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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has seemed particularly busy this week. Alongside the regular academic, sporting, creative and co-curricular activities, our schedule has been augmented by year group walks, sports fixtures, a presentation to the Year 6 on the diploma and French trip, visits from governors, the Nursery visiting Healey's Cyder Farm and a raft of prospective parent visits and parent-teacher consultations.

From the children's perspective, two competitions have moved into the spotlight; the pre-eminent being the Truro School House Music Competition. We look forward to the qualifying rounds and final during the next ten days.

Running alongside this has been the preparation for this year's Truro School Conker Competition. There is much excitement about the forthcoming matches, but I am particularly pleased that the competition has provided the opportunity for us to focus on autumn. Despite the numerous downpours in recent weeks, we have been treated to a beautiful autumn and have taken every opportunity to encourage the children to look up and out and appreciate our environment. From Forest School and Pre-Prep Nature Studies, through Bush Craft, Eco-Club and a general appreciation of nature and the season, it has been a pleasure to see the children learning about, appreciating and enjoying our natural environment.

A number of my colleagues (particularly those who are city dwellers) look at such times as 'play' and question whether it is a wasted opportunity as the time would be better spent in the classroom. I disagree with this perspective wholeheartedly, and agencies such as the Child Mind Institute and the Early Years Network support this via their research and publications:

'Research has shown that spending time in natural environments has numerous benefits for children, including helping them to regulate their emotions, boost their well-being, promote good physical health and improve their cognitive abilities and skills. Spending time in natural environments has been found to reduce stress, improve mood and increase feelings of happiness and well-being. Moreover, nature-based learning inherently promotes holistic development and helps to foster curiosity, creativity, problem-solving skills and social interactions.'

I would add that helping the children to develop an understanding of, and respect for, our natural environment is a fundamental aspect of their education. In addition to developing the skills outlined above, it generates an understanding of our environments, be they on a local, regional or worldwide scale. Crucially, it allows us to instil an appreciation of 'caring' and helps us as we work to develop 'the whole child'.

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This is best summed up in one of my favourite poems, a short verse by Nicolette Sowder:

May we raise children who love the unloved thingsthe dandelion, the worms and spiderlings.
Children who sense the rose needs the thorn
and run into rainswept days the same way they turn towards the sun....
And when they are grown and someone has to speak for those who have no voice,
May they draw upon that wilder bond,
those days of tending tender things
and be the ones.

I wish you all a very happy weekend and hope that you will have the opportunity to explore and enjoy this beautiful county of Cornwall.

Thanks and with every good wish,

Rob Morse, Headmaster

A New Look Weekly Bulletin

We're excited to announce that after half term, the weekly bulletin will be moving to an online, mobile-friendly format. Designed with parents in mind, this new look will make it easier to read and enjoy our updates on the go. You'll continue to receive the link in the same way, but we hope this change will enhance how we share all the wonderful stories from our community. We hope to share some photos with you next week to show what this will look like.

As always, we value your feedback, so if you have anything you'd like to add or share, please don't hesitate to get in touch at <u>bulletin@truroschool.com</u>.







A few photos from Friday's Rewards Assembly



Calendar

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Monday 14 October to Friday 18 October 2024

Monday 14 October

16.00-19.00 Y5 Learning progress meetings: English and maths with subject teachers Dining Hall

Tuesday 15 October

U9 tag rugby v Polwhele House (A) 2.30pm

14.05 - 16:00 – U9 girls' hockey v Truro High School

(A) 2.45pm

16:00- 18:00 EYFS Learning progress meetings

CANCELLED: SW Judo league

Wednesday 16 October

14.30-15.30 U11 and U10 rugby (H) v Mount Kelly

Light Party - Pre-Prep

14.05 - 16:00 – U10 girls' hockey v Truro High School

(A) 2.45pm

16.00-19.00 Y3 Learning progress meetings maths English & pastoral with subject teachers (dining hall)

Thursday 17 October

Year 1 Pendennis Trip 09:30-14:30

Year 4 Open Afternoon 16:00 17:30 to be rescheduled.

