

26 JANUARY 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Another Friday rolls around and with it, another message to update you on happenings here at Truro School Prep.

**Children:** In terms of the bigger picture, we continue to focus on metacognition throughout the curriculum and good manners and etiquette across the board. We are far from the finished article but it is a pleasure to pass on some positive feedback from visiting governors and prospective parents. Indeed, we have welcomed many visitors to school over the past week and they have, without exception, been impressed by the engagement from the children.

On a related theme, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 6 pupils who sat the Truro School entrance test last weekend. Whilst there were plenty of nerves in the lead-up to the event, it was a pleasure to witness the children embracing the challenge and being so very welcoming to the children from outside the Prep community. Far too many adults have negative experiences of school examinations and part of our role is to ensure that this generation has a more positive perspective on such assessments. We have certainly started the process with the overwhelming majority of candidates exiting with a smile on their faces and, believe it or not, a large number of children commenting that they had 'really enjoyed' the experience!

**Staff:** I am sure that parents of current and previous Pre-Prep children will wish to join me in wishing Lynn Laity every good wish as she moves on from Truro School. Lynn's care for the children throughout her time with us was first class and her smiling face and enthusiasm will be sorely missed. Lynn leaves us to spend more time with her family, particularly her grandchildren. She will be very much missed here at Prep.

Joining the EYFS team will be Emily Cranstone. In a large and talented field, Emily was the standout candidate and, having completed a Foundation Degree in Childhood Education, she is in the final throes of a degree in Human Behavioural Studies. Emily has TA and SEND experience and is hugely excited about joining us.

**Parents and carers:** Turning to the wider Truro School community, please may I draw your attention to updates on health information in this Bulletin. As we continue to work on improving our communication, we are attempting to signpost parents to relevant support networks and services. The details for the [Cornwall Health Advice Messaging Service](#) is the first of such communications. Further contacts and information will follow on a range of topics in due course.

**The Community:** Growbaby is a compassion project providing free gently used baby items to families. Tens of thousands of tonnes of baby clothes and toys go into landfill each year. If we can provide support for struggling families and young children by donating to this excellent charity, we will also be doing a little more in terms of sustainability. Please see the Growbaby Truro poster on [Page 15](#) of this Bulletin.

With very best wishes to one and all,

Mr Rob Morse  
Headmaster

## Wednesday 31 January

U11 Football v Plymouth College  
(H) 2pm ko

Year 6 Netball v Truro High  
(A) 2.10pm-4.10pm (2.50pm start)

## Thursday 1 February

U11 Football Rosewarne Cup v Treleigh  
(A) 1pm-3pm (1.30pm ko)

5CD, 5LJ & 6AG Swimming  
SBA Pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

## Friday 2 February

Year 2 Trip to Wheal Martyn Clay Works  
St Austell 9.15am-3pm

Year 4, 5 & 6 Mixed Cross-Country Qualifier  
Richard Lander School (A) 12.30pm-4pm (event 1.15pm-3pm)

## 5 February - 9 February 2024

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

## Monday 5 February

Bike checks for cycle rides

## Tuesday 6 February

5SL Coast to Coast Cycle Ride  
9.20am-3.40pm

Year 3 and Year 4 Mixed Cross-Country  
Truro Prep (parents welcome) 2.30pm

## Wednesday 7 February

5CD Coast to Coast Cycle Ride  
9.20am-3.40pm

U11 Girls Football Festival v Cusgarne, Archbishop  
Benson, Threemilestone, Tregolls and Devoran Schools  
(H) 2pm-4pm

Year 5 and Year 6 Mixed Cross-Country  
Truro Prep (parents welcome) 2.30pm

## Thursday 8 February

5LJ Coast to Coast Cycle Ride  
9.20am-3.40pm

5CD & 6AG Swimming  
SBA Pool, Truro School 1.30pm-3pm

Youth Speaks Competition  
Truro Prep 4pm

## Friday 9 February

Year 6 Netball Qualifier (Cornwall Sports Partnership -  
Truro Area Primary Schools)  
Penair (A) 11am-3pm

## NOTICES

### 1) Childrens Hospice South West

We are delighted to share with you a recent communication from Amanda at Children's Hospice South West:

*"I can confirm the good news that you raised an incredible £2312.12 for your Santa School Challenge, so thank you again for all your time and effort; you've raised a wonderful amount again this year".*

On behalf of the School, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the individuals who worked so hard to raise such a large amount collectively.

