

27 SEPTEMBER 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

I must start this week's message with a look back to last Friday's FTS barbecue and picnic. Planning an event for some 250 adults and children whilst running normal pickup arrangements, homework club and after-school clubs and activities presented a few logistical challenges and none more so than trying to find an alternative location should the late September weather cause a problem.

I should not have worried in the slightest as the sun shone upon us all as children and adults alike enjoyed food, good company, the bouncy castle and the chance to explore the woods.

The reason for the success (apart from the glorious weather) was undoubtedly down to excellent organisation and I take this opportunity to thank Lynette and the FTS representatives as well as James, Sue, Neil and the Truro School team for all their hard work. The sense of fun and community that permeated the balmy late summer evening will live long in the memory.

If last week was late summer, this week is certainly autumn. Unfortunately, the inclement weather resulted in the postponement of the Year 5 walk on Bodmin Moor. Mr Frewer will soon be in touch with Year 5 parents to pass on the details of the rearranged excursion. Unaffected by the weather, however, was the successful Year 6 English and Art trip to St Ives, the School photos and today's European Day of Languages.

Here at Truro School Prep, our message for the week saw us revisit two of our themes from last year, namely: 'You get what you give' and 'We are free to make a choice but not from the consequence of that choice'. We explored how this might affect both our academic studies and our relationships with others. This led us to appreciate that it is often the small things, such as common courtesies, that make a real difference.

We looked at how we can share our happiness and smiles (although the Morse jokes caused rather more grimaces than smiles!) as well as the importance of greetings. This naturally led to our first 'Greetings Competition' of the academic year. This, for the uninitiated, is the simple challenge of trying to say 'hello' or 'good morning' to someone (adding their name) before they can do the same to you. Naturally, there was a tsunami of greetings immediately after such an assembly and Mr Dove, in particular, was truly swamped!

As we reach the end of the week, the tidal wave of greetings has reduced to a more manageable flow, but the message has lodged in our brains. I will, much to Mr Dove's chagrin, remind the children of this on regular occasions throughout the year.

Continuing with Mr Dove, you will find his helpful update on homework in the Notices section of this Bulletin. Also, for Prep School parents, please see the Notices section for news on Mrs Knight's new Eco-Club.

Thanks and with every good wish,

Rob Morse,
Headmaster

Monday 30 September - Friday 4 October 2024

Wednesday 2 October

U11 and U10 girls' hockey v Mount Kelly
2.30pm (away at MK Astro)

U11 mixed tag rugby v Polwhele House
(home) 2.30pm

Friday 4 October

Year 2 Roman Day

Saturday 5 October

Truro School Open Morning
Truro School 9:30-12:30

Please sign up here >
<https://www.truroschoo.com/open-morning/>

Monday 7 October - Friday 11 October 2024

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

Monday 7 October

16.00-19.00 Y6 Learning progress meetings: English and maths with subject teachers
Dining Hall

Tuesday 8 October

16:00- 18:00 EYFS Learning progress meetings

Wednesday 9 October

9.30-12.30 Y3 walk Trelissick

2.05 - 16:00 – U11 girls' hockey v Truro High School (A)

16.00-19.00 Y4 Learning progress meetings: English and maths with subject teachers
Dining Hall

Thursday 10 October

12-17.30 U9 rugby festival
Plymouth College

12-17.45 U9 girls' hockey festival
Marjon's, Plymouth

9.15- 2.15 Nursery trip to Healey's Cyder Farm

16:00- 18:00 KS1 Learning progress meetings

Notices

Homework

A short update on Mr Dove's message sent earlier in the term. All Prep School year groups have now been introduced to the new homework timetable and our expectations of the children's engagement.

We have, however, received a few queries from parents as to the level of independence required. Ideally, the children will carry out their set tasks independently but, if your child requires a little prompting or direction, then by all means step in or help them to organise and prepare their resources. As we know, a strong home/school partnership is essential in developing these life skills and we appreciate your support with this.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Dove on CLD@truroschoo.com with any feedback or queries.