16:00- 18:00 EYFS learning progress meetings

Friday 18 October

08.45 FTS coffee (dining hall)

14.00 House Music Competition Final (Lovett Hall)

Monday 21 October to Friday 1 November 2024

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

HALF TERM

Monday 21 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Monday 4 November

Return to school

1.00-2.30 Year 1 hearing screening (Pre-Prep)

U11 Football v Bosvigo

(H) 4pm - 5pm

Tuesday 5 October

Year 3 and 4 cross-country v Polwhele House (A) 2.30pm

Wednesday 6 November

Year 6 Talk with Felicity Thurlow and Yr7 pupils

Year 5 and 6 cross-country v Polwhele House (A) 2.30pm

Thursday 7 November

Year 1 Tudor Day

10.20 - 10.40 - Chat with the Rev 6AG

Friday 8 November

Year 2 Art Day with Lucy Joines

Year 1 Tudor Day (Pre-Prep)

Saturday 9 November

U10 Rugby Festival

Queen's College Taunton (A) 10:00am start



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Threadworms

We are aware of a case of threadworms in the Pre-Prep and wanted to share this information with you and to put your minds at rest. All staff are aware and are extra vigilant with hygiene measures, ensuring children do lots of careful handwashing. Please see the NHS information in the link below, outlining signs and symptoms and what can be done to eradicate threadworms.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns.

Katrina Cameron-Luzmoor

Medical Care Lead

We warmly invite you to attend our next

OPEN MORNING

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

Saturday 16 November 9.30 – 11.30am





Cornwall's leading independent school for girls and boys aged from 3 to 18

Discover why our Nursery and Reception settings will provide the perfect first step for your child.

From teacher-led Nursery provision to specialist teachers for swimming, forest school, music and more, we will guide you

through our structured early learning programme, that carefully balances continuous provision (play-based learning) with phonics, maths and early writing.



Please sign up to attend the morning using the QR link



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A Joyful Open Morning

This year's Truro School Open Morning was filled with an uplifting sense of joy and excitement. Welcoming one of our largest numbers of families on record, it was heartwarming to witness the pride and enthusiasm with which our pupils and staff showcased everything that makes our school special.

A packed dining hall welcomed guests with delicious breakfast treats, while our classrooms and facilities were bursting with fun and engaging activities. There was certainly a palpable sense of excitement and enjoyment among our guests as they toured our facilities. Head of Truro School, Andy Johnson welcomed visitors to the school in Chapel, accompanied by outstanding speakers from across the school community, who shared our values and school ethos.

We would like to thank all our phenomenal students, pupils and staff who made the morning such a huge success, and a huge thank you to all the families who visited us.

For anyone unable to attend, we would welcome you to visit our school for an informal tour at any time. Please contact admissions@truroschool.com for more information.















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Resolute Jujitsu at Prep

Every Thursday, our oldest pupils at Truro School Prep take part in a structured programme of cross-curricular activities that includes cookery, first aid and dance. This Thursday saw Year 6 pupils participate in the most recent addition to our senior activities programme at Truro School Prep, Brazilian Jujitsu.

Mark Connaughton of Resolute Jujitsu, Truro, led our pupils in a four-week block of training in the art of Jujitsu. Mark tailored the session perfectly to our children, teaching them all the necessary skills to land safely and roll, in preparation for future weeks of developing their Jujitsu techniques. The children were active and engaged throughout the session, taking away many skills they can apply to their future learning in all areas of the school.







Pasty Perfection for Year 4

This week, our Year 4 pupils were engaged in a cultural cookery session that celebrated our Cornish heritage by making Cornish pasties in our Truro School Prep Kitchen.

Along with selecting sustainably sourced ingredients, our pupils were challenged to perfect the art of crimping; crucial to avoid unwanted leaks! During the session, our pupils discussed the history of pasties and the importance of using seasonal vegetables and sustainably sourced meat; in this case, chuck steak sourced from a local farm.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the task and produced some 'ansum pasties to take home.









