

13 SEPTEMBER 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's Bulletin message was written just a day into the new term and as such was filled to the brim with positive messages as to the new start and optimism for all that lay ahead. I am delighted to report that this week has been equally exciting, and full of activity both in and out of the classroom.

Year 4 and Year 6 have set out on their year group walks to St Anthony in Roseland and St. Agnes respectively, clubs and activities are in full swing, the swimming trials at the Sir Ben Ainslie sports centre are up and running and Year 3 very much enjoyed today's Roald Dahl day. If you, as parents and carers are feeling a little left out, please do not forget the [FTS Barbeque](#) next Friday evening.

That said, there were a few grumbles and groans from the children as they battled the return to early morning routines and as the lustre of the new term began to fade just a little. Having initially heard about their 'fantastic summer holidays', a few gripes appeared as to the lack of preferred holiday activities, the family chores and/or schoolwork that they 'had been forced to do' and, somewhat inevitably, the weather (how terribly British!).

With this in mind, our Prep School assembly on Monday explored the topic of 'perspective'; namely how such things can seem genuinely infuriating when viewed through our own eyes but, to a child who lives in a war zone, drought or famine, they would be completely insignificant.

We spent a little time looking at what the world would look like if it were reduced to a village of a hundred people and how in such a community we would find ourselves in the top 1% in virtually every single category. Taking this into consideration, we returned to our focus on 'Attitude' and how we should and can make the most of our opportunities; to better ourselves, and to make a difference to those around us and to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

I hope that you will agree that this is a valuable message for us all (not just the children) and it certainly influenced my journey to London on Wednesday. Having attended the Methodist Independent Schools Trust annual strategy day in Limehouse, I made my way across London to Paddington. The journey across the city reminded me once again how lucky I am to live in Cornwall, to work in such a splendid school and to be part of the Truro School Community. Buoyed with such positivity (and with the message for the week ringing in my ears) I did my best to assist a homeless man and to ensure that he was safe and sound for the evening. He was incredibly appreciative of just a few minutes of my time and a small amount of assistance, and I was reminded of my own themes of perspective and attitude.

Service, the act of going out of one's way to do something meaningfully to help and support another person, is a somewhat Victorian value but one that genuinely makes a difference to our community. I am sure that you are aware that it has been a constant theme here at Truro School Prep over the past 18 months and it will continue to be in the future. After all, it fits so very well with the following words attributed to John Wesley:

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

With every good wish,
Rob Morse,
Headmaster

Monday 16 September - Friday 20 September 2024

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)

Monday 23 September - Friday 27 September 2024

[Details may change; please check the online calendar for updates.](#)

Wednesday 25 September

Year 5 Bodmin Moor walk

9.30-15.30

Thursday 26 September

Year 6 English/Art trip

Tate Gallery & Porthmeor Beach 9.10-15.45

Friday 20 September

FTS Macmillan Coffee Morning

8.45-10am Dining Hall and Conservatory

European Day of Languages

Nasal Flu vaccinations (Reception to Yr 6)

NOTICES

Swimming

Now that we are back to a full programme, we would like to take the opportunity to ensure that you know who we, the swimming teachers, are and how to contact us should the need arise.

For any swimming related enquiries or concerns, please contact us directly; **Julia Raines** (Head of Swimming) may be contacted via jl@truroschoo.com and **Amy Kiellor-Jolly** at ajo@truroschoo.com. Both swim teachers may also be contacted by telephone through the Prep School reception.

We would also like to remind parents that the children need a towel, dark blue swimming costume and school swimming hat as part of their required swimming uniform. We have limited spare kit and facilities for washing used costumes and towels.

School swimming hats can be obtained directly from the school uniform shop or you can request that we give one to your child and the cost will be added to your bill.

If a hat is not brought to lessons three times in a row, we will, on the third occasion, provide your child with a new hat, with the cost added to your bill. We appreciate that these things are easily forgotten so on the second occasion that a hat is forgotten we will make a note in the children's planner to make you aware.

As there can, on occasion, be last-minute alterations to the routine, Prep pupils need to have both their PE and Swimming kits in school regardless of their timetables.

We look forward to an exciting term of swimming ahead and will share more news from the pool with you as the year progresses.

