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Truro School Nursery



Foundations for the Future

A welcome from the Early Years Coordinator

At Truro School Nursery, we offer a curriculum that is both creative and challenging. Our children benefit from highly qualified and experienced teachers who provide the freedom to explore, learn and enjoy our beautiful outside spaces.

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KATE



The building blocks to your child's education

Located within the grounds of Willday House, our setting is a safe and secure environment where learning comes to life. From the core academics of speaking, reading and writing, to the wider aspects of education, such as self-confidence and self-awareness, Truro School Nursery is a place where children flourish in all areas.

I look forward to meeting you in person and building the foundations for your child's future.

Kate Williams, Early Years Coordinator

A running start to education

Truro School Nursery accepts pupils from the age of three, allowing your child to get one-step ahead in their development by starting school early.

Learning through play

As an independent school, we have the freedom to create our own curriculum, one that nurtures and challenges young minds. When it comes to lessons, our specialist teachers always have something fun up their sleeves. From foraging in our Enchanted Garden as part of a maths lesson, to learning basic words in German through childhood classic The Hungry Caterpillar, your child will quickly develop a lifelong love of learning.

Experiencing school life from the age of three presents your child with a great opportunity to stay one step ahead of the field.

An all-round education

We believe that an all-round approach to education is essential in helping every child thrive. It is for this reason that we teach a balanced curriculum in Truro School Nursery. As well as developing your child's speaking, reading, writing and numerical skills, we place equal emphasis on the wider aspects of education including self-confidence, social skills and managing feelings.

Specialist Early Years teachers and experienced staff

Our highly experienced teachers are specialists in Early Years education to degree level, ensuring that your child receives the best start to their educational journey.

When we say experienced, we really mean it

Heading up the Nursery classes are Ms Williams and Mrs Banks, both of whom are fully qualified schoolteachers with BEd Hons degrees in Education.

Ms Williams previously worked as a teacher for 25 years, as well as holding roles as a Deputy Head and SEND Coordinator at an Ofsted Outstanding Nursery for seven of those years before joining Truro School in 2016.

Mrs Banks has been working within education for 18 years, spending 12 of those years in an early years setting.



Understanding how your child learns best

Both Ms Williams and Mrs Banks are specially trained to identify your child's preferred learning style, adapting their teaching as appropriate. Small class sizes further empower our teachers to help every pupil grow, maximising each child's strengths and dedicating time to get to know their individuality.



Ms Williams



Mrs Banks

Expanding horizons through specialist activities

Sharing the same secure woodland estate as our Prep School, Truro School Nursery pupils enjoy some very different learning experiences.

Weekly Swimming Lessons

We make great use of the school's heated indoor swimming pool. Learning to swim is all part of our unique curriculum with pupils making a splash every week. Our aim is for every child to swim 5 metres independently by the time they finish Nursery.

Forest School Lessons

We are proud to have outstanding Forest School provision and facilities, with three distinctive areas. Weekly adventures led by a specialist Forest School teacher allow pupils to learn at their own pace by developing curiosity in the world around them, which in turn feeds back into their learning in the classroom.



German

Guten Tag! Truro School Nursery pupils discover the concept of languages at the youngest of ages by learning basic German. This all takes place before progressing on to learn French in Reception with our specialist language teachers.

Cookery

Making a mess in cookery is an essential part of stimulating creativity, whilst also learning about the importance of good hygiene. From scones to cookies, fairy cakes to flapjacks, our Nursery pupils love putting on their aprons and making delicious treats.

Music

Last but not least, music is a prominent feature of life at Truro School Nursery. Mrs Banks is a passionate musician who regularly brings learning to life with toe-tapping jingles and opportunities for song and dance.

A sense of belonging

Upon joining the Nursery, you and your child will be embraced by the Truro School Community.

Belonging through uniform

The concept of all ages wearing uniform fosters a sense of belonging to the wider school community. Wearing uniform helps Nursery pupils settle in and adjust to their new, inclusive school environment, particularly when they see other children in the same clothes.

Furthermore, as your child develops through the Nursery, they will aspire to be like the older pupils they see wearing uniform around Willday House. During assemblies and supervised sessions, they will spend time with the older year groups who act as positive role models under the guidance of teachers.



Community events

The Friends of Truro School, a committee run by parents, host family events throughout the year including hog roasts, quiz nights, seasonal fairs and more. Whether you are new to the county or you have roots in Cornwall, there are abundant opportunities to socialise and meet other members of the community.

Comprehensive wraparound care

Our daily breakfast, lunch and supper clubs allow parents to enjoy flexible working hours and ease the pressure on busy family schedules.