New Club – Eco Club with Mrs Knight

Running after school on Mondays between 4:00pm and 5:00pm, this engaging club will feature a variety of activities designed to help students explore key principles of environmental awareness, including 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle', and how to incorporate these values into their lives both at Truro Prep and at home.

Activities will be seasonally themed and will encourage students to connect with the rich natural environment surrounding them. Participants can look forward to cooking, designing and crafting, upcycling projects, and gardening. Join us in making a positive impact on our planet!

Limited places available, please sign up in the office if you would like to take part.

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A Snappy Day at Prep

Our pupils were looking extremely smart as sibling and individual photos were taken by Tempest photography this week.

You will have had a letter home regarding how to order prints online, please contact the Prep Office if you have any difficulties.



Early Literacy in Reception

Our Early Years (EYFS) curriculum is designed to perfectly blend continuous provision (play) with a more structured approach to learning. At Truro School Pre-Prep, our teacher-led teams ensure that our pupils are offered phonics, maths and early writing from Nursery (age 3).

Our Reception children have been learning the digraph 'SH'. Phonics teaching allows children to understand the relationship between the sounds they hear and the written symbols. This involves hearing, identifying and using the patterns of sounds or phonemes to start reading and writing.

As you can see from our photos, while they provide the essential backbones for early literacy, these sessions are also lots of fun for all.



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Sunshine for the FTS BBQ and Picnic

Families old and new gathered on the Truro School Prep Field on Friday for one of the first school-wide Friends of Truro School (FTS) events to be held at the Prep this academic year.

Over 200 staff, pupils and their families gathered in the glorious Autumn sunshine to welcome new faces into the school community and catch up with old friends. With a tasty BBQ available, a bouncy castle, games on the field and ice-creams for all, it was a super evening.

Thanks to our brilliant FTS and Prep Catering and Facilities team who made the event possible and our wonderful Truro School Prep families for making it so enjoyable.

You can view the full gallery online here > <https://www.truroschool.com/friends-of-truro-school-fts/sunshine-for-the-fts-bbq-and-picnic/>



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A Bit of Better Butter

In a delightful blend of food technology and science, Year 4 students at Truro School Prep recently transformed simple cream into delicious butter using just a jam jar.

This hands-on activity tickled their taste buds and sparked curiosity about food science, merging learning with creativity. Year 4 students walked away with not only a newfound appreciation for homemade butter but also an understanding of the science that makes it all possible.



Eco Club Launched at Prep

This Monday marked the inaugural session of our newest extra-curricular activity, Eco Club, and it was a fantastic start. Held after school, our enthusiastic members rolled up their sleeves to create eco-friendly firelighters using fallen pinecones found on our school grounds. It was a fun and hands-on way to promote sustainability using natural resources.

Following our creative crafting, we toured the Orchard and school garden. Together, we identified areas that need love and attention as we prepare for autumn and winter. The students brainstormed ways to enhance our gardens, ensuring we're ready to grow our own food in the upcoming season. Their excitement about cultivating fresh produce was truly inspiring!

Following on from our recent Green Flag Award, this fantastic club is dedicated to making our school even more sustainable.



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Year 6 Explore St Ives

Classroom learning was brought to life for our lucky Year 6 pupils, who travelled to St Ives for a combined English and art trip.

Our pupils have been looking at the interplay between Art and English since the start of term, with a focus on some of the artists and writers who have been inspired by our beautiful county.

Split into three groups, our St Ives explorers visited three locations across the day; Porthmeor Beach, the Tate St Ives and the Barbara Hepworth Museum.

Porthmeor Beach is famous for having inspired artists including Stanhope Forbes, who was so taken with West Cornwall that he set up The Newlyn School of Art. Here, pupils made sketches and wrote notes to inspire writing and artwork they will complete during the remainder of this half term. Having made their own sketchbooks, it was wonderful to see the unique artistic styles of our pupils as they took in their surroundings.

The Tate St Ives is home to collections from Cornwall and around the world, with featured artists including Wallis, Moss and Picasso. Visiting the Tate St Ives helped our pupils explore and understand how artists move between different themes, styles, media and techniques. Pupils delighted in seeing Wallis' 'Schooner Under the Moon' on glorious display in the St Ives light that lured so many artists to Cornwall.

