

19 APRIL 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children, both new and existing, back to Truro School Prep this week and to see so many smiling faces.

I am acutely aware that returning to school routine after some time in holiday mode can be extremely taxing for families (particularly early in the morning) but I can reassure you that the children have been extremely positive and happy during their time at school. This has naturally been helped by the sunshine and I will keep my fingers crossed for more of the same in the weeks ahead.

On this very note, I remind you of my words in my last two missives; namely to ensure that your child returns to school with named sunscreen and sun hat (plain blue and preferably of school design available from the school shop or online at [Uniform at Truro School | Independent School, Cornwall, UK](#) ).

Whilst term for the children resumed on Wednesday, the staff have been busy throughout the holidays and term started for them on Monday with a packed two days of Inset training. This included staff meetings and updates, departmental meetings, first aid training and a full day of Metacognition led by a visiting lecturer from the University of Bath.

Metacognition was naturally the focus for our start-of-term assemblies in both Prep and Pre-Prep and will remain a constant theme throughout the term and into the future. Mr. Goddard also featured in the Prep School assembly as he introduced a new TT Rock Stars competition, the details of which can be found in the Year 3 to 6 group Clarion messages and on [Page 6](#) of this Bulletin.

Looking outside of the School and towards our community and environment, this Sunday will see the Friends of Truro School hosting their annual beach clean on Watergate Bay. You are warmly invited to bring a picnic from noon and the beach clean starts at 2pm. The weather forecast looks promising and I hope that we will see many of you on the sands on Sunday.

With every good wish,

Mr Rob Morse  
Headmaster



## Monday 22 April - Friday 26 April 2024

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

### Celebrating Neurodiversity ALL WEEK

### Tuesday 23 April

Choir Concert Rehearsal  
Hall for Cornwall 9.50am-11.30am

Truro School Concert  
(all Year 5 pupils plus Prep Choir Hall for Cornwall 7pm start

### Wednesday 24 April

5CD MFL Cookery Workshop  
Truro School 10.40am-1pm

Learning Support Coffee Meeting  
Library 3pm-4pm

### Thursday 25 April

6DG BMX cycling  
BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

5LJ Sailing  
Stithians Reservoir 1.15pm-4.30pm

### Saturday 27 April

Year 3-6 mixed cross country  
(Please return consents for this event by Monday 22nd April at 4pm) Polwhele House School 9.30am-12pm

## Monday 29 April - Friday 3 May 2024

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

### 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

### Thursday 2 May

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

## NOTICES

### Spare Shoes

A reminder that children must have a change of shoes to wear when they are out on the field at break and lunchtimes. You may wish to bring in a pair of old, named trainers to be kept in their locker for this purpose.

### Name the Easter Bunny Competition

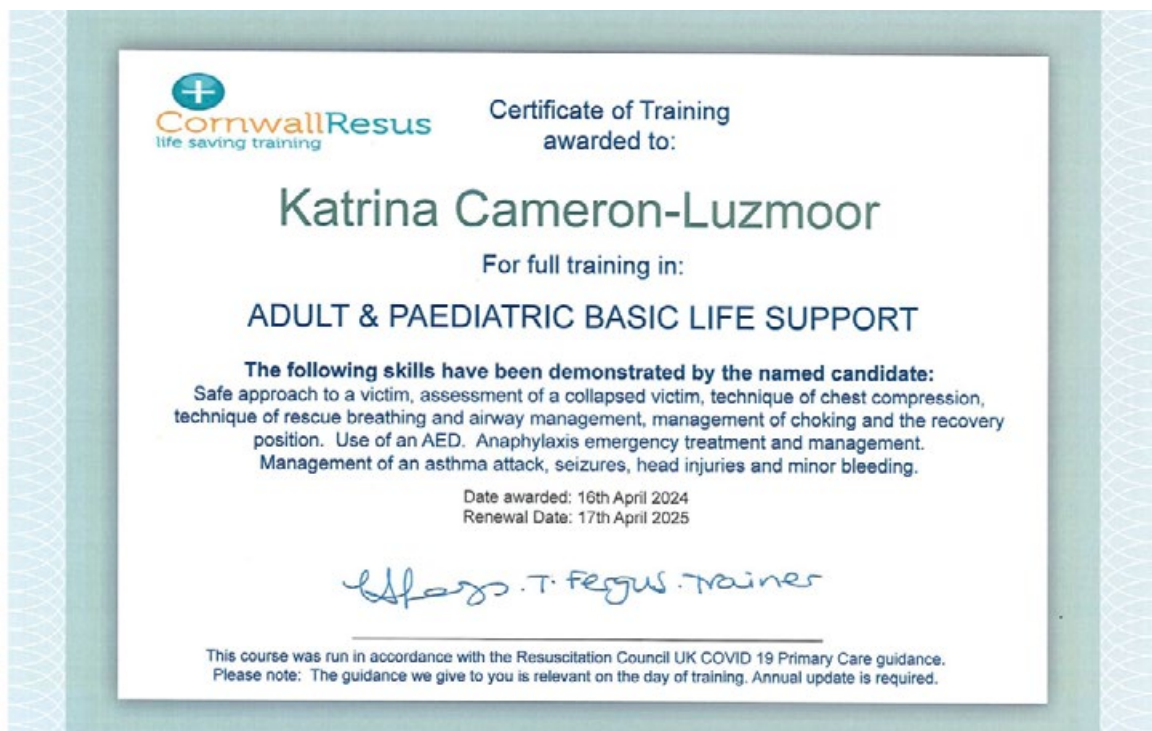
Thank you for helping us to raise £134 towards the Starlight Ward by donating in the Name the Bunny competition.