We also want to thank the FTS reps who came and helped to make the fun run event such an enjoyable fund-raising activity for all involved.

### 2) Spring Term School Council Reps

We are pleased to announce that our new School Council Reps for the Spring Term are:

	Captain	Deputy
3ME:	Ollie H	Harleen
3SM:	Daisy	Hugo

### 3) Measles

As you may have heard on the news, there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands area. We have received correspondence from HMC Education noting that there is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase the take-up of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

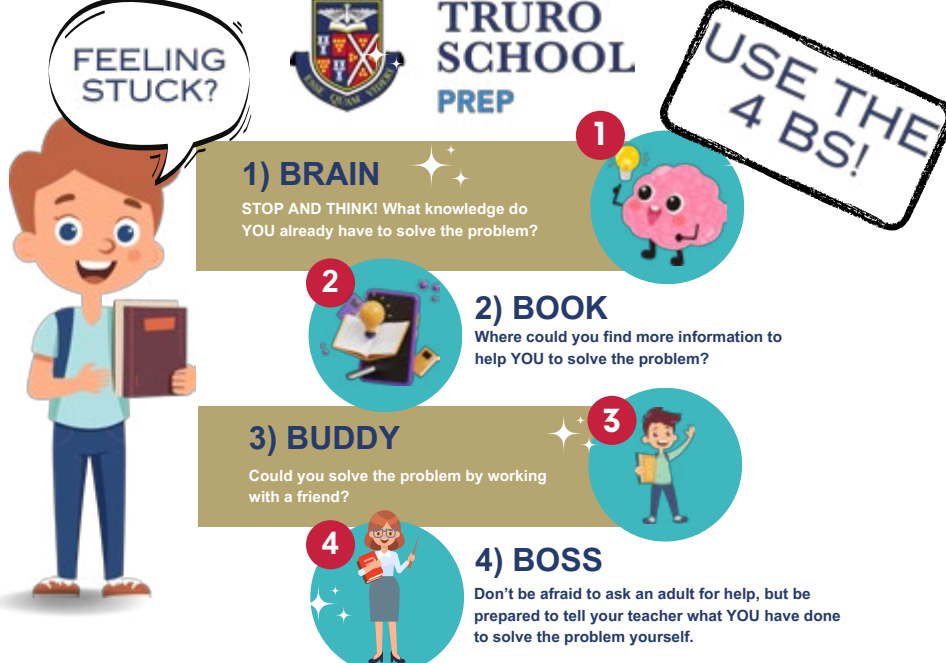
The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

[Health protection in children and young people settings, including education](#) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))  
[Managing outbreaks and incidents](#) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(\[www.nhs.uk\]\(http://www.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

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**TRURO SCHOOL PREP**

**1) BRAIN**  
STOP AND THINK! What knowledge do YOU already have to solve the problem?

**2) BOOK**  
Where could you find more information to help YOU to solve the problem?

**3) BUDDY**  
Could you solve the problem by working with a friend?

**4) BOSS**  
Don't be afraid to ask an adult for help, but be prepared to tell your teacher what YOU have done to solve the problem yourself.



## Brain, Book, Buddy, Boss

In the Pre-Prep assembly, Mr Morse took the opportunity to talk to the pupils about the concept of metacognition. The focus of the assembly was to encourage the pupils to think independently before seeking assistance.

Although this may initially sound complicated, Mr Morse used the "Brain, Book, Buddy, Boss" analogy to guide pupils on the steps they should take when faced with a challenge.

**Brain:** when stuck, pupils should first stop and think about what knowledge they already have that they could use to solve the problem.

**Book:** they can then think about where else to look; a book perhaps, or display resources in the classroom.

**Buddy:** they can also ask a friend to see if they have any tips or if they could work better to solve the problem together.