Focussing on the work of Barbara Hepworth, our pupils also visited the Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden, the former home and studios of the artist. The gallery and beautiful gardens offer a unique insight into the artist and it was delightful to see our children similarly inspired and in awe of this wonderful setting. Children learnt that Barbara Hepworth was the first sculptor to use holes in her work, to create points of connection, an interplay between light and dark and to allow people to see sculpture in new ways. Hepworth was made a Bard of Cornwall in 1968 and took the bardic name 'Grayvor' (sculptor in Cornish).

This valuable and enjoyable trip brings together cross-curricular learning and hands-on experiences, making the most of Truro School's unique and special location in Cornwall.

Thanks to all of the staff who helped on the day, with special thanks to Miss Ashdown and Ms Cadwallader. A huge well done to our amazing Year 6 pupils who represented the school and received multiple comments on their respectful behaviour, attitude and approach to learning. You can view more fabulous photos here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/year-6-explore-st-ives/>



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Celebrating European Languages

In celebration of European Languages Day (Thursday, September 26th), Truro School pupils have been looking at how the power of language can bridge divides and open doors to great friendships, community and support.

Did you know that there are 7,000 languages spoken around the world? There are also 7,000 ways to say hello, express a story, and even resolve conflict.

Alongside celebrations at the Senior School, with special pupil-led assemblies held in Ukrainian, French, Spanish, Cantonese and Hungarian, the Prep Pupils celebrated all things language too.

Pupils created bunting representing different cultures and languages that decked the school in a riot of colour. There was a special assembly led by our courageous Year 6 pupils, a school-wide treasure hunt and a special lunch menu amongst other activities. Our staff and pupils also created a video showcasing their language skills to celebrate the diversity within our school community. You can view this on the [Truro School Facebook page](#).

This week has been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our diversity and the connections that language fosters. Thank you to everyone who took part in this wonderful international celebration of culture.



Delightful Ceramics on Display

Last year, our then Year 3 pupils took part in a ceramics workshop with local artist Lucy Joines. You can read the story here > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/ceramic-creatures-crafted/>

We are pleased to be able to share the finished boats with you now; they are on display in the entrance hall to Treliske House and we welcome you to come and view these beautiful creations.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

There was a particularly splendid array of delicious cakes on offer in the Prep Dining Room this morning; all in aid of raising funds for the Macmillan's Coffee Morning. Donations from thousands of Coffee Mornings raise vital funds to support the 3 million people in the UK living with cancer.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and donated so far. If you were unable to attend this coffee morning and would like to donate, please follow the bespoke link below.

Thanks also to our amazing Prep catering team for creating such a wonderful spread to raise money for this cause and to our wonderful Friends of Truro School (FTS) team for organising the event.

DONATE HERE > <https://cm24.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM24013308>



A Fond Farewell to Ali

Ali joined the catering team in September 2020 just after COVID hit the world. She was a proprietor of the Wheel Inn with her husband Simon and gave it up just before the pandemic.

Not ready to settle down, she applied for her role at Truro School Prep and we have benefitted from her charm and wisdom since then. She fitted in perfectly within an established team and is excellent with the pupils, always reminding them of their manners and to use their voices.

She will be sadly missed by the 'A-Team' and everyone at Truro School Prep. Enjoy your retirement!



News & Information for Parents

Family Bonding Ideas



In today's busy world, it can be challenging to find quality time to spend together as a family. However, bonding moments are vital for nurturing a positive family environment and fostering strong relationships. Below are some fun and simple activities you can try to bring your family closer and create lasting memories.

1. Family Game Nights

Pick one night a week to turn off the TV, put away the gadgets, and gather around for board games or card games. Whether it's classics like Monopoly, Uno, or newer favourites like Dobble, playing games encourages teamwork, communication, and much laughter!

2. Outdoor Adventures

Explore the great outdoors by taking family walks, hiking, or biking in local parks or nature reserves. Being outside not only provides a chance to exercise but also creates opportunities for meaningful conversations and teamwork as you explore new paths together.

3. Cooking Together

Turn dinner preparation into a family event! Assign roles to each family member — whether it's chopping, stirring the pot, or setting the table — and work together to make a meal.