With thanks,
Julia and Amy

NOTICES

FTS BBQ and Picnic

A reminder to please sign up for the FTS BBQ and Picnic that is taking place on the Prep School Field on Friday 20th September from 4-6pm. There will be ice creams, a bouncy castle and games of rounders.

Families are welcome to bring a picnic or to purchase food from our BBQ in the evening. We ask that you please **RSVP by MONDAY 16th September** so we can understand the numbers and requirements for catering.

There is more information in the poster within this Bulletin and the sign-up link is > <https://forms.office.com/e/bzvKNk87BH>

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festivals on Thursday 19th of September, at the Prep and Pre-Prep. This is always a happy time of celebration and thanksgiving for all our food and produce, and a time to appreciate Cornwall's vibrant farming community. It is also a time for us to consider those who perhaps do not have enough food for their families. To this end, we invite everyone to bring in food items which we can share with Truro Foodbank. The Foodbank have highlighted the following items of being of particular need:

- long-life milk
- long-life fruit juice
- tinned meat (pie/in sauce)
- tins of soup
- tinned fruit
- tinned pudding/custard
- small jars of coffee
- washing-up liquid
- shower gel/soap
- deodorant
- toilet rolls
- laundry detergent



Pupils are invited to bring in any of the things listed here or any other tinned or packaged items. Please can any such items be brought to assembly (Prep) or the Pre-Prep Reception area (Pre-Prep) on Thursday 19th September.

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Welcome to the New Truro Cathedral Choir

This week, Truro Cathedral celebrated the induction of their new choir members and the appointment of their Head Choristers. Congratulations to probationers Bobby, Edward, Harriet, Hugo, Isla, James, Rupert, and Wilf, as well as our Head Choristers Harris, John, Joseph, Matipa, Natalie, and Ollie. Additionally, we were delighted to welcome back former pupil and now a staff member in our drama department Millie, who has been promoted to a choral scholar after a year away. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming performances and events featuring the new choral team at Truro Cathedral.

Our annual 'Be a Girl Chorister for a Day' event is taking place on the 7th of November this year and is the perfect opportunity for girls to experience life as a chorister, from morning rehearsal through to school lessons, and finally a short service of Evensong when they will have the chance to sing with the Cathedral Choir. If you know any girls who may be interested in attending, please find out more here > <https://www.truroschool.com/admissions/girl-chorister-scholarships/>

Extended Learning at Prep

Homework forms a small but important part of the structured learning at Truro School Prep and is set for pupils from Years 3 to 6. Homework helps both to consolidate and extend learning opportunities and promotes a strong work ethic, to be sustained right through the Senior School. It is also a valuable way for parents and carers to be more connected with their child's educational journey and helps to foster a strong parent and school relationship.

Through parental and pupil surveys, Truro School Prep has carefully constructed a homework programme that supports learning whilst providing ample time for cross-curricular clubs and downtime. The amount of time spent on homework varies by year group, with the expectation that our Year 6 pupils should spend no longer than 30 minutes on a weekday completing their homework assignments, split across maths, English, humanities and science.

There is also an opportunity for more open-ended, topic-based projects through the 'Bigger Picture' initiative which challenges critical thinking and creative responses. This half term, the Bigger Picture will be themed to coincide with this year's international European Day of Languages.



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Getting Along Swimmingly in Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils travelled to the Senior School for swim trials this week. These trials are an opportunity for our staff to assess new pupils and also to see where progress has been made throughout the year group.

Held at the swimming pool at the Senior School, these trials are often the first time some of our children have swum in a 25-metre pool and competed under 'race conditions'. Their times will be used to help group them for future events like our forthcoming House Galas and external swim competitions.

It was wonderful to see our pupils showing courage and determination and also great camaraderie as they cheered their classmates on to the finish lines.

