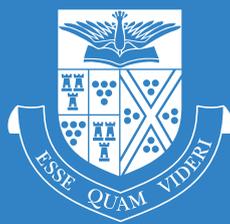
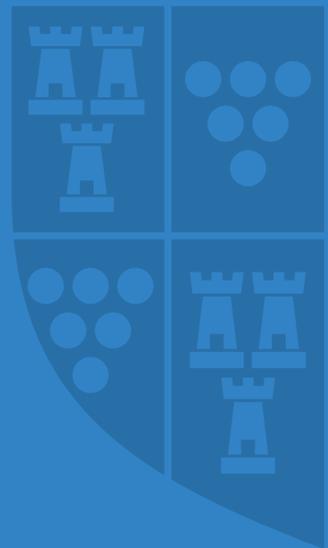


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**TRURO**  
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PROSPECTUS



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# Truro School Prep & Nursery

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TO BE, RATHER THAN TO SEEM TO BE

**TRURO  
SCHOOL**  
**PREP**



*“My children love their school  
and find it a happy place  
where they feel they belong.”*

PARENT



# A welcome from THE HEAD OF PREP

A very warm welcome from all of us here at Truro School Prep. We are committed to nurturing every child in our care, instilling in them confidence and a sense of self-worth, as well as providing the opportunities for all to discover and develop their natural abilities and talents.

We provide a broad range of challenging educational experiences involving the humanities, arts, technology and sport, as well as a strong grounding in the core academic subjects. Coupled with our curriculum is the promoting of values: integrity, honesty and respect for others. This takes place in a stunning setting, with superb facilities, driven by a dedicated team of excellent teachers and staff.

We hope that you enjoy reading through our prospectus which we believe catches the sentiment of our school. However, the best way to get a feel for our school is to visit us in person, and we would be very pleased to welcome you to one of our open events or for a private tour.



SARAH PATTERSON,  
HEAD OF TRURO SCHOOL PREP

Nurturing,  
friendly,  
happy.

The words most frequently  
used to describe our school –  
**PARENTS' SURVEY**



“The school is supporting the development of my child both socially and academically.”

PARENT

# Our Approach

Founded by Methodists in Cornwall in 1880 our School is a welcoming community in which children and adults can flourish, thrive and be happy. They enjoy being and becoming the very best of themselves.

Our community and its culture reflect our Methodist foundation and our ongoing evolution in an inspiring Cornish setting. In an ever-changing world, we support and challenge young people to thrive – personally, spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. We value our pupils in the diversity of their identities, beliefs, abilities, talents, interests, backgrounds, and needs. The happiness, energy and wellbeing of our community shapes and inspires who we are and who we can become.

*Esse Quam Videri*

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From Nursery through to Sixth Form, the values our community nurtures are:

## CURIOSITY

to always want to discover and learn more, academically and more widely too

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## CONFIDENCE

to build resilience by learning from both successes and failures alike

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## COMPASSION

to understand and champion the needs of others, in our community and beyond

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## CREATIVITY

to be imaginative in how we express ourselves and approach new challenges

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## COURAGE

to enjoy becoming the very best of who we are, with integrity and ambition



“Truro School is fantastic and every time I am there I feel grateful that we are able to send our child to such a positive and supportive school.”

PARENT



# Nursery

## AGES 3-4

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

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 playing in our Enchanted Garden as part of a maths lesson to learning basic words in German through childhood classics such as *The Hungry Caterpillar*, your child will quickly develop a lifelong love of learning, both in and out of the classroom.

Located within the secure grounds of Willday House, our setting is a safe environment where learning comes to life. We believe that an all-round approach to education is essential in helping every child thrive, from the core academics of speaking, reading and writing, to the wider aspects of education, such as self-confidence and managing feelings. Our nursery is a place where children flourish in all areas.





## Pre-Prep

### AGES 4-7

Our Reception to Year 2 classrooms are situated in their own purpose-built building. It is an extremely happy, stimulating and secure environment for our youngest pupils to make their first steps into education whilst being able to enjoy the wonderful facilities used by the rest of the school such as the swimming pool, the woods, the sports hall and sports field and the outdoor classroom.

In the earlier years, the emphasis is very firmly on ensuring the happiness and wellbeing of every pupil and on nurturing their individual talents. Through small class sizes, a broad and dynamic curriculum and high academic standards, we seek to develop confidence, emotional resilience and intellectual curiosity in each and every child, essential for the development of a lifelong love of learning.

There are two classes in every year group from Reception to Year 2 and we offer excellent pupil/teacher ratios with highly

trained support staff working within each year group. We are proud to offer additional Early Years and Key Stage 1 teaching in forest school, PE, swimming, French, music and drama.

