

06 SEPTEMBER 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the first edition of the Bulletin for the academic year 2024/25. Returning to school routine after a long holiday is always a challenge. Doing so amidst autumn storms that deliver a month's rainfall in 24 hours is particularly challenging as the usual access to games fields and outdoor play is severely curtailed. It is, therefore, with great pleasure (and relief) that I report that we have enjoyed a superb start to the new academic year, and it has been a genuine pleasure to witness the children's enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout the school day.

The term for the Truro School Prep staff started somewhat earlier (when the sun was still shining); we completed our preparations with a full programme of Inset which included sessions targeting the 2024/5 action plan, first-aid, safeguarding, SEND and ISI preparation. Enjoyable and essential as these sessions are, they are a pale comparison to the School when the children are in situ. I know I speak for every member of staff when I report that the children's return on Thursday morning was eagerly anticipated and very well received.

In terms of 'starting off on the right foot', our focus in assemblies and form tutor time has been on making good choices and on the importance of a positive attitude. I shared with the Prep School pupils, Charles Swindoll's well-known statement on this very topic:

*"The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, and what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, or a home. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change our past – we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you."*

The importance of attitude, coupled with making good choices, will be delivered in an age-appropriate fashion throughout Truro School Prep this term, and I will endeavour to keep you in the loop with our messaging and progress.

It was a pleasure to see many of you at the Friends of Truro School (FTS) coffee morning today. For those of you who were unable to make it, please make note of the **FTS Barbecue and Picnic on Friday the 20th** and the **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, the 27th of September**.

Finally, I am delighted to round off this message with the super news that Truro School has won the Performing and Creative Arts category at the Talk Education Awards 2024, a prestigious, national award. In the words of the Talk Education team, Truro School was crowned as champion of: "Performing and creative arts, celebrating schools' innovation in the teaching of music, art, drama, dance, photography, D&T and anything else that gets pupils' creative juices flowing".

Of course, we all knew that, but it is always lovely to receive external ratification and a perfect way to kick off our year of Creativity!

With every good wish,  
Rob Morse,  
Headmaster

## Monday 9 September - Friday 13 September 2024

Details may change; please check the online calendar for updates.

### Monday 9 September

Year 4 walk

St Anthony lighthouse 9.30-15.30

### Thursday 12 September

Year 6 walk

St Agnes 9.30-15.30

Year 5 swim time trials

SBA 13.00- 15.40

### Friday 13 September

Year 3 Roald Dahl Day

Early literacy parents' workshop (Early Years and KS1)

Pre-Prep Assembly Hall 2:30 – 3:00pm

## Monday 16 September - Friday 20 September 2024

Details may change; please check the online calendar for updates.

### Wednesday 18 September

U11 rugby festival

Plymouth College 12-17.30

U11 girls' hockey festival

Marjon's, Plymouth 12-17.45

### Thursday 19 September

Prep Harvest Festival

8.50 – 9.20pm

Pre-Prep Harvest Festival

1.10 – 1.40pm

Year 6 swim time trials

SBA 13.00- 15.40

### Friday 20 September

FTS Welcome BBQ

4-6pm Prep field RSVP required (see poster in the Bulletin)

## NOTICES

### **Morning Drop-Off**

Please note that from Monday 9th of September, parking will no longer be available on the field.

For Prep drop-offs, we ask that you drop-off at the front of the school (7.45-8.00am) or at the roundabout (after 8.00am).

For Pre-Prep drop-offs, we ask that you drop-off at the front of the school (7.45-8.15am) where the children will come into Before School Care (in the Prep School dining room). After 8.15am, please make use of the parking bays adjacent to the Pre-Prep and flagpole.

If you need to come into school at this time, parking is available on the right-hand side of the drive leading into the school and on the roundabout. For morning drop-off, please do not park in the bays nearest to the Prep playground as this causes congestion.

Please drive slowly through the school at all times. We would rather that you were a little late than risk an accident.

### **Tayto the School Dog**

We are fortunate to have a school therapy dog, Tayto, who will be popping into Truro School Prep with Ms Simpson from next week. Tayto has been a part of Truro School since January 2023 and has been working alongside our pupils to help with memory stimulation, problem-solving and game playing, emotional support and encouraging expression.

If you have any concerns or questions about his role in school or need to advise us of any allergies, please get in touch with Ms Simpson ([SRS@truroschoo.com](mailto:SRS@truroschoo.com)) or Mrs Issaka ([MI@truroschoo.com](mailto:MI@truroschoo.com)).



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## Welcoming New Starters to Pre-Prep

We were delighted to welcome a new cohort of Nursery and Reception children to Truro School Pre-Prep this week. Our new starters spent their first day settling in and getting to know the staff and each other.

Routines are important to early learning as they provide a firm foundation supporting development. Our pupils in Reception completed tasks including labelling their allocated pegs, learning where to wash their hands, and helping to tidy up.

In Nursery, our children familiarised themselves with the setting and made new friends, while others made fingerprint birthday cards that will be handed out across the coming year.

It was lovely to see all of our newest recruits taking on challenges with care and courage and we look forward to sharing more from them as the term progresses.



## Summer Fundraising Fun

Well done to Noah & William have been busy over the Summer raising money for charity. The boys set up 'Gastro Gazebo' and sold cakes to raise money for the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. In total they raised £200.50. They did all the baking (with minimal parental help) and designed all the posters and flyers themselves. What an amazing achievement!



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## Sunny Smiles at Prep

Sunny smiles brightened a rainy first day back at Truro School Prep as we welcomed pupils old and new to the start of a new academic year.

This year is the Year of Creativity and we saw this in abundance during a particularly rainy lunch break, with pupils getting stuck into crafts, creative play and a good book, or just catching up with friends.

