

1 MARCH 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week flies by and with it the regular raft of academic and co-curricular activities here at Truro School Prep.

Since my last message to you, I have taken great delight in observing the children singing (learning 'This is my Cornwall' in Cornish in advance of St. Piran's Day), in action in auditions and play rehearsals, music lessons and ensembles, art, DT, judo, netball, football, rugby, swimming and a plethora of clubs and activities.

That said, my favourite moments this week have come in the classroom where it has been a joy to see the children engaging so wholeheartedly in their learning. From the 'transport' focus in the Nursery class and numeracy in Reception through to some extraordinarily mature and moving creative writing from Year 6 in their English lessons; I have been genuinely impressed.

Woven into this busy schedule has been our ongoing drive towards thinking of others and we have continued with our daily 'Random Act of Kindness Challenge'. I have been delighted to see the children taking part with such enthusiasm.

This week's primary focus however has been on table manners. I would like to report that our table manners are every bit as good as the work produced in the classroom but this would be stretching the truth to say the very least. As such, I took the opportunity to invite Mrs Morse to join me for a 'meal' in front of the children during the Prep and Pre-Prep assemblies. This allowed me to recreate some of the less pleasant manners that we have witnessed over the past few weeks (poor Mrs Morse!) as well as demonstrate good table manners.

This being my 30th year in teaching and 16th as a headmaster, I am acutely aware that improvements to table manners must be seen as a marathon rather than a sprint but I am pleased to report that we are at least over the start line and in the race. I hope that your children will continue in this drive over the weekend - your assistance in reminding them would be much appreciated.

Looking to the future, the next few weeks are particularly busy and I take this opportunity to remind you that key information can be found in the notices section of this Bulletin and the year group Clarion messages.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance in any fashion.

With every good wish,

Mr Rob Morse  
Headmaster

## Monday 4 March

Nursery Stay and Watch Swim

(Parents welcome) 9am-10am

Year 5 Beach Clean

Perranporth Beach 12pm-2.30pm

Year 4 Swim Gala

Prep Pool (parents welcome) 2pm-3.30pm

U11 Football v Kea School

(H) 4pm KO

## Tuesday 5 March

St Piran's Day

World AIMS Day

## Wednesday 6 March

U11 Football and Netball

St Agnes (H) 2.30pm-3.40pm

Learning Support Coffee Meeting

Library 3pm-4pm

## Thursday 7 March

World Book Day

please see Clarion messages for full information

IAPS Swim Gala

Millfield, Street, Somerset (A) 8.30am-7pm

(event 12.45pm-4pm)

U9 Girls' BEE Netball & U9 Boys' Football Festival

Plymouth College (A) 11.50am-5.45pm (2pm start)

5SL & 6DG Swimming

SBA 1.30pm-3pm

## Friday 8 March

Nursery Stay and Watch Swim

(Parents welcome) 9am-10am

## Saturday 9 March

Prep Open Morning

10am-12pm

## 11 March - 15 March 2024

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

## Monday 11 March

Year 3 Swim Gala

Prep Pool (parents welcome) 2pm-3.30pm

Year 4, 5 & 6 Mixed Cross-Country Peninsula Event

Pool School (A) 2.30pm-6pm (event 4-5.30pm)

Year 3 In-Person Learning Progress Meetings

Maths, English, Humanities and Science: Dining Hall 4pm-7pm

Cornwall Music Festival (Spoken Word, Years 3-6)

Truro Methodist Church (times tbc)

## Tuesday 12 March

Year 3 Netball v Truro High

(A) 2.20pm-4.10pm

Pre-Prep In-Person Learning Progress Meetings

3.45pm-5.30pm

## Wednesday 13 March

Cornwall Music Festival

Truro Methodist Church (Prep Orchestra) 2pm-4pm

Year 5 and 6 Girls' Hockey v Truro High School

(A) 2pm-4.15pm (2.45pm start)

Year 5 In-Person Learning Progress Meetings

Maths, English, Humanities and Science: Dining Hall 4pm-7pm

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## Thursday 14 March

### Cornwall Music Festival

Truro Methodist Church (Year 5 & 6 choir) 8.30am-11.50am

### 6DG BMX Cycling

BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

### CANCELLED 6JL Swimming

SBA JLR AJO (due to gala)

### Year 5 Swim Gala

SBA 1.30pm-3.30pm

### Pre-Prep In-Person Learning Progress Meetings

4pm-6pm

## Friday 15 March

### Red Nose Day 2024

Children invited to wear an item of red with their school uniform

### U11 ISFA Southwest Football Tournament

Clifton College, Bristol (A) 10.30am-6.30pm (KO 1.30pm)

### Primrose Piano Quartet

Assembly Hall, TSP Year 6 with local schools 1.30pm-2.30pm

### Year 1 Swim Gala

Parents welcome 2pm-3.30pm

## Saturday 16 March

### STEAM Discovery Day Community Event

For external pupils 10am-12pm

## NOTICES:

### World Book Day 2024

Truro School Prep will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday and we would love for the children to come to school with their favourite book, comic or poem to share with their friends and teachers. They are invited to dress up as a character from stories and poems as well if they wish.