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Year 3 Trelissick Walk

Our Year 3 Prep classes have been on an autumnal walk to Trelissick House and Gardens this week where they were tasked with identifying the trees, birds, animals and insects in this woodland habitat.

The enthusiastic group worked in pairs, looking for leaves and comparing them to those on their factsheets to establish the tree from which they had fallen. Excitement was found in discovering acorns and horse chestnuts on the ground, identifying the sounds of robins in the trees, and witnessing grey squirrels climbing above their heads.

Mr Spears showed the group a river meandering through the woodland, teaching the children about natural water systems and erosion. They also discussed seed dispersion and how the woodland environment supports animal and plant life that thrives in its vast resources.

In addition to natural learning, the group walked through a 2000-year-old Iron Age fort to learn how people who lived on this land did so in past times.

Everyone enjoyed this opportunity to get out in the fresh air and sunshine, walking over two miles in the stunning Cornish countryside. Thank you to our amazing teachers for their interesting presentation about the area, shared with our enthusiastic pupils.





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Developing our Values through Afternoon Activities

From Nursery through to Sixth Form, the Truro School community offers a values-based education that encourages our pupils and students to fulfil their potential in ways that go beyond outstanding academic outcomes. Our values are Curiosity, Confidence, Compassion, Creativity and Courage.

Thursday afternoons at Truro School Prep perfectly encompass what a values-based education means as our Year 5 and 6 pupils go off-curriculum for their weekly activity programme. With activities rotating across hockey, first aid, cookery, dance and cycling proficiency (to name but a few), our pupils are challenged to develop new practical and soft skills that help them develop more widely.

These sessions help to develop resilience while learning from successes and failures, foster independent and group thinking and the courage to become the very best of who they are.

As our photos show, these activities are also designed to be fun and engaging for all.

You can view more lovely photos here > https://www.truroschool.com/latest-news/developing-our-values-through-afternoon-activities/





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Fairy Castles Come to Life

Our lucky Year 1 pupils were treated to an afternoon craft session at Truro School Prep led by local artist Jo Wigglesworth. Using all natural materials (most of which had been foraged), the children were helped to create beautiful castles fit for a (fairy) king or queen. The afternoon forms a part of the pupils' cross-curricular learning on their topic of Castles.

Having learnt about the features of castles and who might live in a castle, the children will begin looking into the Tudors next half term as their learning progresses. We would like to thank Jo for her inspiring creativity and well done to the pupils who made such wonderful castles.







Nursery Trip to the Cyder Farm

A big thank you to Healeys Cornish Cyder Farm who hosted our lucky Nursery pupils for a visit this week. Our excited children went on the Truro School Prep minibuses and arrived in time for a thrilling vintage tractor ride around the site. They identified a range of different farm animals and learnt that the shire horses and donkeys would have once done all of the work on the farm.

Forming a part of their cross-curricular learning into all things autumnal, the children were delighted to see the apples being delivered and washed before being transferred to the pulping area; a one-of-a-kind in Europe. After watching the apples being pressed and the juice bottled, our pupils made their own labels for their fresh apple juice.

Well done to all of our pupils for their outstanding behaviour and engagement in this fantastic trip and thanks to everyone who made the day possible.









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Afterschool Ballerinas Blossom







At Truro School, we believe in offering busy parents full flexibility with childcare and offer wraparound care from Nursery upwards.

One of our most popular after-school clubs for our Nursery stars is our weekly Ballet session led by Miss Olivia from Cornwall Dance School. Fresh from her Thursday Afternoon Session with our Year 6 pupils, Miss Olivia was treated to the delights of our youngest dancers, who very much enjoy every aspect of this wonderful activity.