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## First Aid Updates

During our two days of inset ahead of welcoming the children back to school, staff at Truro School Prep welcomed Tabi and Amanda from CornwallResus for some bespoke First Aid Training.

We are delighted to announce that the whole of the Prep team are now qualified in Adult and Paediatric Basic Life Support. It was an extremely worthwhile day and provided valuable skills for providing first aid in schools.



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## A Sunny Start to Summer Term

We were happy to welcome back our Prep and Pre-Prep pupils this week, with some glorious sunshine to start the Summer Term. It was lovely to have the school site buzzing with activity again after the Easter break.

We look forward to sharing the goings on, from what promises to be a very busy term ahead with long awaited events including the Year 6 performance of 'Beauty and the Beast', Sports Day, the Year 5 Beam House trip, and the Year 6 Paris residential all taking place.



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## Courage and Confidence for Thursday Afternoon Activities

What a wonderful afternoon for our Year 5s and 6s to start their summer term of Thursday afternoon activities.

This term the groups will rotate around a plethora of activities including dance, gardening, water sports and learning about what it takes to be a sports leader.

6DG are in the saddle this term as they take on the challenge of BMX'ing at the BMX Centre in Blackwater. Each Year 6 class gets to experience this exciting sport, which teaches a range of skills including balance and coordination.

For many of our pupils, this is the first time they have attempted BMX'ing and, arriving at the centre, it can feel intimidating as they take in the course complete with hills and jumps.

It is always wonderful to see the courage our pupils show and their confidence growing as they learn how to navigate the course and soon look quite at home on their bikes. We look forward to sharing more from our different activities as the term progresses and you can view more lovely photos [here](#).



## Times Tables Rockstars Competition for Prep

In assembly on Wednesday 17 April, we launched the exciting 'Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) Turn Your Heat Map Dark Green,' competition.

This is a Prep School competition where children will aim to turn their heat maps dark green in 'Garage Mode' on TTRS. Here's an example of my TTRS heat map (clearly, I need to practice 3 x 5) ...

	10	2	5	3	4	8	6	7	9	11	12
10	10 x 10	10 x 2	10 x 5	10 x 3	10 x 4	10 x 8	10 x 6	10 x 7	10 x 9	10 x 11	10 x 12
2	2 x 10	2 x 2	2 x 5	2 x 3	2 x 4	2 x 8	2 x 6	2 x 7	2 x 9	2 x 11	2 x 12
5	5 x 10	5 x 2	5 x 5	5 x 3	5 x 4	5 x 8	5 x 6	5 x 7	5 x 9	5 x 11	5 x 12
3	3 x 10	3 x 2	3 x 5	3 x 3	3 x 4	3 x 8	3 x 6	3 x 7	3 x 9	3 x 11	3 x 12
4	4 x 10	4 x 2	4 x 5	4 x 3	4 x 4	4 x 8	4 x 6	4 x 7	4 x 9	4 x 11	4 x 12
8	8 x 10	8 x 2	8 x 5	8 x 3	8 x 4	8 x 8	8 x 6	8 x 7	8 x 9	8 x 11	8 x 12
6	6 x 10	6 x 2	6 x 5	6 x 3	6 x 4	6 x 8	6 x 6	6 x 7	6 x 9	6 x 11	6 x 12
7	7 x 10	7 x 2	7 x 5	7 x 3	7 x 4	7 x 8	7 x 6	7 x 7	7 x 9	7 x 11	7 x 12
9	9 x 10	9 x 2	9 x 5	9 x 3	9 x 4	9 x 8	9 x 6	9 x 7	9 x 9	9 x 11	9 x 12
11	11 x 10	11 x 2	11 x 5	11 x 3	11 x 4	11 x 8	11 x 6	11 x 7	11 x 9	11 x 11	11 x 12
12	12 x 10	12 x 2	12 x 5	12 x 3	12 x 4	12 x 8	12 x 6	12 x 7	12 x 9	12 x 11	12 x 12