We are excited to share with you our NEW award categories for costumes this year. The awards are:

- The John Muir Award for the most sustainable costume
- The Rosamunde Pilcher Award for the most Cornish costume
- The Thomas Hardy Award for the best poetry inspired costume
- The Roald Dahl Award for the best fiction inspired costume
- The Bill Bryson Award for the best non-fiction inspired costume
- The Kirstie Allsopp Award for the best homemade costume
- The JK Rowling Award for the most magical costume

Winners will be chosen from both Prep and Pre-Prep.

We would like to encourage all children to "Get Caught Reading" across the week; if you catch your children, pets or family members reading (especially if it is in an unusual place!), please take a photo and send it to Ms Cadwallader (SCA@truroschoo.com). We will be spotting pupils reading at appropriate times in school too. Everyone who "gets caught reading" will be entered into a draw to win a prize.

### FTS Family Beach Clean, 21 April 2024

Please note that the time of the FTS Beach Clean has now changed and the event will run from 2pm at Watergate Bay. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## Year 5 Investigate Fair Trade

In Year 5 humanities the children have been learning about the rainforest. This fascinating topic has ended with a look at products we get from the rainforest, leading to an investigation into the Fairtrade Foundation.

The children joined together to become orange growers and traders. They were organised into family groups and had to 'grow' oranges using farming tools of paper, stencils, scissors and colouring pencils.

The families could earn money (the currency being 'peels') by taking 4 of the oranges they had grown to the trading table. The amount they received depended on the quality of their oranges and the going market prices (which fluctuated with time).

The activity helped the children to see the importance of the Fairtrade Foundation. You can read the story in full [here](#).



## Golden Rewards at Pre-Prep

We know that working hard comes in lots of different forms at Truro School Prep. Even our lunchtimes can be a fantastic chance to learn and to try hard for our Pre-Prep children.

Every two weeks, children from Years 1 and 2 try to earn "points" in the Dining Room for achievements such as fantastic behaviour, super sitting, trying new foods or eating brilliantly.

At the end of the fortnight, the table with the highest number of points sits at the Golden Table; draped in a golden tablecloth with stars, flowers and a few extra treats, it is a wonderful way to recognise the many ways our children work so hard at Truro School Prep.



Well done to our Year 5 and 6 footballers who took on the mighty Devoran this week. They played some brilliant football in some extreme mud. Well done to both teams, the children were excellent ambassadors for the school and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout.

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## Comparing Truro's Churches

Year 4 have been studying Tudor history this term and learning about the impact of Henry VIII's break from the Catholic Church. His rift with Rome led to the establishment of his new Church of England, with Henry becoming the Head of the newly founded Church of England in 1534.

Year 4 investigated the similarities and differences between two of the modern branches of the Christian church today: Church of England (Anglican) and Methodism, by visiting Truro Cathedral and Truro Methodist Church.



Both venues have a rich history and unique features. The Cathedral, which was completed in 1910, is famous for its Gothic-inspired architecture and features including the organ, the Lady Chapel and copper spire.

The Methodist Church offers insights into John Wesley and the beginning of the Methodist denomination. The children were able to compare the buildings from the outside and features inside as well as what the churches stood for and were busy taking notes as they went. Thanks to all of the staff at both Truro Cathedral and Truro Methodist Church for insightful tours and an enjoyable morning.

## Sailing Sponge Boats

The nursery children were filled with excitement as they gathered around the pool, ready to set sail with their homemade sponge boats. As part of their transport project, the children enjoyed learning all about boats and how they stay buoyant all through building their creations.

The young captains were eager to race their boats across the pool, using their problem-solving skills to find the best way to get their boats to the other side. They also had an exciting display from Archie, who brought in his remote-controlled boat, adding an extra element of fun to the afternoon.



# Pre-Prep

## Achievements



### Our Learning This Week:

It has been another week full of fun learning in Pre-Prep! All the children have worked hard towards their learning targets and have had a lot of success.