4. Create Art Projects

Set aside time for family crafting sessions, where you can paint, build, or create something new together. You could even start a family scrapbook to document your special memories, from birthdays to holidays or fun weekends.

5. Family Book Club

Encourage reading and discussion by starting a family book club. Choose a book that everyone can enjoy, read it together (or individually), and then gather to discuss the characters, plot, and favourite parts. This activity helps with literacy and allows family members to connect over shared stories.

News & Information for Parents

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6. Volunteer Together

Consider participating in a local volunteer activity as a family, such as helping at a food bank, planting trees, or visiting a care home. Volunteering teaches children the value of giving back and provides a sense of purpose and teamwork.

7. Family Movie Nights

Once a week, let each family member take turns picking a movie for everyone to watch. Create a cosy atmosphere with blankets and homemade popcorn. Afterwards, you can discuss what everyone liked or didn't like about the movie, making it an interactive experience.

8. Explore Local Attractions

Take advantage of local museums, zoos, or historical sites for a day out as a family. These trips provide fun learning experiences and help children appreciate their community and the world around them.

9. Build a Family Garden

If you have the space, starting a garden together can be a rewarding project. Plant flowers, vegetables, or herbs, and let each family member take responsibility for watering or weeding. Watching something grow that you've all contributed to is a powerful bonding experience.

10. Family Talent Show

Host your own family talent show where each member performs something they enjoy — from singing and dancing to telling jokes or showing off special skills. It's a great way to celebrate each other's talents and create a supportive, joyful environment.

Remember, it's the time spent together that counts, not the activity itself. Whether it's five minutes or an entire day, making family time a priority helps build trust, communication, and love.



Pre-Prep

Achievements



Our Learning This Week:

In Nursery this week, the children have learnt how to play a djembe drum, an instrument from West Africa. We also used our counting to help make playdough and learnt the names of 2D shapes.

In Reception, the children finally caught the naughty crocodile that escaped after the children had written a note asking him to return all the letters 'o' and 's'. They also learnt some new facts about other reptiles, including chameleons and why they change their skin colour. In maths, lessons have focused on capacity and exploring what 'full', 'empty' and 'half full' or 'half empty' means.

Year 1 has started learning Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and worked on adjectives to describe the monster in the story. In maths, the children have learnt new vocabulary alongside their work on place value and counting backwards from 10. Science lessons have centered upon sorting objects based on their properties and discussing their uses.

Year 2 has been learning and retelling the story of Romulus and Remus.

The children have also been learning all about Boudica in preparation for our Roman day on the 4th October.

Class Dojo Winners KS1

Alba
Bella
Sophie J
Matilda
Althea
Leo

Prep

Achievements



Times Tables Rockstars

Rockstar of the Week:

Leo B

Top Rock Performers:

Year 3: Leo B (3SM)

Year 4: Coco T (4LL)

Year 5: Ethan U (5LJ)

Year 6: Phoebe C (6AG)

Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to the following pupils who have turned their Heatmap Green on TTRS over the Summer and have '**Gone Green**':

Christopher P, Malhar S, Ella C, Audrey J, Harry B, Anantveer S, Ethan U, Arthur W, Matilda, S-H, Hugo L, Albie V, Rory P, Amaya P, Tilda M, Woody L, Emmeline G-P, Tristan G, Phoebe C, William L, Sophia C, Scott S, Noah H, Isaac S, Lissie C, Arthur T, Qaveem A, Ellie L

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Winnie S, Max F, Gabriella S, Nola M, Bertie B, Patrick O'D, Max B, James P, Jasper M, Neesha P, Imogen U, William J, Albert R, Daymer D

3SM: Rupert D, Finn J, Otto D, Raphael S, Rose P, Rory S, Finley K, Zola C, Otto A, Edgar F, Alfie H, Leo B, Sofia P, Josh B-L, Millie H

4LL: Isabel J

4SC: Turan A, Albie S

6AG: Ezra H

6JL: Elliott T

House Point Form Champions

3SM - Leo B and Edgar F

3ME - Bertie and Winnie

4SC - Freddy W

4LL - Daisy

5SL - Ray W

5LJ - Ollie S

5RK - Edward S

6FR - Qaveem A

6JL - Isaac S

6AG - Emmeline G-P

Merit Awards

Bronze Merit Awards

4SC- James S, Freddie W, Jack L, Teddy J

5LJ - Anantveer S

Prep

Achievements



Triathlon

Well done to Alfie H 3SM who completed the Falmouth INTToTRI Triathlon, which took place on Glynvase Beach, Sunday 22nd September.