Showing great confidence and courage, our blossoming ballerinas were learning a routine inspired by butterflies. You can view more lovely photos here > https://www.truroschool.com/latest-news/afterschool-ballerinas-blossom/















Sports News

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Prep Sports Roundup

It has been another outstanding week for sport here at Truro School Prep. On Wednesday, our U11 girls' hockey A and B teams were in action against Truro High School. Our U11 'A' team, fresh from a good defensive display last week at Mount Kelly, continued to stop any shots, with Flossie and her defensive squad performing well. Meanwhile, our midfield attackers, Tilda, Matilda, Eleanor and Lizzie, controlled the middle of the pitch and created many chances on goal.

Our U11 'B' team were well-matched, allowing them to improve their positional awareness within a coached game. It was interesting to see the learning effect during the afternoon. Initially, our players were crowding the ball and getting in the way of each other. Gradually, they started to get free and move into space, spreading wide to help improve the flow of play and the quality of their passing, which was fantastic to see.

On Thursday, it was the turn of our U9 girls' team who took part in the Plymouth

College U9 Girls' Hockey Festival on their fantastic all-weather pitches. Our team had lots of fun while developing their hockey skills. For many of them, this was their first-ever hockey match. Our mixed Year 3 and Year 4 team worked hard together on

the pitch to move into space and get free to receive the ball.

In rugby, our Year 4 rugby players travelled to Plymouth College for a round-robin tournament against Exeter School, Plymouth College and Mount Kelly. Truro School Prep took two teams of children, many of whom were experiencing their first competitive contact fixtures in rugby.

All of the children did exceptionally well and grew in confidence and ability as the afternoon went on, showing fantastic handling, strong running and effective tackling. Our pupils were great ambassadors for the school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of representing Truro School Prep in a rugby fixture away from home.

Thanks to all of the staff and parents who came to support. You can view more photos here > https://www.truroschool.com/latest-news/prep-sports-roundup/













Curriculum News

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Primary Mathematics Challenge

Calling all Year 5 & 6 mathematicians! We are taking part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge on the 12th November 2024.

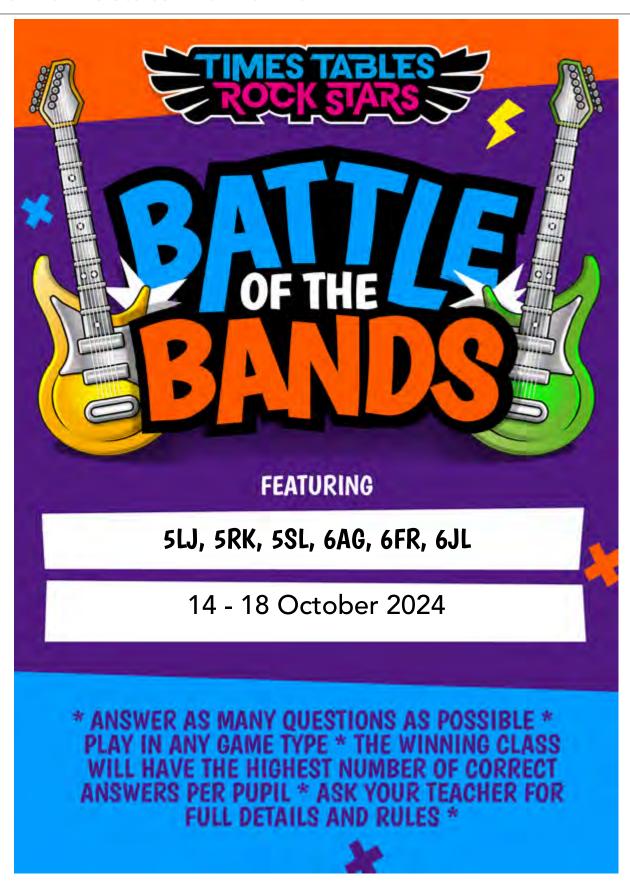
Past papers are available at https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads





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1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS





Family Focus

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News & Information for Parents

Developing Financial Literacy in Children: Tips for Parents



It's never too early to start teaching children the value of money and how to manage it responsibly. Financial literacy is an important life skill that can help set children up for future success, and there are many fun, simple ways to incorporate it into their daily lives. Here are some practical ideas to help your child develop good financial habits from an early age.