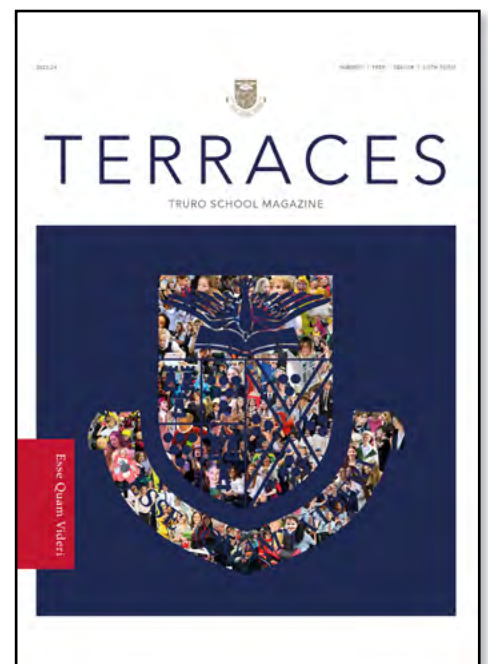


2023-24 Terraces Magazine – Out Now

We are excited to present to you the 2023-24 edition of Terraces Magazine. In it we reflect on another successful year at Truro School, and extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents, carers, governors, staff, and leadership team whose dedication and support have been integral to its success.

In an effort to reduce our environmental impact and support sustainability, we will no longer be automatically distributing printed copies of our school magazine to all parents. Instead, parents can request a copy via the link below before Thursday 19 September. We appreciate your support in this initiative.

Order yours here: <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/2023-24-terraces-magazine-out-now/>



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A Dahl-licious Day at Prep

Morning drop-off looked a little more colourful than usual at Truro School Prep as our Year 3 pupils celebrated Roald Dahl Day. Dressed as their favourite character from Roald Dahl, pupils were welcomed with balloons and decorations that were reminiscent of the wonders in Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

The day was entirely themed around different Dahl books, with activities ranging from creating dream jars for the BFG and exploding potion bottles for George's Marvellous Medicine. There was even Frobscottle to sample for those feeling a little thirsty and Mrs Twit paid a visit to the library, much to the delight of everyone.

These days are designed to inspire a love of books and to encourage our pupils to share their enjoyment of reading with their peers.

We would like to thank all of our whizzpopping staff who worked so hard to make the day so memorable and all of our pupils who engaged so wholeheartedly in the day.



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Coastal Exploration in Year 6

With a spring in their step and Autumn in the air, our Year 6 pupils headed out on their six mile St Agnes circular walk.

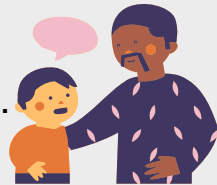
These trips are a fantastic opportunity for our new classes to form close bonds as they navigate our beautiful Cornish coastline. Alongside learning about our local history and environment, these walks provide a physical challenge and help to develop soft skills including communication, teamwork and perseverance.

You can read the story and view more lovely photos here - <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/coastal-exploration-in-year-6/>



News & Information for Parents

Helping Effective Communication between You and Your Children.



Communication is the foundation of every strong relationship, especially between parents and their children. When communication is open, respectful, and understanding, it strengthens the bond within the family and helps children feel supported and valued.

Here are some simple but effective strategies for fostering positive communication at home;

1. Create a Safe Space for Open Dialogue

Children need to feel that they can talk to their parents/carers without fear of judgment or punishment. Encourage open conversations by creating a non-judgmental space where your child can share their thoughts and feelings. Let them know it's okay to express themselves, even if what they say may be difficult to hear.

Tip: Set aside regular "talk time" during the day, such as during meals or bedtime, when you can ask your child about their day, their worries, and their joys.

2. Practice Active Listening

Listening is just as important as speaking. Show your child that you value what they are saying by actively listening to them. Put away distractions like phones and make eye contact. Nodding or using simple verbal cues like "I see" or "That must have been hard" helps to show you are engaged.

Tip: Repeat back what your child says to confirm you understand. For example, "It sounds like you were frustrated when your toy broke. Is that right?"

3. Use Positive Language

How we speak to our children impacts their self-esteem and behaviour. Using positive, encouraging language helps to build their confidence. Rather than focusing on what your child is doing wrong, acknowledge their efforts and guide them toward improvement.

Tip: Instead of saying, "Don't do that!" try saying, "Why don't we try doing it this way?" This approach keeps the conversation constructive and supportive.



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4. Show Empathy

Children experience a wide range of emotions, just like adults. Acknowledging their feelings—even if they seem small or trivial—helps them feel understood. Empathy shows your child that their emotions matter, creating a strong emotional connection.

Tip: If your child is upset, instead of saying, "You're fine, stop crying," try, "I can see you're upset. Do you want to talk about it?" This validates their feelings and opens the door to problem-solving.