Healthy, cooked meals

We understand the importance of good, healthy food to your child's well-being, which is why we believe school food should be interesting, exciting and diverse. Our in-house chefs prepare seasonal, nutritious and tasty food every day, using local and organic produce where possible. All dietary needs are catered for, with our menus approved by an independent nutritionist to ensure healthy combinations

Early birds breakfast

In the morning, your child can enjoy an Early Birds facility from 7.45am. Here they will receive a delicious healthy breakfast and excellent care until school starts. Parents are also welcome to sit with their child for breakfast.

After school care until 6.15pm

After lessons finish each day, Nursery pupils can play in Tea Club from 3.45pm until 5.30pm. Here they are served a drink, fresh fruit and a snack such as sandwiches or cream crackers to keep them going.

Supper Club follows which is a particular bonus to busy parents. Running between 5.30pm and 6.15pm, your child can enjoy another nutritious hot meal alongside their friends - a nice social occasion for them and a little bit less for you to worry about.

Guaranteed place in Reception Year

After finding their feet in Truro School Nursery, your child will be guaranteed entry to Reception Year.

A seamless transition

Continuity in a child's educational journey is a hugely important factor in helping them prosper, both academically and socially. It is for this reason that all Nursery pupils walk an unbroken pathway into Reception Year. At the end of Nursery, you will take priority over new applicants entering Reception Year - no waiting list for your son or daughter.



A smooth start to Reception Year

Having already dressed in school uniform and gradually adapted to the school day during their time in the Nursery, your child will start Reception Year with excitement, not nerves. First-day jitters will be a thing of the past as they race off to see friends they have missed over the summer holidays.

PUPIL PROFILE

Charlie

Learning through play

My best friends are Issac and William and Freddie and Hugo. We like to play, play, play, play and play. We just love playing!

Learning to swim

I have learnt to swim. I like it when we play *Splash Splash* - we have to jump in the water and then... splash! I can also swim underwater.

Endless opportunities

The other day we made scones and we made them with Baker Tom. We were spreading the jam, and then we squished it and made a scone. I ate mine at home.

Teaching empathy and respect

We like to play with everybody. We learn about counting and sharing. I won *Star of The Week*. I won by doing a nice thing; I shared our game.

We just love playing!

CHARLIE

Parents' View

Truro School Prep was always going to be our No.1 choice for Charlie. Already familiar with the school (family members and good friends having attended over the years), we found the initial taster days and settling sessions the perfect way to introduce Charlie to the new world of structured learning and education. As parents, it was reassuring to be invited and shown around the different classrooms, showcasing the superb facilities and variety of activities available to the children.

Relationships between staff and children are lovely to see; there's a real connection and understanding of individual pupils, as staff are warm, welcoming, friendly, approachable and they ensure interaction with a good sense of fun!

Charlie has settled brilliantly at the school, exceeding our expectations in his Nursery year - his confidence and enthusiasm to learn and understand has grown remarkably, and his love of music and sport has amazed us all. He's a happy little boy, who's hopefully making life-long friendships in a positive, safe, supportive and encouraging environment, allowing him to grow and develop both academically and physically, but also emotionally and creatively. Without doubt, the school is an excellent investment in Charlie's future, providing a balanced, grounded and stable foundation to the start of his exciting and successful school life. We couldn't be happier.

Anthea and Ed

Charlie's Mum and Dad

PUPIL PROFILE

Aria

Nurturing creativity

I made pancakes! Wiggle and a whisk, wiggle and a whisk, and pour. I put sugar in it to keep it fresh.

Keeping active

We do games (PE) in the sports hall. We like to chase people and run around.

Forest school learning

In forest school today we had marshmallows. We were holding them by the fire and we ate them.

Freedom to enjoy a proper childhood

I love the mud kitchen. We make mud pies. We use mud and water. I get very muddy.

I love the mud kitchen!

ARIA

Parents' View

It was highly likely that we were going to choose Truro School for Aria's education, purely based on facilities and class sizes. One visit to the school confirmed our decision.

Whilst having a look around Aria let go of our hands, ran into the classrooms and started investigating what the older children were doing. It was a lovely surprise when she was received with warmth and smiles from not only the teachers but the children as well - we then knew that it was the school for her.

We decided to stagger Aria's attendance for Nursery ending in four days for the summer term which we feel worked very well for us all. Aria has really enjoyed the fantastic variety in the daily activities on offer with cooking being her new found passion.

As slightly neurotic, over-protective parents letting go didn't prove easy but the 'walking away' moment is made much easier when you see the teachers treating your child with warmth and compassion. Also, Aria telling us in her first week that she was happy and having fun was a very comforting moment.

The school as a whole really does feel like a welcome oasis. The sense of security we get and the happy environment that Aria is clearly thriving in make us just hope for many more years in which she says she can't wait to get to school.

Vicky and Mike

Aria's Mum and Dad

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