stated</i>
<b>Monday</b>	BEFORE SCHOOL	Year 3 & 4 Swim training AJ 7.00-8.00am (Prep pool) <b>termly sign-up-max 16</b> **Cricket Coaching SH 7.30-8.15am (sports hall)	Y3 & 4 Art club SHM Y3-6 Shakespeare performance club AG (ASH) Y5 & 6 Badminton / *Tennis SL (*after half term) Y5-6 Rugby JLO Y3 & 4 Football DG/JF
	LUNCHTIME	Match Play Netball LEE 1.00-1.30pm Senior Water Polo JR AJ (prep pool) 1.30-2.00pm Y4 Times Tables Rock Stars club-1:30-2:00pm (G4)	** Y5-6 Bushcraft RH <b>termly sign-up - max 12</b> ** LAMDA CR (G5) Homework Club (IT suite) until 5:30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	BEFORE SCHOOL	Y5 & 6 Squad Swim training JR 7.00-8.00am (SBA pool) <b>by invitation</b>	Y3 & 4 Junior Netball LEE Y3-6 String Orchestra 3:30-4:30pm (MR) Y3-6 Cricket with Cornish Cricket Company– soft ball (sports hall & outside) 4:00– 5:30pm
	LUNCHTIME	Y5 & 6 Choir AR Improvers Swim training JR AJ (Prep pool) <b>by invitation</b> Y6 Leonardo Club JA	** Midi Fencing ( beginner and year 3-4 class ) 4:00 –5:00pm (ASH) Y5 & 6 Chess JM (G4) ** LAMDA CR (G5) Homework Club (IT suite) until 5:30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	BEFORE SCHOOL	Y5 & 6 Swim training AJ 7.00-8.00am (Prep pool)	Year 3 play rehearsals ME By invitation (ASH) Y3 & 4 Rugby AW
	LUNCHTIME	Y3 & 4 Hockey JF (sports hall) Y3 & 4 Lego LL (G1) 3-6 Brass Club AP (MR) Y6 Parallel Club (CR1)	Y3- 5 Puzzle Club MI Y5 & 6 Art Club JA ( Art Room) Y5 & 6 Netball LEE **Advanced Fencing ( Yr 5& 6 plus experienced fencers ) 4.00-5.00pm (ASH) **LAMDA CR (G5) Homework Club (IT suite) until 5:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	BEFORE SCHOOL		Y3 & 4 Cross country SL Y3 & 4 Chess JM (G4)
	LUNCHTIME	Y3 & 4 Origami LL (G1) Y5 & 6 Badminton (sports hall) SL Samba (music room) Y3-6 Shakespeare performance club AG (ASH)	Y3, 4 & 5 Swimming AJ (prep pool) Y4 & 5 Creative Writing Club SC (G2) Y5 & 6 Football DG/SS **Y3-6 Ballet with Cornwall Dance School (CDS) 3:40– 4:30 (ASH) **Y3-6 Contemporary Modern Jazz with CDS 4:30– 5:30 (ASH) Homework Club (IT suite) until 5:30pm
<b>Friday</b>	BEFORE SCHOOL		**Judo RP (assembly hall) <b>termly sign up 4.00– 5.30pm</b>
	LUNCHTIME	Y6 Basketball JF (sports hall) Y5 & 6 Language detectives KP Grow, Cook, Eat JW (T1 & garden) <b>weekly sign up-max 10</b>	Hockey JF (parents to transport to Truro School Astro-pitch) Y3-6 Cricket with Cornish Cricket Company– soft ball (sports hall) 4:00– 5:30pm Homework Club (IT suite) until 5:30pm

Charges apply for Ballet, Bushcraft, Dance, Fencing, Judo, Monday Cricket coaching and Lamda. There are also number limits for the paid for clubs as well as Grow Cook Eat . All other clubs are sign up on the day at morning registration

View and download digital versions for Prep and Pre-Prep [here](#).

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## A Wonderful Start of Term at Prep

Despite the rain, there were bright and sunny smiles as pupils returned to Prep.

At lunchtime there was wet play due to the weather, so the pupils were busy reading, playing board games and using the school computers indoors.

It was wonderful to see staff and pupils return to site and we would like to wish everyone a happy start to the New Year.





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## A Busy Start to Spring Term Activities

In the Prep, Year 5 and 6 were enjoying their new Afternoon Activities for the Spring Term.

Year 6 were working on their First Aid skills with Mrs Cameron as a part of their John Muir Awards, learning how to use epi pens to help in an allergic reaction.

Meanwhile, Year 5 were showing off some brilliant badminton skills in their Sport Leadership activities.





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## A New Term in Pre-Prep

Undeterred by the rain, Pre-Prep made the most of the puddles and mud in Forest School today, while Year 1 began their new topic for the term, 'Animals Around the World'. The children created beautiful tissue paper trees and animals from across the planet.



## New Year Fireworks

Congratulations to Truro City Council for a successful New Year fireworks extravaganza. At the stroke of midnight, fireworks were launched from the Senior School's upper sport's pitches, marking the grand arrival of 2024 in Truro.

Heartfelt thanks to Paul Caruana and his team of dedicated community volunteers, who stepped forward to help clear the debris from pitches ready for the school's reopening this week. Our seismograph also captured the display, exhibiting a maximum amplitude that was 7.5 times greater than the signal received from the Mounts Bay earthquake back in November.

Happy New Year!





# 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](mailto:jab@trurocathedral.org.uk)



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# NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARD QUALIFICATION



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## RLSS UK National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre, Truro School

February 12th to February 17th 2024

Monday to Friday 0900 - 1730 Assessment Saturday 0900-1200

Course cost is £270 and is inclusive of the AED certificate and PXB board.  
100% attendance is required

Minimum age of 16 on the date of exam.

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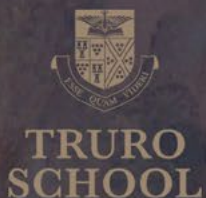
# The Truro School Art Collection Goes On An Outing

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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