



TRURO  
SCHOOL  
PREP

# Friday Bulletin

11 NOVEMBER 2022: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term for our very exciting run up to Christmas. I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term break; I've heard many stories of fantastic holidays and adventures from the children as they have returned this week.

Year 6 had a fantastic day on Wednesday in St Ives exploring the delights of the Tate and the Barbara Hepworth Museum and, as is becoming a tradition, they managed to find a dry day amidst days of torrential rain.



In preparation for Remembrance Day, in assemblies this week we have reflected on and remembered all those who have suffered and lost their lives as a result of war. We learnt about why the poppy is used as the symbol of remembrance and expressed our gratitude for the actions of others that have led to the peace that we have experienced in Britain for many years. It has also been a time to think of those who are still living in conflict and experiencing war in different parts of the world.

This morning, at 11.00am on the 11th day of the 11th month, we held our annual act of remembrance where we all gathered by our flagpole and laid a wreath as a sign of respect. Please see page 6 of this bulletin to see some more lovely photos.

During the service, we heard the words of Laurence Binyon:

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

I am looking forward to seeing you this evening for drinks in the Dining Hall with Rob Morse from 5pm. You are more than welcome to put your child into Supper Club until 6:15pm, where they will be able to watch a film with their friends.

Wishing you all a restful weekend with your families.

Best regards,

Mr James Frewer  
Head of Prep



# Calendar

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## SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER

CANCELLED U10 Rugby tournament @ Queens College Taunton (A)

## MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

U11 Football League Match @ Archbishop Benson (A) 3.20pm-16.50

## TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

U8 & U9 mixed cross-country @ Polwhele (H)  
2.30pm

## WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Year 6 House Captain visit to Truro Foodbank  
U10 & U11 mixed cross-country @ Polwhele (H)  
2.30pm

## THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

6AG swimming at Truro School Pool 1.30pm-  
3.30pm

## FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

## SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Truro School of Witchcraft and Wizardry Year 6  
activity day @ TS 9.15am- 3.15pm

CANCELLED Judo Competition

## MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

*Please note that some details may change –  
please check for updates*

## MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

## TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

## WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

U10 & U11 girls' hockey v Plymouth College @  
Marjons, Plymouth 11.50-17.30 (2.15pm ko)

U10 & U11 South West Rugby festival: Plymouth,  
Exeter School, Exeter Cathedral School, St  
Josephs (tbc), Mount Kelly, St Hilary (H) 13.30-  
15.30

## THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER

6JL swimming at Truro School Pool 1.30pm-  
3.30pm

## FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

FTS coffee morning (conservatory) 8.45

Y2 Cinema trip (Rotten Romans) 9.20-12.00

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## News of Chaplaincy Appointment for Sept 2023



Truro School is delighted to announce that Revd Helen Byrne will take up the post of School Chaplain in September 2023.

Helen is an Ordained Methodist Minister and Hospital Chaplain. Much of her work has focused on the wellbeing of children and young people, which equips her perfectly for this role.

Helen's warmth, energy, and creativity mean that she will offer strong continuity and build on the legacy of the current Chaplain, Revd Aubin de Gruchy. Aubin departs in Summer 2023 after 20 years of dedicated and compassionate service to the School and local Circuit. He will continue to work with the Methodist Independent Schools Trust as its Pastoral Visitor.

Helen's experience and understanding of wellbeing will also enable her to be a support and listening ear to staff, and her experience of mission and outreach will promote ever more engagement within the wider community and Methodist Circuit. Helen has a grounded, welcoming, and inclusive faith. She embraces opportunities to treat everybody as an individual and as an equal, respecting all beliefs, celebrating what we share in common, and encouraging us to continue building upon the Methodist foundation of our school. Helen is also a passionate singer, lover of music, the performing arts, and of the great outdoors.

Helen and her husband Dave have a deep-rooted love for Cornwall, where Helen's father was a Methodist minister when she was a child. They are excited to be moving here from Cheshire, along with Helen's university-aged daughters Rebekah and Hannah, and the family's adored pet dogs. Helen says, "I feel honoured to have been chosen to be the next Truro School Chaplain. When I visited, I found the school welcoming, warm, encouraging and inspiring. I look forward to joining the team and being a pastoral and spiritual support to the Truro School family."

