

26 APRIL 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Dear Parents and Carers,

After a full week back at school, there is plenty of news to impart. The overarching picture has been one of industry and enjoyment, with the children hard at work throughout their academic lessons.

By way of contrast, there has been much merriment and enjoyment during break times and the sunshine has certainly played its part.

We were particularly blessed on Tuesday morning; clear skies and a calm day meant that the visit of the hot air balloon (courtesy of the team at the Headland Hotel) was particularly successful and the whole school were able to learn how a hot air balloon works before witnessing the spectacle of it being inflated and rising a short way off the ground. I should point out that this visit is the latest in what has developed into a long line of 'experiences' for the Nursery class. When they began their topic of 'transport' with the opportunity to look around Mrs Banks' car earlier in the year, we could not have dreamt that the project would grow to include sports cars, minibuses, tractors, lorries and hot air balloons. I am reliably informed that a horse and cart will be visiting soon and there is even the chance of a flyby from a helicopter in the weeks ahead. Should any of you have any suggestions for additional visits, please feel free to contact Mrs Banks.

Finally, on the topic of the weather, we will keep our fingers crossed that the predominantly dry spell will continue, especially for those competing in the cross-country at Polwhele House on Saturday morning.

As you will be aware from the previous Bulletin, this week is Neurodiversity Week and we have used our assemblies and tutor time to help educate and develop the children's understanding of how our brains work. Please see the information from our SENDCo, Mrs Waddling-Height, on [Page 6](#) of this Bulletin for further details.

Finally, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 5 and 6 children who performed in the Truro School concert at the Hall for Cornwall on Tuesday evening. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of the full Truro School community and to experience the impressive standard of musicianship on display. Amongst performances from acts including the Senior School Chamber Choir, the Cathedral Girl Choristers, solo pianists and the Jazz Band, the Prep School Choir and Year 5 'Sea shanties' were in lofty company; they certainly did not disappoint. The choir sang beautifully and the shanties were performed with unbridled enthusiasm! For those unable to attend, fear not; the Prep School summer concert is only a matter of weeks away.

With my thanks as always and best wishes to you all,

Mr Rob Morse  
Headmaster



## Monday 29 April - Friday 3 May 2024

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

### Monday 29 April

Football cup semi-final (A)

St Agnes School 3pm-5pm (ko 3.30pm)

### Wednesday 1 May

Year 5 depart for PGL Residential Trip

Beam House, Devon 10.30am

Year 6 boys' hardball cricket v Truro School  
U12s (H)

Truro Prep 2.30pm start

### Thursday 2 May

Chat with the Chaplain (6AG)

Conservatory/picnic area 10.20-10.40

6DG BMX cycling

BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

Year 5 at PGL Beam House

All day

### Friday 3 May

Year 5 PGL Beam House

Return to Prep 4.30pm

## Monday 6 May - Friday 10 May 2024

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

### Monday 6 May

Early May Bank Holiday

### Tuesday 7 May

Tech Cornwall workshop (selected pupils)

Truro Prep 10.40am-11.50am

### Wednesday 8 May

5LJ MFL cookery workshop

Truro School cookery department 10.40am-1pm

Year 6 girls' hardball cricket v Truro School  
U12s (H)

Truro Prep 2.30pm start

### Thursday 9 May

Chat with the Chaplain (6DG)

Conservatory/picnic area 10.20-10.40

LAMDA exams

Assembly hall 1.30pm-4.30pm

5LJ Sailing

Stithians reservoir 1.15pm-4.30pm

### Friday 10 May

LAMDA exams

Assembly hall 8.30am-5pm

Reception trip

Glendurgan Gardens, Falmouth 9.30am-2.30pm

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## Fun and Finds at the FTS Beach Clean

On a gloriously sunny afternoon, over 20 families and staff members from Truro School and Truro School Prep gathered for the annual FTS picnic and beach clean at Watergate Bay.

Led by Rob from Beach Guardian, our beach cleaning crew were provided with gloves, litter pickers and collection bags before they scoured the shoreline to recover buckets of waste including microplastics, glass and plastic bottles, a single 'Croc' and some pipe insulation.

Some of the more unusual finds included an old badge that might have been a 'collectable' from a cereal packet, an entire cuttlefish and a firework rocket (discovered in two parts).

To celebrate the buckets of waste that are no longer clogging our shorelines or entering our waters, each of the children was treated to a delicious ice cream as a thank you for their hard work.