We encourage good manners, respect and courtesy towards others and provide excellent pastoral care, enabling our pupils to make positive relationships and to be motivated to rise to the challenges of each new stage in their learning.





# Prep

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### BROADENING HORIZONS WITH THE PREP DIPLOMA

We strongly believe that many of the less commonly assessed aspects of education are as important as the core academic subjects in the development of well-balanced, confident young people. Our Prep Diploma Curriculum therefore reflects achievement in six broad areas of learning and experience, including core academic subjects (English, maths and science), humanities (geography, history and religious education), performing arts (music and drama), creative arts (design technology and art) and sport, outdoor activity and life skills (ICT, foreign languages, cooking and first aid).

This widening of the curriculum allows for a more holistic approach to primary education, with pupils assessed throughout their daily activities as well as organised activity days during their final year.

### SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Between Years 3-6, pupils' learning is accelerated with the addition of specialist subject teachers. These subject-based teachers are first introduced in Year 3, with pupils slowly decreasing the time they spend with their main class teacher. Subject professionals are used in all lessons from Year 4 onwards.

### PERSONALISED SUPPORT

Our highly experienced teaching staff and small class sizes allow us to fully understand how individuals learn best, providing outstanding progression and personalised support based on individual needs.

“Pupils demonstrate a great depth of understanding across the curriculum. They possess a strong, secure knowledge in many subjects and are able to apply such knowledge extremely well.”

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE





# Beyond the curriculum

As part of our commitment to educating and developing the whole child, we recognise the importance of providing a wide range of co-curricular activities to appeal to every taste, talent and ability. These opportunities are fundamental to ensuring your son or daughter discovers their hidden gifts, developing a sense of individuality and a confidence in their own abilities.

### PARTICIPATION FOR ALL

Through a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs and activities we offer every child the chance to participate, regardless of their ability. There really is something for every child, and our diverse co-curricular programme allows our pupils to try something new, with the ultimate aim of instilling in our pupils a healthy, lasting enjoyment of life.

### FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS

Apart from providing a plethora of opportunities for pupil development, the extensive list of clubs and activities on offer during the mornings and after school relieves some of the stress on busy parents, allowing them to work flexibly, safe in the knowledge that their child is happy. Despite this it usually works the other way around, with pupils urging their parents to stay late at work so that they can attend an evening activity.





# Performing arts

Drama and music make a significant contribution to life at Truro School Prep, with the performing arts regarded as an important opportunity for children to have fun, gain confidence and develop their talents, whether working together or as individuals.

## MUSIC

All children in Years 3-6 receive two lessons of class music per week. In Year 4, all children learn an instrument as part of their music lessons. Specialist instrumental teaching staff lead these lessons with small groups of pupils focusing on strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. Instrumental tuition is also available on a large range of musical instruments and voice. Young musicians take great pride in playing for one of our many instrumental groups, including the Orchestra, Brass Group and Samba Band.

We believe that all children should be given the opportunity to develop a love of singing and we encourage children of all ages and abilities to stand up and perform at our many concerts.

We are also very proud of our relationship with Truro Cathedral; the Boy Choristers of Truro Cathedral Choir are all educated at Truro School Prep before completing their final two years in the choir at our Senior School. Our Boy Choristers have earned an international reputation for outstanding quality, performing not only in Truro Cathedral but beyond.

## DRAMA

Drama is highly valued at Truro School Prep. All pupils in Years 3-6 receive a weekly drama lesson from experienced drama teachers as part of the curriculum. Pupils are also given the opportunity to further their abilities with LAMDA speech and drama examinations.

Each year group performs an annual drama production in which all pupils are given the opportunity to ignite their performance skills, gain confidence and learn key communication skills.

A highlight of the calendar is the Year 6 play, in which the whole of Year 6 perform on the Senior School's Burrell Theatre stage in front of a large audience; the standards of acting and singing are always highly praised.





## Sport, outdoor activity and life skills

Each week we dedicate time within the curriculum for sport, outdoor activity and life skills. Pupils in Reception-Year 2 have weekly lessons for PE and swimming, and in Years 3-6 they have three lessons a week, combining sport and outdoor adventures with a diverse range of activities, including lifesaving, cookery and dance.

In addition, pupils are encouraged to join in with our extensive range of sporting clubs and activities outside of the curriculum.

**PARTICIPATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP**  
Blessed with outstanding sporting facilities as well as a group of experienced and enthusiastic coaches, we take great pride in offering a broad range of sporting opportunities for all pupils to try, regardless of their ability.