No data   0 - 1s   1 - 2s   2 - 3s   3 - 4s   4 - 5s   5 - 6s   6 - 7s   7 - 8s   8 - 9s   9 - 10s   > 10s

For every full times table that is complete, your child will receive 1 raffle ticket. For example, when all the 10 x tables turn dark green, a raffle ticket will be awarded. If your child manages to turn their whole grid dark green, they will receive 4 bonus tickets. Turning a heat map dark green means that your child can answer a particular times table question in less than a second, which is fantastic!

On Friday 10th May, there will be a grand prize draw in celebration assembly, where raffle tickets will be pulled from a hat and the winners will from each year group will receive prizes.

The best way to practice on TTRS is little and often, so if your child could practice on 'Garage Mode' for 5 – 10 minutes a day, it will have a massive impact on their times table fluency, confidence in maths, and all-round maths ability.

If your child already has some times tables that are fully dark green, then they can already win raffle tickets. The Maths team can look at children's individual heat maps, but please feel free to screen shot any progress your children have made in turning their heat maps dark green and send it to their Maths teacher!

Thanks, and good luck everyone,  
Mr Goddard

# Pre-Prep

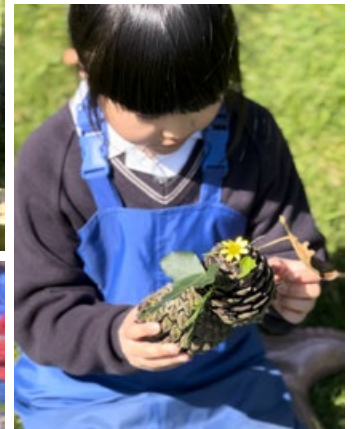
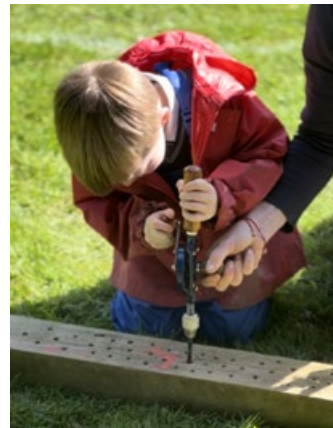
## Achievements



### Our Learning This Week:

It has been lovely to welcome the children into the Pre-Prep and they were excited to see the many dramatic changes to our Pre-Prep building. The carpet has been completely replaced in the corridors and our assembly hall, the site team have also replaced the fence around the front of the Pre-Prep playground and we have a wonderful new presentation screen in the hall. Whilst it may have been a shorter week, the children have quickly got up to speed and they have come back with wonderful enthusiasm. Learning has commenced at a rapid rate (both in and out of the classroom) and the staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children have a wide range of activities that engage and interest them.

We have also made the most of the weather and the children have used the entire site for their learning - it has been wonderful to see! With the sun hopefully remaining with us, please can we remind you of Mr Morse's request for you to send children in with hats, sunscreen and water bottles to help them make the very most of their school day.



## News & Information for Parents

### Helping your child learn to read

One of the most valuable gifts you can give your child is the ability to read. Reading opens up new worlds, enhances creativity, and is fundamental to academic success. As educators, we understand that teaching your own child to read can sometimes feel like a daunting task, especially if you're unsure where to start. That's why we are here to offer some helpful tips and strategies to support you in this journey.