5. Be a Role Model

Children learn communication skills by observing how their parents communicate with others. When you handle conflict calmly, use respectful language, and express emotions in healthy ways, your child will learn to do the same.

Tip: If you make a mistake, such as raising your voice, acknowledge it and apologize. This shows that it's okay to make mistakes and that respectful communication is always the goal.

6. Encourage Problem-Solving Together

When conflicts arise, involve your child in finding a solution. This helps them feel like their opinions matter and teaches them how to resolve disagreements constructively.

Tip: If your child is upset about a problem, ask, "What do you think we can do to fix this?" This encourages critical thinking and teamwork.

Conclusion

Effective communication is key to building trust and understanding between parents/carers and children. By listening actively, speaking kindly, and showing empathy, parents can create a positive environment where their children feel heard, loved, and supported. Developing these habits early will benefit your family for years to come!



Pre-Prep

Achievements



Our Learning This Week:

A warm welcome to our returning families and to the new members of the Pre-Prep community. It has only been a week since your children started in their new classes, but every room has been buzzing with excitement, new friendships and learning.

In Early Years, Reception started their 'lizards' topic with a visit from a bearded dragon. In literacy we read 'Gecko and the Echo' and discussed the text, asking questions about the characters and events in the story. The children have also worked on 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' to help build fine and gross motor skills ready for writing. They have also started learning Spanish, enjoyed their swimming lessons and had super fun at Forest School!

In Nursery, the children have been learning and practising routines such as walking to lunch in Trellis House (the Prep School) and washing their hands. They have spent lots of time getting to know each other through circle time and reading stories. The children have enjoyed music, singing and swimming, and have learnt to say 'hello' in Spanish. They have also made the most of our glorious woodland, playing hide and seek, and making woodland music.

Our Key Stage 1 children have started the term at full speed. In Year 1 the children have quickly adapted to the new routines and new spaces, and visited one of the ICT rooms in the Prep School for the first time.

Year 2 have started their year at the very top of the Pre-Prep with some fantastic learning and they have already shown some impressive leadership skills.

Our rich club offerings also started this week, with options including fencing and sewing, board games and street dance. There have been opportunities for our children to try many different co-curricular activities, with more still planned for the future!

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Our Learning This Week:

Thank you for all the support you have given us to help your children walk to their classrooms over this last week. We know this can sometimes be challenging for our youngest children, but they (and you) should be proud of they come into the classroom on a daily basis.

Further to the requests made in this and last week's Clarion messages, please could we ask that all of our families complete the Safe Dismissal Form which will help us to ensure that all of our children are kept safe at the end of our school day.



Prep

Achievements



House Point Form Champions

3SM - Millie H

3ME - Theo & Gabriella

4SC - Albie S

4LL - Seren T

5SL - Alexia S

5LJ - Emily W

5RK - Freya McH

6FR - Scott S

6JL - Reggie M-D

6AG - Amaya P

Art Gold Frame Award

Well done to Lissie C in 6CR
for a beautiful drawing of a
plant and for showing great
determination in Art.



TRURO SCHOOL 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!](#)



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**Friday 27th October
Prep Dining Hall
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FTS GYLLY BEACH BASH

WITH LIVE BAND AND BUFFET

GYLLY BEACH CAFE
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER
19:30 - 23:00
£49.50 PER PERSON

SPEAK TO CLASS REP FOR BOOKING DETAILS
[or click HERE](#)

A poster for a woodblock print exhibition. The background is a wooden surface with various natural elements like leaves, ferns, and a bird's nest. In the center, three woodblock prints are displayed: a decorative floral design, a hand holding a block, and the word 'PRINT' in a bold, stylized font. Tools like a carving knife and galleys are scattered around the prints.

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/>



Bee Netball

Are you in Years 3 - 6 and interested in starting netball?

**We are now taking extra players on for
our Bee Netball Sessions!**

**Starting Monday the 23rd of September
5.30pm-6.30pm
at
Truro Prep School**

Our Years 3-6 Group offers fun training that provides an understanding of netball and progression towards competitive play from the U12 Level.

If you are interested in joining, please contact us at

saintsnetballcornwall@yahoo.com

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

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Porthilly Spirit Cocktail Hour from 5pm.

DAY FAIR: THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

10am - 4pm: £18 ticket includes light lunch with wine and entrance to
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