Truro School Head, Mr Andy Johnson, said, "The role of Chaplain is pivotal and we are excited by the prospect of Helen joining our School. Helen will play a key role in maintaining and promoting the School's progressive and welcoming ethos and culture, grounded in our Methodist values. She will be an experienced and compassionate pastoral presence, building on an immensely strong legacy. I am delighted by this appointment, look forward to welcoming Helen, and take this opportunity to thank and commend Aubin for his very many years of utterly resolute support, care, and love for our community too."

Following ratification of the appointment at the next Methodist Conference, Helen will take up her post in September 2023. She will enjoy support from the wider group of Methodist school chaplains as well as the local Methodist Circuit, of which she will become a valued part.

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Dear Parent /Carer,

You may be aware that there is a growing movement in many schools to introduce the concept of school pets as a way of teaching and supporting children and providing a source of pleasure, therapy and learning.

This is an idea Truro Prep staff have talked about for quite a while and we are keen to have a school dog following on from the example set with Bumble and Maverick at the Senior School site. We are excited to be able to share with you that Tayto will soon be joining the Prep School community. Tayto belongs to Ms Simpson and is used to being with school children as he was a school dog in a previous setting.

## What are the benefits of a school dog?

There is strong evidence to support a wide range of benefits of therapy dogs in schools, including:

- **Cognitive** – companionship with a dog stimulates memory, problem solving and game playing, as well as encouraging expression.
- **Social** – a dog provides a positive mutual topic for discussion, encouraging participation and responsibility, wellbeing and focussed interaction with others.
- **Emotional** – a school dog improves self-esteem, acceptance from others and lifts moods, often provoking laughter and fun. Dogs can also help to teach compassion and respect for other living things as well as relieving anxiety.
- **Physical** – interaction with a pet reduces blood pressure, provides tactile stimulation, gives motivation to move and stimulates the senses.
- **Reading** – reading to dogs has been proven to help children develop literacy skills and build confidence, through both the calming effect the dog's presence has as well as the fact that a dog will listen to children read without being judgemental or critical!

Obviously, bringing an animal into school is not something to be approached lightly, both for the animal's sake and the sake of the children and adults in the school. We therefore wish to share relevant information with you prior to Tayto joining the school.

## How has the school prepared for Tayto?

- We have consulted other schools who already have therapy dogs to share good practice.
- We have updated the School's risk assessment based on our individual school premises and circumstances.
- Relevant staff have read the School's dog policy and completed appropriate paperwork.
- Tayto's vaccination, insurance and 'Pets as Therapy' certificates have been checked.
- Tayto has visited the school during half term to familiarise himself with the setting.
- Specific toileting areas have been allocated for Tayto to use. These areas are inaccessible to children and will be cleaned regularly.

## More details about Tayto and his involvement at Truro Prep.



Tayto is a 9 year old springer – collie cross. He regularly goes to the vet for yearly vaccinations, flea and worm treatment.

Tayto will be based in Ms Simpson's office which is separate from all classrooms. Children will only be able to interact with him under strict supervision and as long as parental permission has been given. Initially, he will only be in school on Wednesdays. When he is moving around the School, he will be on a lead and always either with Ms Simpson or another designated adult.

He will be introduced to the children during an assembly and we then hope he will be able to support children through nurture groups, reading groups, Forest School or individual sessions by invitation. Children will be guided through the

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rules for how to behave when near Tayto. Going forward we hope to provide a 'walk and talk' opportunity, again for small groups of children.

It is planned that Tayto's first time in school with the children will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Further considerations:

We are aware that some children (and adults) can be allergic to dog hair and understand that you may be concerned about this. We also recognise that some children may have a fear or phobia of dogs (or other animals). Whilst we can assure you that Tayto will not be able to 'roam' around the school freely and will only be in contact with children that want to work with him, it is still important to us to be aware of everyone's needs. Over a period of time, children who are fearful of dogs may be supported in approaching and handling Tayto and in gaining confidence in managing their fear. If you would like to request that your child(ren) either does not work with Tayto or come into contact with him, we would ask that you email Ms Simpson immediately so that we can make the appropriate accommodations. Finally, we are mindful that introducing a dog into the school setting should not be a distraction to the children's learning but rather for this to enhance our school ethos and the experiences we offer the children.

If you have any individual questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email Ms Simpson ([srs@truroschool.com](mailto:srs@truroschool.com)) or myself ([mi@truroschool.com](mailto:mi@truroschool.com)).