Finally, when asking the Boss (parent or teacher) for help, the pupil should try to explain the steps they have already taken to solve their question independently.

This engaging approach helped the pupils understand the importance of self-reflection and problem-solving and how, with inner confidence and time to think, many problems aren't as tricky as they initially seem.

Mr Morse will be doing more work on metacognition throughout the term and we look forward to sharing more on this soon.

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## Tudor Explorations

Our lucky Year 4 pupils spent the morning at Kresen Kernow, home to the world's largest collection of documents, books, maps and photographs related to Cornwall's history.

The trip, designed to bring their topic on the Tudors to life, gave our pupils the chance to explore the library and the archives before being able to look at some original Tudor inventories. After an enjoyable workshop, the children then created their own inventories using quills and ink.

This trip is part of a rich offering of off-site activities we offer at Prep. Many of our trips make the most of our enviable location and rich Cornish heritage.

A huge thank you to the staff at Kresen Kernow and to all of our budding historians who represented the school so beautifully.



## Delving into the Bigger Picture

Always keen to challenge our pupils to think in wider terms, our fortnightly homework challenge, The Bigger Picture, encourages pupils at Prep to think outside of the box, and beyond!

Set for the older children at Prep, The Bigger Picture provides pupils with an open-ended question for them to explore and feedback on; in any creative way they see fit, be that song, poetry, art or modelling or even computer programming.

The Bigger Picture has led to some truly inspiring and creative pieces of work from our children, a few examples of which can be seen in the responses from our Year 5 children, who were researching, 'How to Survive in Winter?'

We look forward to sharing more exciting projects as the term progresses.



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## U11 Rugby Showcases Outstanding Play

Prep mixed under 11s recently engaged in a highly competitive rugby match against Truro High. The level of play exhibited was exceptional, characterised by a fast-paced offloading game between the two teams.

Despite a closely contested match, Prep initially gained an advantage by scoring some impressive tries. Ellie and Niamh delivered noteworthy performances, while George showcased remarkable vision and handling skills. In the second half, Truro High displayed commendable play and scored remarkable tries of their own. As is customary in U11 fixtures, the true victor was the sport of rugby itself, with no official scores being recorded.

Nevertheless, the match showcased outstanding play and indicates a promising future for the teams involved.



## U12 v U11 Netball

Truro School U12 netball team welcomed Prep's U11 netball team over to the SBA this week for a friendly match. The girls showcased their impressive skills, putting into practice what they have learned throughout the term.

This event not only provided an opportunity for enjoyable competition but also served as a valuable occasion for the Year 6 students to familiarise themselves with the Senior School environment. As well as allowing them to engage in conversations with like-minded 1st Years, discussing their transition and experiences at the Senior School so far.

In addition to netball, our U11 sports teams are also participating in various other sports such as hockey and badminton against the U12s. This multi-sport approach further enhances their overall sporting development.



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## Year 5 & 6 Richard Lander School Swimming Gala

A huge congratulations to all 16 of our swimmers who took part in a swimming gala at the Senior School this week.

Hosted by Richard Lander School, the gala took place on Tuesday 16 January. Our team of pupils from Years 5 and 6 joined seven local primary schools in the gala, providing some close races and impressive swims from everyone.

Aside from being a brilliant day for our team, the event was a good networking opportunity that will lead to further events with a wider swimming community.

Truro School Prep managed to secure 1st place with lots of outstanding swims and close finishes:

Front Crawl	Ellie 3rd place 22.44 Charlotte 1st place 18.99	Freddie 3rd place 22.13 Jacob 1st place 19.37
Backstroke	Phoebe 1st place 23.78 Hetty 4th place 23.12	Miles 3rd place 24.75 Rowan 1st place 20.56
Breaststroke	Alyssia 1st place 28.75 Isabella 1st place 22.69	Dylan 2nd place 28.94 Jack 3rd place 29.93
Butterfly	Tilda 4th place 28.31 Rosie 4th place 24.56	George 3rd place 26.31 Finlay 3rd place 24.62
FC Relay	Year 5 girls 1st place Year 6 girls 1st place	Year 5 boys 1st place Year 6 boys 2nd place