Thanks to Rob and the Beach Guardian Team for their expert advice and support, Lynette and the FTS and all of the boarders, staff and families who joined in the afternoon.



## Getting A Taste for Languages in Year 5

This term, our Year 5 linguists are delving deeper into the culture around the languages they are learning by looking into the traditional foods associated with them.

Pupils in Year 5 study a different language each term, rotating around French, Spanish and German. In the summer term, each class then visits Truro School Cookery, for a cookery workshop based on that language.

On the menu for 5CD was German, with a delicious recipe for a spiced apple, cherry and sultana plait being made as a nod to the German strudel.

Not only is this a fantastic way to learn new vocabulary, it is also a wonderful opportunity for our Year 5s to experience the facilities and teaching at the Senior School, in this case, our state-of-the-art kitchen led by Mr Rosenthal. Future sessions will include French and Spanish cuisine, which we are confident will be equally as delicious.



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## Up, Up and Away in Nursery

Mrs Banks and the Nursery team took their transport topics to new heights with the arrival of a hot air balloon at Truro School Prep.

The Nursery children were first treated to a talk from Tilly and Rose's mum, Veryan Palmer, who is Hotel Director at the Headland Hotel where the balloon is kept. The children had previously read a story about a hot air balloon and had lots of questions that they needed to answer including, how many people can you fit into the balloon and how does it inflate?

Out on the field, the excited children were able to explore first-hand the different features of the balloon including the basket that carries passengers and the balloon envelope that inflates with air. Nursery were then joined by the rest of the Prep School and staff; many of whom had never seen a hot air balloon up close before.

Safely tethered to the ground, the burners were lit and the balloon was inflated, much to the delight of everyone present.

All of our pupils were simply ecstatic to be up close to such an incredible form of transport and we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Banks, Veryan, Pilot John Armstrong and the rest of the crew from the Headland Hotel. It was a truly memorable morning for all. You can view more lovely photos [here](#).



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## Triumphant Hall for Cornwall Concert

A heartfelt thank you to all the pupils and students who shared their musical journey with us at last night's Hall for Cornwall concert. With performances ranging from Peter Warlock's Capriol Suite and Chopin's Étude op.10 no.3 to hits from Foo Fighters and Abba, featuring pupils from Prep through to Upper Sixth, it was an eclectic and triumphant evening.

The evening began with a captivating performance from the Jazz Orchestra, accompanied by Lilly and Ella. The Prep Choir followed with a beautiful rendition of 'Icarus' by Paul Jarman. Year 5 pupils joined the choir for a playful performance of 'Haul Away Joe' and a beautifully orchestrated version of 'The Wellerman'.

Talented Upper Sixth student Finlay delivered a virtuoso piano solo, followed by an uplifting rendition of 'I Can See Clearly Now' by the 1st Year Girls. The audience was enchanted by the delightful voices of the Girl Choristers, with the Chamber Choir finishing the first half on a high note.

Members of the audience were welcomed back by the spectacular Wind Band, followed by the delightful performance of A-Level student Bryher. The Chamber Orchestra then performed a superb 'Capriol Suite' by Peter Warlock, followed by an enthusiastic rendition of 'Wonderwall' by the 1st Year Boys. The 4th Year Rock Band brought the show to a crescendo with their outstanding rendition of Foo Fighters' 'Learn to Fly'.

Mr Andy Johnson, Head, took to the stage to express his gratitude to Mr Richard Osmond, Director of Music, and his team for organising such a splendid evening and for shining the spotlight on our talented pupils.

A magnificent well done to everyone involved in making the evening such a success, and to all the musical performers! You can view more photos from the evening [here](#).



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## Neurodiversity Week

This week, Truro School Prep have been marking neurodiversity week and learning more about the meaning of this word. National Neurodiversity Celebration Week takes place on the 18th-22nd March and with World Autism Acceptance week falling on the 2-8th April (during the Easter break), we felt that the start of summer term would be a wonderful time to raise awareness of the diversity, strengths and differences within the world around us.

For the Prep pupils the week started with an assembly led by SENDCO, Mrs Waddling-Height, who introduced the word neurodiversity to the pupils and used the analogy of a woodland to educate the students on this term. She explained to the children that:

“Thinking about the way that in a woodland the trees are similar and different can help us think about the ways that people can be similar and different from one another. Just like there is no “right” or “wrong” kind of tree, there’s no right or wrong kind of person. Everyone belongs as a part of their community, just like all the trees belong together in the woods; Some of the trees need different conditions to grow and thrive and fulfil their potential.”