We place an emphasis on participation and sportsmanship, with the ultimate aim of instilling in our pupils a healthy, life-long enjoyment of sport.

A comprehensive and competitive fixture list runs in across all major sports for Years 3-6, all year round, providing opportunities at every level. Pupils of all abilities are encouraged to participate and the high standard of coaching helps all pupils to reach their full potential.

### JOHN MUIR AWARD

In Year 5, pupils are given the incredible opportunity of completing the discovery level of the John Muir Award alongside their curriculum. The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. From cycling along the coast-to-coast trail to exploring Bodmin Moor or cleaning our beaches, it encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment, with a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration.

A group of five young girls in school uniforms are clapping and laughing outdoors. They are wearing dark blue blazers and plaid skirts. The background is a soft-focus green landscape with trees. The text is positioned in the upper right corner of the image.

“I would just like to express my gratitude for all of the help the children have received over the years. It’s been lovely to see them blossom. They have always wanted to go to school and as a parent you can’t ask for more than that!”

PARENT



# A safe and happy environment

Happiness plays a fundamental role in enjoying a proper childhood. It is for this reason that we are a caring and supportive community known for our outstanding pastoral care and trusting partnerships with pupils and parents.

Our team are committed not only to preparing your child for the next stage of their education but also to recognising each child as a unique and special individual, providing emotional and spiritual development in an environment in which they feel safe and supported.

Alongside high-quality teaching and learning, our pastoral care ensures the success and personal development of each pupil so that they can flourish socially and academically and grow to be comfortable in their own skin.

Our Methodist roots guide us to become a place of mutual trust and respect, one in which, through traditional values, good manners and support, our pupils are encouraged to respect other people and the world around them. Our friendly chaplain holds regular one-to-one sessions with pupils and a school counsellor is on hand for additional support if needed.

### PSHEE

During their time at Truro School Prep, pupils learn more about the world through our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) programme. The various year groups learn age-relevant information about topics such as relationships, how to keep safe when using IT, and what to do if a classmate looks unhappy. Topics are further reinforced with themed assemblies, visitor sessions, day excursions and trips.

“Truro School makes huge efforts to support the children and genuinely cares for their welfare and progress.”

PARENT





## Settling in

Starting a new school can be a little daunting for any child. We enable a smooth transition by running a number of activities in the summer term for new starters. This means that your son or daughter can make new friends in a more relaxed atmosphere before they start the academic year at Truro School Prep.

Taster days are also available throughout the year, allowing your child to dip their toes in the water before jumping straight in. A typical taster day will shadow a normal day's timetable and is likely to include at least one core subject alongside a range of lessons in PE, art, music or drama. During the day, your child will be buddied with a peer pupil who will guide them through their activities, keeping them company at break and lunch times and showing them around the school grounds.

### AND MOVING ON...

As your child approaches the end of their time at Prep, we provide a range of opportunities for you and your child to experience the Senior campus and everything we have to offer there. We start this process in Year 5, continuing throughout Year 6, with pupils visiting the Senior School for some lessons and co-curricular activities, including using the science labs, theatre and sports facilities.

We also arrange a number of taster sessions, induction days and pastoral / SEN handovers to ensure a seamless transition at this potentially daunting time.

“My team and I are here to make sure that the welfare of your child is monitored each and every day. I look forward to meeting you in the near future to discuss your child's seamless introduction to Truro School Prep.”

MAGGIE ISSAKA,  
HEAD OF PASTORAL CARE



# Next steps

We are proud of our nurturing, friendly and happy environment and we welcome the opportunity to share this with you and your family and answer any questions that you may have.

### CONTACT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Our admissions team are on hand to answer any questions that you may have relating to your child's entry. They are also pleased to provide you with details about our upcoming open events and arrange private tours.

+44 (0)1872 243 120  
prepadmissions@truroschool.com

### ATTEND AN OPEN EVENT

Our annual open morning is a great opportunity to talk to our pupils and staff and learn more about our passion for delivering an education with balance, breadth and wellbeing. You will also be able to join in a range of fun activities, view our pupils' work and explore the school's excellent range of facilities.

We are also pleased to welcome parents for a tour of the school at mutually convenient times throughout the year. These tours are a great way to witness the school in action and to soak up the atmosphere.

### COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM

The first step in the process for any admission is to complete and return the registration form. With certain year groups nearing or at capacity, we are happy to answer any queries relating to our registration process. Applications for future years are very welcome; they will be acknowledged and parents will continue to receive updates until detailed information is required about the entry process.

We look forward to hearing from you.





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