1. Introduce the Concept of Money

Start by teaching your child the basics of money: its purpose, how it's earned, and why we need to use it responsibly. Using real-life examples like paying for groceries or saving for a toy can help them understand how money works in the world around them. You can also introduce them to coins and notes, explaining their values and how they're used to make purchases.

2. Set Up a Savings Jar or Piggy Bank

A great way to introduce savings is by giving your child a piggy bank or savings jar. Encourage them to save a portion of any money they receive, whether it's pocket money, birthday gifts, or rewards for small tasks. Watching their savings grow helps them see the value of setting aside money for future use and reinforces the idea that it's important to save before spending.

3. Teach About Earning

A lot of children love to help around the house, and giving them small, age-appropriate tasks in exchange for a little pocket money can help them understand the link between work and earning. Chores like tidying their room or helping with gardening can teach them that money is earned through effort and can lead to discussions about budgeting and saving for things they want.

4. Create a Simple Budget

Once your child has started earning pocket money, you can introduce them to budgeting. A simple approach might be dividing their money into categories such as "Spend," "Save," and "Share." This not only teaches them how to manage their funds, but also encourages generosity by setting aside money to give to others, whether it's for charity or small gifts for family members.



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5. Discuss Needs vs. Wants

Help your child understand the difference between needs (things we must have like food, clothing, and shelter) and wants (things we'd like to have, but don't necessarily need). You can turn shopping trips into teaching moments by asking questions like, "Do we need this, or is it something we want?" This helps children begin to prioritise their spending and make thoughtful choices.

6. Introduce the Idea of Long-Term Goals

As children get older, they can start thinking about long-term savings goals. If your child has their eye on a bigger purchase, such as a special toy or game, encourage them to save towards it over time. This teaches patience, the value of saving, and the satisfaction of reaching a financial goal.

7. Play Money-Related Games

Games are a fun way to teach financial skills! Board games like Monopoly can help children practice handling money, making change, and managing resources. These activities offer a playful way to reinforce the financial concepts they're learning.

8. Introduce Digital Money

In today's increasingly cashless society, children need to understand digital money as well. You can explain how debit cards, online banking, and contactless payments work. For older children, you could introduce them to online banking tools or savings apps designed for children, helping them learn to manage money in a digital world.

9. Set a Good Example

Children often mimic their parent's habits, so one of the most effective ways to teach financial literacy is by modelling good financial behaviour yourself. Talk openly about saving, spending wisely, and budgeting. Show them how you plan for expenses, compare prices, and make financial decisions, and they will begin to adopt these habits themselves.

Conclusion

Building financial literacy is a gradual process, but by incorporating these simple strategies into your child's daily life, you can help them develop a healthy relationship with money. The earlier children start learning these valuable skills, the more prepared they'll be for managing their finances as they grow older.

Pre-Prep Achievements





In Nursery this week, we have been busy hammering golf tees into cardboard boxes to improve our fine motor skills. We have learnt all about the number 1 and been on a number hunt around the classroom. We are looking forward to our trip to Healey's Cyder Farm on Friday.

The Reception children have been reading a story about a selfish crocodile whom a mouse helps and in response,we wrote a thank you letter to the mouse. We have also been busy learning our common exception words (the, no, put, I, of, my). In maths, we measured the heights of different people and explored the differences.

In science, Year 1 experimented to test the absorbency and water resistance of different materials.

We continued to plan our re-telling of 'The Tempest' and explored how adjectives and punctuation can improve our writing. The children have also made part and whole models, and worked on their number bonds.

Year 2 enjoyed dressing up, making helmets and shields and playing traditional games, including chariot races, during our Roman day on Friday. We are learning 'Tinga Tinga Tales' in literacy, with a view of creating our own versions.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 all enjoyed welcoming their reading buddies this week, and they enjoyed reading poems and stories together.