In Nursery, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of number, and, building on the transport topic, have continued with their learning about vehicles (especially trains). They had a visit from Mr Morse this week and he talked to them about their learning and how hard they had been working; all very impressive.

In Reception, the children have been learning all about dragons! They counted 'fire balls' and, using part-whole models, looked at number bonds to 10.

In Year 1, children have continued to work on their haiku poetry as well as building on their knowledge of nocturnal animals; sorting common animals into diurnal and nocturnal groups.

### Class Dojo Winners KS1

Finbar  
Mila  
Hugo C  
Albie  
Finley K  
James P

### Golden Table

Blue Table

# Pre-Prep

Achievements

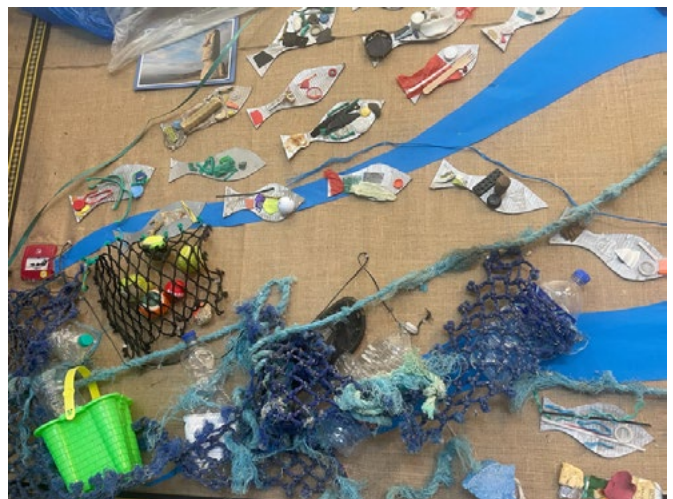


## Our Learning This Week:

As you can see from the photos, our art wall is now complete.

The children created fantastic individual works which are now on display as part of a collaborative piece. If you have the opportunity, please pop into the Pre-Prep Assembly Hall to see it!

A big thank you must go to Mrs Nixon who was the brains behind the masterpiece!



### Gold Commendations

#### **Henry 5CD for English 'Rotary Writing Story'**

Comment: A super story - your characters were endearing and you successfully worked to the theme of rebuilding.

#### **Rozalia 5LJ for Science 'Model Cell'**

Comment: For making a super model cell for her homework.

#### **Digby 5LJ for English 'Rotary Writing Competition'**

Comment: A great story, which fits the re-building theme perfectly.

#### **Rory 5SL for Science 'Model Cell'**

Comment: A great model cell using a tree circle as a base.

#### **Matilda 5SL for Science 'Model Cell'**

Comment: For a great effort in producing an excellent model cell.

#### **Arthur 5SL for Science 'Model Cell'**

Comment: A great effort to produce a super model cell for homework.

#### **Albie 5SL for Science 'Model Cell'**

Comment: A great effort producing a super model cell for homework.

#### **Jacob 6AG for English**

Comment: For his continued excellent work ethic; Jacob listens well, follows advice, and works with care and thought when completing tasks.

#### **Isabella 6JL for Diploma Presentation**

Comment: For her excellent diligence and attitude whilst working independently in preparation for her presentation.



# Prep

## Achievements



### House Point Form Champions

3ME: Teddy  
3SM: Theo  
4ME: Emir  
4SC: Harry  
5CD: Sophia  
5LJ: Digby & Rozalia  
5SL: Penny  
6AG: Fergus & Archie  
6DG: Erys  
6JL: Lowenna

### Gymnastics

Violet-Rose 4SC has been awarded with a badge and certificate for achieving Level 9 at Phoenix Gymnastics Club on Monday 5 February.

### Art: Gold Frame

Arlo 4LL: For your spectacular print showing great skill and design.

### Pen Licences

3SM: Henry, Percy, Theo

### Head's Commendations

**Sophia 5CD for Science:** For making an extremely accurate and superb nerve cell model using four different materials.

**Bo 5CD for Science:** A well thought out and planned, fully labelled cell model.

**Miles 5LJ for Science:** For making an excellent, fully labelled, 3D model animal cell using a variety of materials.

**Rupert 5LJ for Science:** For making a super cell model using resin and sweets, with a labelled key.

**Dylan 5SL for Science:** A great, imaginative cell model using a large range of different materials to identify the major components of a cell.

**Oscar 5SL for Science:** A well thought out and planned, fully labelled model in 3D which used an imaginative range of materials for the various components of the cell.