Music

Well done to Digby L who passed his Grade 1 Drum Exam.

Art Appreciation

Well done to Digby L who visited Penlee House to view Frank Bramley's work as a part of his Year 6 art and literacy studies.



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WETSUITS NEEDED



IN AID OF
**THE WAVE
PROJECT**

The FTS are looking for
donations of any
outgrown wetsuits for
The Wave Project.

Providing mental health support and surf
therapy to young people, these wetsuits will be
donated to youngsters on the programme, or
sold to raise funds for the Wave Project charity.

**Wetsuits can be donated via FTS@truroschool.com or dropped
at the Truro Prep Office or Truro School Cafe (near the SBA)**

WINTER ACADEMIES

Tuesdays - 5:45pm - 7:45pm

Hardball - 8-11 Years

Fridays - 6pm - 8pm

Hardball - 11-18 Years

Sundays - 9am - 10am

Softball - 4-11 Years

Sundays - 10am - 10:55am

Transition to Hardball -
6-11 Years



SCAN ME

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

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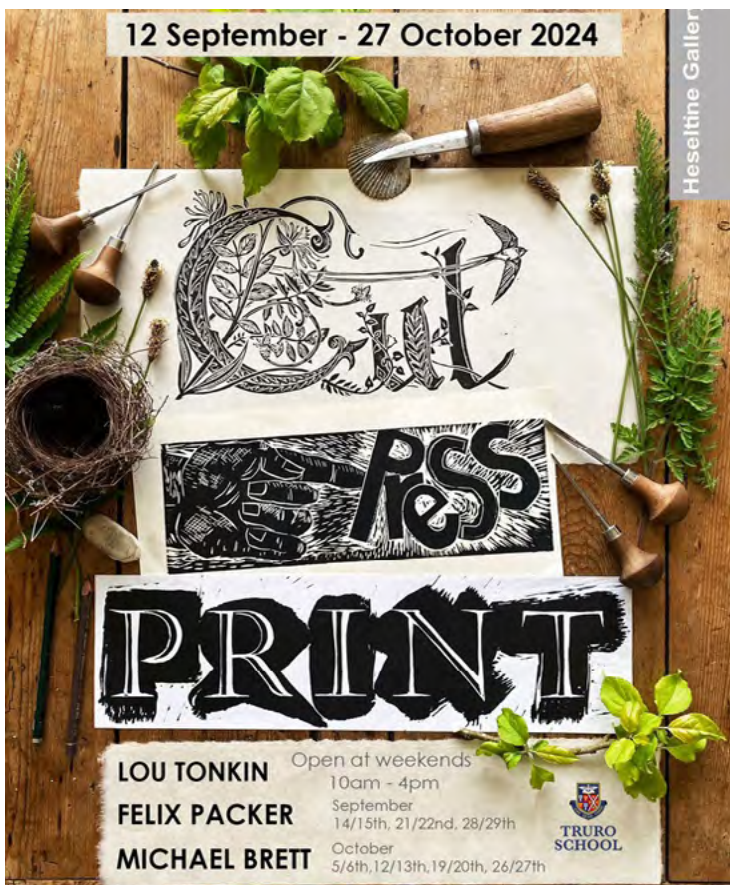
10am - 4pm: £18 ticket includes light lunch with wine and entrance to
the Eden Project.

Tickets must be bought in advance.

www.cornwallchristmasfair.com



12 September - 27 October 2024



Heseltine Gallery

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Open at weekends

10am - 4pm

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September

14/15th, 21/22nd, 28/29th

MICHAEL BRETT

October

5/6th, 12/13th, 19/20th, 26/27th