#### **1. Start Early**

Reading to your child from an early age sets the foundation for literacy. Even infants benefit from hearing the cadence and rhythm of language. Make reading a part of your daily routine, whether it's a bedtime story or a quiet moment during the day.

#### **2. Create a Reading Environment**

Surround your child with books. Make sure they have access to a variety of reading materials, including picture books, storybooks, and age-appropriate magazines. Visit the library regularly and let your child choose books that interest them.

#### **3. Be a Reading Role Model**

Children learn by example, so let them see you reading for pleasure. Whether it's a novel, a newspaper, or a recipe, demonstrate that reading is a pleasurable and valuable activity. Discuss what you're reading and share your enthusiasm for books.

#### **4. Make it fun**

Reading should be enjoyable, not a chore. Encourage your child to explore different genres and topics that interest them. Use props, puppets, and voices when reading aloud to make the story come alive. Consider incorporating games and activities that promote literacy, such as word puzzles, scavenger hunts, or storytelling.

#### **5. Follow their Lead.**

Every child learns at their own pace, so be patient and supportive. Pay attention to your child's interests and reading level, and choose books that are appropriate for them. Celebrate their progress and provide plenty of praise and encouragement along the way.

#### **6. Practice, Practice, Practice.**

Like any skill, reading requires practice. Set aside time each day for independent reading or reading together as a family. Encourage your child to read aloud to you, and take turns reading with them. Ask questions to check their understanding and help them make connections between the text and their own experiences.



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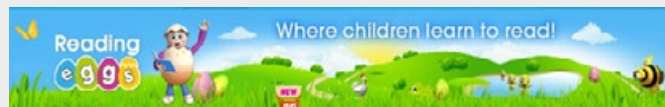
### 7. Utilise Technology.

In today's digital age, there are countless resources available to support literacy development. Consider using educational apps, audiobooks, and interactive e-books to supplement traditional reading materials. Just be sure to monitor screen time and choose high-quality, age-appropriate content.

Remember, teaching a child to read is a journey that requires time, patience, and persistence. By fostering a love of reading and providing support along the way, you're helping to unlock a world of opportunities for your child. Together, we can empower our children to become lifelong readers and learners.

Some websites you might find useful are.....

[readingeggs.co.uk](https://readingeggs.co.uk)



[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

**OXFORDOWL**

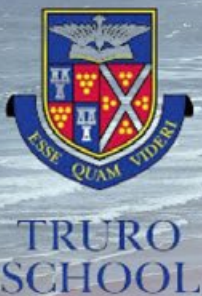
# Friends of Truro School Invite You to the Big Beach Picnic...

Date: 21/04/2024 @ 12pm  
Location: Watergate Bay

## & Family Beach Clean

from 2pm @Watergate Bay

**CALLING ALL  
VOLUNTEERS! BRING A  
PICNIC, EAT AND HAVE  
FUN, THEN STAY AND  
HELP TO KEEP OUR  
BEAUTIFUL BEACHES  
CLEAN AND PROTECT  
OUR MARINE LIFE BY  
TAKING PART IN OUR  
BEACH CLEAN WITH  
BEACH GUARDIAN!**





# TRURO SCHOOL CONCERT

TUESDAY 23 APRIL | AT 7PM



Truro School make a return to Cornwall Playhouse for an early Summer Term Concert. The programme will include high-quality pupil soloists as well as chamber ensembles of both a classical and popular nature. The highlight will be a medley of songs performed by a mixed choir of pupils and staff with orchestral accompaniment, together with the Year 5s and 1st Years from the Prep and Senior Schools: a night not to be missed!

<https://www.hallforcornwall.co.uk/whats-on/truro-school-concert/>

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# 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 26th April: Prep Dining Hall**

**from 8.45 am**



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## An Evening of Invention at Royal Cornwall Museum

May 30th  
4.30pm to 6pm  
entry free

Join us for an evening of art, science, and revolutionary engineering. Royal Cornwall Museum, Agile Rabbit and Cabaret Mechanical Theatre bring you a series of talks, workshops, stalls, and key speakers.

The event is for all curious minds with an interest in science, art, and engineering, and is especially suitable for those aged 13 – 25 and their families. Refreshments and chill out zone available.

More info and to book a space here:  
<https://www.agile-rabbit.com/event/evening-of-invention/>



**Spring at the Museum**  
The Marvellous Mechanical Museum  
Truro School Art Collection  
Spotlight on Cornish Minerals  
And more...