### Merit Awards

#### Bronze Merit Awards

**3ME:** Arthur, Max, Bobby, Wilf, Freddy

**4LL:** Freya, Louis

**4SC:** Harry, Gabriel, Barney, Audrey, Fjola, Violet-Rose

**5SL:** Arthur, Oscar

#### Silver Merit Awards

**3SM:** Henry, Harry

**4SC:** Samuel, Ollie, Anantveer

#### Gold Merit Awards

**3SM:** Henry, Daisy

# Prep

## Achievements



### Judo

Six Truro School pupils from across the Senior and Prep schools took part in the Kazoku Red, Yellow and Orange Belt Championships (U12 and U16) on Sunday 11 February at Liskeard Hillfort Primary School.

The competition included tachi waza (standing) and newaza (groundwork) with strict adherence to the rules of Judo required.

We are delighted to announce that our pupils all achieved medal positions. The results are as follows:

#### Truro School

Ben M - Gold

Andrew R - Silver

#### Prep School

Rory P - Silver

Rupert R-S - Silver

Jenny V - Bronze

Ellie L - Bronze

A huge well done to our brilliant judoka and thanks to Mr Piper and the parents and helpers on the day of the event.

### Times Tables Challenge

**3ME:** Harleen, Jack, Bobby, Poppy, Malhar, Max

**3SM:** Henry, Henry, Lexi, Elodie, Niah, Daisy, Joseph, Christopher, Edward, Hugo, James, Theo

**4LL:** Louis

**4SC:** Harry, Ethan, Anantveer

**5CD:** Cora, William L, Reggie, Freddie, Fitzwilliam

**5LJ:** Rozalia, Scott

**5SL:** Aria

**6DG:** Mairi, Finlay

**6JL:** Rosie

### Times Tables Rockstars

#### Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Mabel Year 3

#### Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Jack

Year 4: Anantveer

Year 5: Petra

# Prep

## Reading Awards



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**Morpurgo Club**  
(50 Books)

**4LL: Arlo**

**Dahl Club**  
(60 Books)

**4LL: Sienna, Arlo**

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## NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### **Bed Wetting**

Bedwetting, also known as nocturnal enuresis, is a common concern among parents and carers of young children.

For many families, it is a sensitive topic often met with frustration, confusion, and even embarrassment. However, it is essential to recognise that bedwetting is a normal part of a child's development and is rarely a sign of any underlying medical or psychological issues.

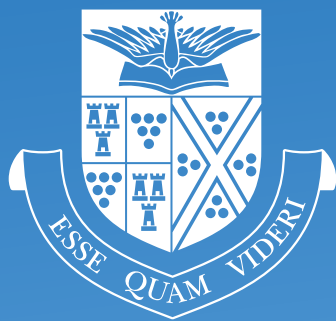
The websites below aim to provide parents and caregivers with a comprehensive understanding of bedwetting in young children, including its causes, potential complications, and practical strategies for managing and supporting children who experience it.

[Bedwetting in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Please don't hesitate to contact your healthcare professional if you have any concerns.

Another very useful website that contains information on many child-related topics is:

[Early help - Cornwall Council](#)



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# Open Morning Saturday 9 March



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

[truroschoo.com/prep-school](https://truroschoo.com/prep-school)



# Friends of Truro School Family Beach Clean

Date: 21/04/2024 @ 2pm

Location: Watergate Bay

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LIFE BY TAKING PART IN  
OUR BEACH CLEAN WITH  
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US IN PICKING UP LITTER  
AND DEBRIS FROM  
WATERGATE BAY.



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## CHECK OUT OUR ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB!

This Holiday we're running **climbing, archery, canoeing, zip-lining, adventure quarry games, bushcraft, raft building, quarry-steering and catapulting!** You can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an **epic adventure to remember!** We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us.

We also offer **family days out**: there's the chance to take on the Via Ferrata, the **ultimate high wire adventure** with zip wire, as well as the new Zip Wire Safari! There's also a Cafe, **free nature trails** and a wild play area for under 10's. Check out our website for more.



## Adult and Child Easter Egg Decorating



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

**Saturday 23rd March**

**10:00-13:00**

**£110**



Pastries will be served upon arrival. Next, in a 'cook-along' format, you'll build and decorate your own Easter eggs following Stuart Pate our guest patisserie chef who will share his techniques for a professional finish to your eggs.



Special Guest Teacher, Patisserie Chef- Stuart Pate

## Research Charity Spring Ball

FALMOUTH HOTEL, TR11 4NZ

26 APRIL 2024 19:00 - 23:00

£50 PER TICKET

BLACK TIE AND 3 COURSE DINNER

MUSIC AND LIVE AUCTION

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**8 MARCH 2024**

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