Overall team positions:

6th place 160 points Cusgarne & Threemilestone

5th place 202 points Mithian

3rd place 210 points Mount Hawke & Chacewater

2nd place 236 points St Agnes

**1st place 274 points Truro School Prep**



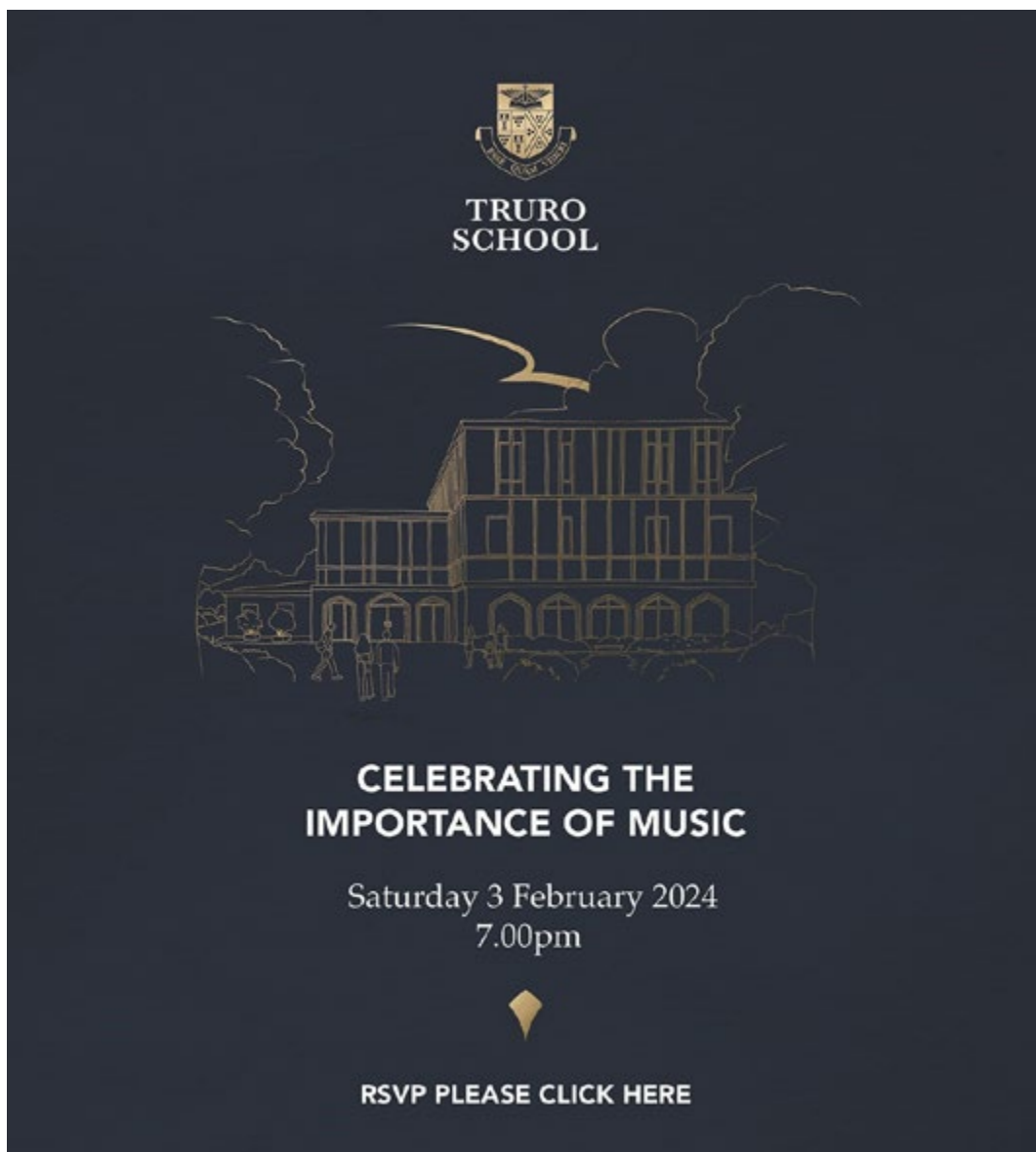
# An Invitation

## An Invitation - Celebrating the Importance of Music

A reminder of your invitation to attend our event Celebrating the Importance of Music on Saturday 3 February at Truro School.