Kind regards  
M Issaka

## Be Dog Smart

### How to say hello to a dog...

It's important to remember that not all dogs will want to be stroked

**1** Approach slowly, calmly and quietly from the side of the dog.

Stay further than arm's reach away from the dog.



**2** Ask the owner if it is okay to stroke their dog. Wait for the owner to respond.

**If the owner says 'no':**  
Move away calmly and quietly.

**If the owner says 'yes':**  
Stand at the side of the dog calmly and quietly.  
Keep your arms by your sides.  
Say 'hello' quietly.  
Wait for the dog to approach you.



**3** If the dog does not approach you:  
Move away calmly and quietly.

**If the dog approaches you (and remains there):**  
Stay at the dog's side.  
Stroke them along their side or shoulder.  
Stroke slowly and gently in the direction of their fur.



**4** If the dog moves away at any point:  
Move away calmly and quietly.





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## Remembering the Fallen - Photos from Today's Service



## Shadows in STEM

Pre-Prep STEM club had a fascinating time yesterday when they learned all about light and dark and how they affect shadows and reflections. The group then watched a short clip of a shadow puppet show before discussing how they thought it worked.

To try out their ideas, they made their own shadow puppets, with designs from unicorns and fish to rockets and ghosts. They were all amazed by how their puppets transformed under torchlight, and the difference cutting shapes into their designs made, as they could not see any of the pencil drawings.



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## Rugby skills

Prep girls and boys have been making the most of the sunshine this week practising their rugby skills. Starting with some energetic agility teamwork training, they then went into smaller groups to practise passing and intercepting. Great work!



## Roman Mosaics

As an extension to their work on the Romans, Year 2 spent the afternoon in the Art Department working on their mosaic projects. This week, they were choosing their colour palettes for individually painted mosaic tiles, which will form part of a larger class mosaic project. Watch this space for the finished projects!



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## Horsing Around

Reception pupils have been in the pool practising their swimming techniques this week with help from their teachers and their 'noodle horses'.

The pupils spent time working on their kicking technique and balancing on their 'horses'. The lesson culminated in a noodle horse race across the pool. There were some outstanding jockeys and lots of laughter.



## Sharing is Caring

Mrs Banks and Mrs Stableforth have been helping the nursery children to practise sharing and teamwork skills this week. The class was divided into pairs, each being given a bowl of beads and one string between them. Working together they took turns to thread their beads onto their strings whilst practising communication, motor skills and sharing. The pupils worked together really well and produced some beautiful beaded creations. They then went outside to practise their excellent 'sharing' skills in the garden.



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## Exploring English and Art in St Ives

Year 6 had an exciting day on Wednesday as they travelled down to St Ives for a day of English and Art. The trip, organised by Ms Cadwallader and Miss Ashdown, allowed the children to explore their imagination and understand how art and literature influence each other through the three activities.

The first group began touring around the Tate St Ives, taking inspiration from the artwork and exploring how artists move between landscape, figure drawing, still life and surrealism and use different styles, media and techniques.

While they were doing this, the second group explored the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Park. The children were given time to examine the texture and techniques she used to create her beautiful sculptures and explore the gardens and studios that inspired her works.

The third group headed to Porthmeor Beach, where they took inspiration from the sculptures to create their own artwork using the resources around them. They also sketched the land and seascapes, paying particular attention to the texture and detail.

The groups rotated these activities with lunch breaks and a run around on the beach in between. It was a beautiful day spent in the glorious Cornish sunshine. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped make it such a brilliant day!



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Exploring English and Art in St Ives continued...



# Achievements

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Pre-Prep



The following pupils have been awarded with a Golden Award Certificate

Leo	Bobby	Teddy	Athena
Bert			

#### Golden Table

#### Green Table

#### Head's Commendations

**Dylan** 4SC Awarded for English - For your excellent piece of writing describing a jungle scene. Using an amazing variety of vocabulary. You really managed to capture the sights and sound of a waterfall and the jungle scenery around it.

**William Sc** 4SC Awarded for English - For your excellent piece of writing describing a jungle scene. Using an amazing variety of exciting adjectives and verbs, as well as conjunctions and adverbial phrases, You really managed to capture the sights and sounds of the jungle plants and creatures.