Kit - RKW

Quinn - RCB

Esma – 1LK

Kitty - 1SC

Clemmie - 2CB

Ernie – 2KM





Times Tables Rockstars

Robot of the Week: Ophelia R-S

Wannabe Status:

Top Rock Performers:

Year 1SC: Arlo H

Year 1LK: Ophelia R-S

Year 2CB: Will G Year 2KM: Ernie A

Rust Stage Completion; Arlo H, Ophelia R-S, Harper M, Kitty K

Iron Stage Completion; Tommy R, Lorcan R, Sophie J, Harper M

Tin Stage Completion; Ernie A, Catherine L, Theo H

PrepAchievements



Merit Awards

Bronze Merit Awards:

3ME -Theo, Nola, Maximus, James, Patrick, Neesha, Bert 4 LL- James, Mabel 4SC- Kai, Boe, Arthur, Turan, Erin, Ella D 5LJ- Samuel 5RK-Endelyn, Edward, Barney, Arthur, Arlo 6JL- Woody

Silver Merit Awards:

3SM - Otto, Sofia, Josh, Millie, Finn, Rapheal, Alfie, Zola, Rory, Rupert, Edgar, Leo, Rose, Finley

Gold Commendation:

5LJ Bird drawings

Emily & Harvey for your ambitious drawings and progress.

Year 6 Hepworth Sketchbook

6AG- Emmeline & Tristan for your excellent and beautiful sketches, thoughtful comments and fully engaging in the day.

6FR- Tilda, Matilda, and Ellie for all your excellent sketches and commitment to your work.

6JL- Annie, Elliott, Isaac, William Sp, Aria and Dylan for your excellent sketches, engagement and Hepworth-inspired sand art.

House Point Form Champions

3SM - Sofia, Otto

3ME - Nola

4SC - Malhar

4LL - Edward, Seren

5SL - Ray

5LJ - Emily, Harvey, Ollie

5RK - Arlo

6FR - Sam

6JL - Toby

6AG - Ezra







Times Tables Rockstars

Rockstar of the Week:

Ethan 5LJ

Wannabe Status: Daymer (3ME) Albert

(3ME)

Gigger Status: Millie (3SM)

Rock Legend Status: Isaac (6JL)

Gone Green: Eleanor (6FR)

Top Rock Performers:

Year 3: Albert (3ME)

Year 4: Jack (4SC)

Year 5: Ethan (5LJ)

Year 6: Dylan (6FR)

Times Tables Challenge

3ME: Max F

3SM: Rupert

4SC: Greta, Ella, Freddy, Albie, Turan,

Teddy, Freddy

4LL: Isabella, James, Daisy

5LJ - Ethan

6AG: Ezra, Aubrey

6FR- Alex

6JL- Elliott, Poppy

Pen Licence

4SC: Ella D

Gymnastics

Well done, to Violet (5SL) for achieving her Level 10 and forward roll rosettes. Violet was also awarded 4th place in Bar, Vault and Trampette in competition at the weekend. Congratulations.

Karate

Oscar 5SL and Will 6JL competed in the Ashiita Kai karate tournament. Oscar won 4th in kata and 2nd in sparring. Will won 1st in kata and 1st in sparring. He was also crowned as the overall Junior Champion.



TRURO CATHEDRAL AND TRURO SCHOOL

Be a Girl Chorister for a Day

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2024



"An unforgettable and very special journey."

CHORISTER PARENT

The chorister programme, run jointly by Truro Cathedral and Truro School, provides a pathway for musically gifted girls and boys to achieve world-class excellence, whilst being personally and pastorally supported to develop friendships within a closeknit team.

 The choristers are all educated at Truro School where they receive scholarships, with additional meanstested assistance as necessary.

For information about the Chorister Programme, including scholarships and means-tested bursaries, registration and chorister application forms, please contact Truro School Admissions on 01872 246062 or email admissions@truroschool.com





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Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre, Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 1TH

FTS Friends of Truro School



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 18th October
Prep Dining Hall
from 8.45 am







Local Events