The evening will showcase performances by both school and community youth musicians, spanning various styles and age ranges. Information will also be shared about the building of Truro School's new music centre and its School and community purpose. This project will also enable increased site safety and paves the way for better facilities to support wellbeing.

Please do join us if you can. An RSVP can be accessed via this link:  
<https://www.truroschoo.com/celebrating-the-importance-of-music/>





## PRE-PREP ACHIEVEMENTS

It has been yet another busy week in Pre-Prep!

In Reception, the children have been learning all about doubling and consolidating their knowledge of number. In their writing time they have written 'Lost Posters' looking for Mummy Owl.

All the children in Year 1 and Year 2 have taken part in a 'Big Bird Watch' and collected data to share about the different types of birds we find across our school. In Year 1 the children have learnt about animal adaptation and have written about how different animals survive in their habitat.

And finally, in Year 2 the children have been busy learning about Space. The children have all created amazing poetry about their own aliens using wonderful adverbs and adjectives.

### Golden Table



The Golden Table last week was the Purple Table

### Class Dojo Winners KS1



1SC: Ernie

1LK: Clemmie

2CB: Millie

2KM: Jasper

### Times tables rock stars



Year 2: Winnie

## PREP ACHIEVEMENTS

### Gold Commendations

#### Emily R 4SC for Mathematics

Comment: For an excellent investigation and explanation in to the total number of squares on a Chessboard.

#### Charlie 5CD for the Bigger Picture 'Surviving the Winter'

Comment: For a fantastic igloo model showing the terrain and the means of survival in the Arctic.

#### Woody 5CD for the Bigger Picture 'Surviving the Winter'

Comment: For an imaginative model of an Inuit igloo, featuring both seals and hunters.

#### Reggie 5CD for the Bigger Picture 'Surviving the Winter'

Comment: For a fantastic model of an Irish cottage, showing how it kept people safe and warm during winter.

#### William S 5CD for the Bigger Picture 'Surviving the Winter'

Comment: For such a fascinating historical document in which Will interviewed his Grandma to understand life in Ireland in the 1950s.

#### Annie 5CD for the Bigger Picture 'Surviving the Winter'

Comment: For such a creative model of an igloo clearly showing the shape and design.