During lunch, the Dining Room was full of excited chatter, accompanied by added squeals of delight at the double helpings of Yorkshire Puddings that were a part of the delicious menu.

We would like to welcome back our existing pupils and welcome all of our new pupils and their families as they embark on what will be an exciting and fulfilling year ahead.



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## Teambuilding in Years 5 and 6

Alongside academic excellence, our varied curriculum at Truro School Prep also offers plenty of opportunities for cross-curricular activities. In Years 5 & 6, our pupils spend Thursday afternoons off timetable, with a rich array of extra-curricular activities on offer including BMX, kayaking, sports leadership and gardening.

As a new academic year started, our pupils came together in their year groups for some all-important teambuilding activities. With many new pupils joining these year groups, it was fantastic to see new friendships quickly forming as our existing cohort welcomed our new starters into the Prep family with warmth and enthusiasm.



## Understanding Place Value in Year 4

Our Year 4 pupils have been mastering the art of representing numbers using Base 10, and their enthusiasm is truly inspiring! By creating visually engaging representations, their understanding of place value is taking shape beautifully.



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## FTS Welcome Coffee Morning

The Dining Room at Truro School Prep was packed as the Friends of Truro School (FTS) hosted the first Coffee Morning of the Academic Year. A chance to welcome existing families back to school and welcome new families, it was lovely to see everyone catching up and sharing connections.

The FTS plays a pivotal role in helping families to feel a part of the Truro School community, across both the Prep and Senior School Sites. They also provide a valuable fundraising platform to support local charities and endeavours within the school.

The next event is the [FTS Truro School Prep Welcome BBQ](#) which is being held on the 20th of September, with other exciting plans including the Santa Fun Run and Senior School Coffee Mornings also in the pipeline.



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## Keeping Well this Winter

As the weather turns cooler and winter is approaching, we would like to share this helpful app from the NHS. The HANDi Paediatric app is free to download and use and has expert advice on common childhood illnesses.



**Not sure what to do when your child is unwell?**

**NHS**

Get expert advice for common childhood illnesses

Download the free **HANDi Paediatric app**

ANDROID APP ON Google play

Download on the App Store





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PREP

## Welcome BBQ & Picnic

Please join us for a Welcome BBQ and Picnic on the 20th of September; a chance to come together to mark the start of a new school year.

All families, old and new are welcome to join us on the Prep Field. Bring your own picnic, or purchase a range of delicious barbeque delights from Chef Neil!

Please RSVP by Monday 16th September to confirm your attendance and BBQ options.

**4-6PM**

**20 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
PREP SCHOOL FIELD

**RSVP**

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



**FTS** | Friends of  
Truro School



UNIFORM  
**Sale**

# Coffee Morning

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

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

**Friday 27th October**  
**Prep Dining Hall**  
**from 8.45 am**



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12 September - 27 October 2024

Heseltine Gallery

**LOU TONKIN** Open at weekends  
10am - 4pm

**FELIX PACKER** September  
14/15th, 21/22nd, 28/29th

**MICHAEL BRETT** October  
5/6th, 12/13th, 19/20th, 26/27th

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Find out more at <https://heseltinegallery.com/>

SIR BEN  
AINSLIE  
**SPORTS  
CENTRE**

# Little Fishes

Babies and Toddlers Swimming Lessons

**3-12 Months**  
Tuesdays 09.45-10.15  
Wednesdays 09.45-10.15

**2-3 Years**  
Tuesdays 10.30-11.00  
Tuesdays 11.00-11.30  
Wednesdays 10.15-10.45  
Fridays 11.15-11.45

Classes start  
Tuesday 10th September  
at Truro School Prep

**1-2 Years**  
Tuesdays 09.15-09.45  
Wednesdays 09.15-09.45  
Fridays 10.45-11.15

**3-4 Years**  
Tuesdays 11.00 -11.30  
Wednesdays 11.30-12.00

BOOK ONLINE

[WWW.SIRBENAINSLIESPORTSCENTRE.COM](http://WWW.SIRBENAINSLIESPORTSCENTRE.COM)



In Conversation with...  
**PROFESSOR SIR  
JOHN CURTICE C072**  
Tuesday 12 November  
Truro School Chapel



**SAVE THE DATE  
MORE INFO COMING  
SOON!**



Burrell Theatre  
Monday 9 September  
Tickets are FREE but  
please book at  
<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>

Performed by seasoned theatre musicians and  
composers – Kneehigh, Wildworks, Miracle, Horse and  
Bamboo, Braga Tanga, Femmes de la Mer and more!

# JACLARABAG

Saturday 14th

September

19:30 £12



Burrell Theatre  
Saturday 14 September  
Please book at  
<https://www.burrelltheatre.com/whats-on/>



**WHO can attend? - Yrs 5-7**

The club is cross-site Prep & Seniors, with years 5-7 working together to produce fun puppet performances exploring Gospel stories & key themes for the school year in entertaining ways. Learn to be a puppeteer, create scripts and props or run the tech. Discover your own creativity through the world of puppets!

**WHEN is the club? - Tuesday 4-5pm**

plus live performances at certain key events/services through school year – more info on these once our puppet team is setup

**WHERE is it? - at Truro Prep School**

A school mini bus will pick up Year 7s (1<sup>st</sup> years) from Truro School Seniors at 3.50pm and take them to Truro Prep School for the club.  
**Parents/carers to collect you at 5pm from the Prep.**  
This is a **WHOLE TERM** club (weekly attendance is required)

**\*\* SPACES are LIMITED\*\***

To request your space in this club ASAP,  
email our Chaplain, Rev Helen  
[hrb@truroschool.com](mailto:hrb@truroschool.com)

Places will be confirmed on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept (first meet Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept)