The children were shown this video to help understand neurodiversity and accepting differences: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOoASAnYvKc>

During Year 2-6 tutor time this week, pupils were able to learn more about neurodiversity and appreciating that everyone thinks, learns and processes information differently. Neurodiversity is all about recognising this and understanding that people’s brains work in different ways. In some cases, for example, if you are autistic or have ADHD or dyslexia, these differences can be more pronounced. It’s a good idea to talk to your child about these differences, to help them develop greater understanding of people who are different from themselves.



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## An Invitation for Years 3-6...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we will be hosting a 'Grandparents' Cream Tea Afternoon on Friday 24 May 2024 from 1.30pm to 3.00pm here at Truro School Prep.

The event will be open to grandparents of pupils in Years 3-6 and is a chance for our pupils to share their school and learning with their wider family members.

Alongside the Clarion message on this event, we ask that you please share the invitation with your child's grandparents and reply via by Monday 13 May using this link > <https://forms.office.com/e/AdVghR737V>

We understand that not every child will have a grandparent in attendance and we will ensure that this is treated with sensitivity. We will arrange a separate programme and 'treat' for all children who are not directly involved in the afternoon.

We will send further information to those who sign up nearer to the afternoon.

Many thanks for your support in helping us to host this event.

Kind regards,

Rob Morse,  
Headmaster



# Pre-Prep

## Achievements



### Our Learning This Week:

What a week, beautiful weather (to begin with), excited children and a hot air balloon! It was a fantastic start to the week for all our children in the Pre-Prep and many memories have been made by the visit of the hot air balloon.

We have picked up where we left off in our phonics groups and the children have impressed us all with their effort going into the final stretch of the school year.

After school clubs are now in full swing, and there is a broad range of activities for the children to enjoy, ranging from multi-Sports in Year 2 to watercolour in Reception.

There is much to look forward to this term with trips, visits, sporting events and more. Please do keep an eye on the school Bulletin and year group messages sent each week.

Mr. Keveren

### Class Dojo Winners KS1

Harper  
Theo R  
Matilda  
Neesha  
Edgar  
Albee

### Golden Table

Pink table

# Prep

## Achievements



### Music

Jenny 6DG has passed Grade 2 trombone practical with merit.

Jenny has also been awarded with the Sid Godolphin Memorial Cup for the Youngest Achieving Player of the Year as well as finishing in 3rd place in the U12 class of the Camborne Brass solo and quartet competition.

### Horseriding

Delilah 6AG won rosettes with her pony Magnus at the following competitions:

Colraine Equestrian Centre on Sunday 7th April

1st place: BS 80cm show jumping  
3rd place: BS 70cm show jumping

Cornwall Academy (area 51) on Saturday 13th April

1st place: 60cm show jumping  
4th place: 70cm show jumping

### Art - Gold Frame

**Ollie B 4LL:** for your fabulous use of colour on your stamp design.

**Barnaby 4SC:** for your skillfully painted and well-designed stamp.

**Audrey 4SC:** for your creative stamp design and excellent colour mixing.

**Fjola 4SC:** for your beautifully designed stamp and excellent colour mixing.

### Times Tables Challenge

**3ME:** Bobby, Malhar

**3SM:** Henry TC, Zander, Percy, Joseph, Christopher, Edward, Hugo, James, Theo

**6AG:** Rose

**6DG:** Mairi

**6JL:** Lexi, Gracie

### Times Tables Rockstars

#### Times Table Rock Star of the Week

Ella C Year 3

#### Top Rock Performers

Year 3: Teddy

Year 4: William S

Year 5: Matilda

Year 6: Edie

# Prep

## Achievements



### Reading awards

<b>Pullman Club (90 Books)</b>	5LJ: Isaac
<b>Rowling Club (100 Books)</b>	4LL: Harvey

### Cross Country

Coose Trannack Saturday 20th April

Congratulations to everyone who took part

- Jack 3ME: 2nd place Year 3 boys
- Mabel 3SM: 2nd place Year 3 girls
- Henry TC 3SM: 21st place Year 3 boys
- Edward 3SM: 8th place Year 3 boys
- Samuel 4SC: 8th place Year 4 boys

### Gymnastics

Violet-Rose 4SC finished in 4th place in the age 9 group at the Phoenix Gymnastics Club competition.





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# Wraparound

Each Monday morning the registration sign up will be cleared and then reopened for the following week's Wraparound care.

Please use this QR code or the Forms link to register for wraparound.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VZUiYbg1Ff>