## Merit Awards



### Bronze Merit Awards

**5LJ:** Phoebe, Aubrey



### Silver Merit Awards

**4SC:** Anantveer

## Reading Awards



### Morpugo Club (50 books)

**3ME:** Harleen, Malhar, Max

**4LL:** Arlo, Sienna



### Dahl Club (60 books)

**4LL:** Harvey

## House Point Form Champions

Harleen, Bobby &  
Malhar 3ME

Christopher 3SM

Ashleigh, Oliver G  
& Freya 4LL

Harry 4SC

William L 5CD

Rupert & George  
5LJ

Oscar 5SL

Jensen 6AG

Ayden 6DG

Rosie 6JL

## Handwriting



**Pen Licences have been awarded to the following pupils:**

**3ME:** Ella C, Harleen, Malhar

**3SM:** Mabel, Seren, James, Daisy, Hugo, Christopher

**4LL:** Maya

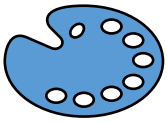
**4SC:** Harry

**Advanced Skills Pen Licences**

**4LL:** Saffron

**4SC:** Fjola

## Art



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

**Erin 3LL:** For your creative and colourful monoprint.

**Percy 3SM:** For your beautiful animal print, showing skill and imagination.

**Christopher 3SM:** For your beautiful monoprint of a fish.

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

## Times Table Challenge Certificates

**3ME:** Boe, Wilf, Jack, Arthur, Kaleem

**3SM:** Zander, Percy, Mabel, Christopher,  
Ramona, Hugo, James

**5CD:** Jesse, George, Elliott

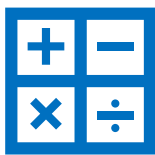
**5LJ:** Petra

**5SL:** Matilda

**6DG:** Mairi, Sylvie

**6JL:** Lexi

## Rock Stars



## Times Table Rock Star of the Week

**Anantveer Year 4**

## Top Rock Performers

**Year 3:** Ramona

**Year 4:** Ethan

**Year 5:** Miles

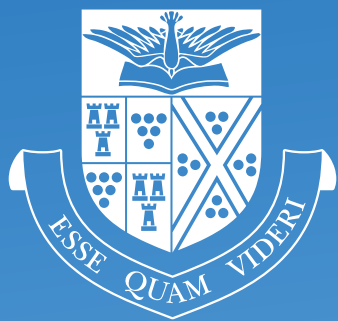
## Music



**Cora 5CD has passed Grade 2 Cello**

**Annie 5CD has passed Grade 1 Cello with merit**

**Mairi 6DG has passed Grade 2 Cello with merit**



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# Open Morning Saturday 9 March



**Independent School  
Girls & Boys 3-11**

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@ City Life Church

## Free baby equipment and clothes for 0-5 year olds

Whether you have a baby on the way or already have a little one, you are so welcome at Growbaby. We have good quality secondhand baby equipment and clothes for up to 5 year olds.

**EVERYTHING IS FREE SO PLEASE COME AND BROWSE AND TAKE WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR FAMILY.**

*Free tea and coffee, changing facilities also onsite.*

*You don't need a referral just come along.*

When: **Monday 10am -12 term time**

Where: **City Life Church**

Chapel Hill | Truro | TR1 3BD

☎ 01872 241984

✉ [growbaby@citylifechurch.co.uk](mailto:growbaby@citylifechurch.co.uk)

🌐 [www.citylifechurch.co.uk](http://www.citylifechurch.co.uk)



## Thank you for thinking of us at Growbaby Truro

We collect **clean, good quality** second-hand items and clothes for babies and children under 5

We only accept **car seats** purchased less than 5 years ago and have not been in an accident

We are collecting **books** but currently **not toys**



*If we are unable to find a home for your donated items, we will recycle them or give to a local charity.*

*Items can be dropped off at*

**City Life Church, Truro, TR1 3BD on:**

**Monday afternoons 1-2.30pm**

**Wednesday 12-1 and**

**Thursday 12-1 Term time**

*or if you come along to our toddler and baby groups you are welcome to drop items then.*

*Any questions please email*

[growbaby@citylifechurch.co.uk](mailto:growbaby@citylifechurch.co.uk)



**growbaby**  
@ City Life Church

**Many thanks for supporting us!**

## **CORNWALL COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW HEALTH ADVICE MESSAGING SERVICE FOR FAMILIES**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Cornwall Council launched an enhanced service for young people and parents / carers to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses. There are three advice lines as follows:

- young people aged 11-19: **07312 263 096**
- parents / carers of children aged 0-5: **07312 263 423**
- parents / carers of children and young people aged 5-19: **07312 263 499**

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationship
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message within 48 hours (within office time).

Alternatively, users can continue to contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324261
- Email: [hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk)

Their web page is being regularly updated at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/healthadvice](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/healthadvice).

**ChatHealth**  
**Parent Line 0-5** **TEXT 07312 263 423**

**ChatHealth**  
**Parent Line 5-19** **TEXT 07312 263 499**

**ChatHealth Young**  
**People 11-19** **TEXT 07312 263 096**

**ChatHealth**  
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth)

Get confidential health and wellbeing advice and support



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UNIFORM  
**Sale**

# Coffee Morning

Please join us for an informal meet-up on  
the last Friday of every month; old and  
new faces are always welcome.

**Friday 23 February: Prep Dining Hall**

**from 8.45 am**



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\*Associate Membership includes parents of current Truro School pupils



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