**Amelia** 5CD Awarded for The Bigger Picture - For such a creative and original Bigger Picture homework, completed using only natural resources, to show the beauty of the world around us. A fabulous piece of artwork Amelia!

**George** 5CD Awarded for The Bigger Picture - For such a well researched and professionally presented Bigger Picture homework to better understand the beauty of our local Cornish countryside. Well done George!

**Lahni** 5CD Awarded for the Bigger Picture - For such an imaginative and innovative Bigger Picture homework to show the beauty of the famous Australian rock - Uluru. Good work Lahni!

#### House Point Form Champions

3ME Lulah

3SM Gabriel, Arthur

4LL: Qaveem, Rory

4SC: William Sc

5CD: Lahni

5LJ: Isabella, Raif, Logan, Sylvie

5SL: Isaac

6AG: Sunny, Lila

6DG: Hunter, Georgia, Asher, Henry L, Amelia, India

6JL: Josh S

# Achievements

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### Merit Awards



#### Bronze Merit Awards

5JL: Daniel, George, Jack

5SL: Amelia



#### Silver Merit Awards

3ME: Saffron, Ashleigh

6JL: Aaron, Archie, Lowenna

6DG: Zavy



#### Gold Merit Awards

3SM: Arthur

### Reading Star Awards



#### Bronze Reading Awards

3ME: Ashleigh, Arlo, Emir, Endelyn, Foster,  
Freya, Hennie, Harvey, Lulah, Louis, Oliver  
B, Oliver G, Rafe, Rohan, Saffron, Sienna

3SM: Alfred, Arthur, Audrey, Fjola, Gabriel,  
Barney, Ollie, Tom, Violet-Rose, William

5CD: Jenny

5SL: Barnaby

6JL: Archie

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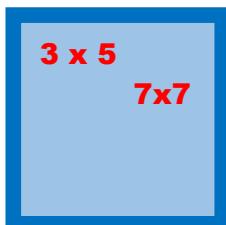
## Silver Reading Awards

- 3ME: Ashleigh, Emir, Foster, Harvey, Rafe, Rohan  
4LL: Alyssia  
6JL: Archie

## Maths

### Times Table Challenge Certificates

- 3ME: Freya, Harvey, Sienna, Saffron, Louis, Hennie  
3SM: Arthur, Fjola, Barney, Tom, Will, Indie, Alfred, Gabriel, Violet-Rose  
4LL: Albie V,  
4SC: Sophia, Alyssia,  
5CD: Amelia  
5LJ: Lilou, Logan, Lahni  
5SL: Finlay, Jensen, Ottilie, Luca, Atticus  
6AG: Olivia, Henry M, Nathaniel, Leo, Harry R, Scarlett  
6DG: Isaac  
6JL: John, Aaron, Alex, Eddie



## Netball



Congratulation to the following pupils who were awarded certificates for participating in Penair's Primary Netball Tournament

- Yr 5: Maya  
Yr 6: Sarah, Georgia, Ottilie, Lowenna, India  
Isobel, Lila, Indira

## Gymnastics



**3SM:** Ethan was awarded a silver medal for Vault at the Barnstable Phoenix Gym Competition during the half term holiday.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2022



The following pupils were awarded with certificates on successfully taking part in the Cornwall County Council libraries summer reading challenge.

This year's theme was Gadgeteers, created in partnership with the Science Museum Group and illustrated by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford. Its intention was to spark children's curiosity about the world around them.

**RLS:** Everly

**1SC:** Finlay, Imogen

**2KM:** Ella D, Teddy

**3ME:** Endelyn

**3SM:** Tom, Samuel, Fjola, Samuel, Ethan

**4SC:** Noah, William Sc

## Horseriding



Delilah took part in a competition on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30th October on her pony Surprise and was awarded the following rosettes:

1<sup>st</sup> in the 50-60cm Showjumping 27<sup>th</sup> October

1<sup>st</sup> in 56-60 cm Showjumping 30<sup>th</sup> October

Silver in the Fancy Dress

# FTS Events

**FTS** | Friends of  
Truro School

## Christmas Pudding Making Evening

**NEW DATE!**  
**FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER**



*Make friends and enjoy some festive cheer whilst we make our own  
homemade Christmas puddings.*

*All ingredients and a glass of wine will be provided.  
Just bring a mixing bowl, a set of scales, a wooden spoon and an apron.*

**Tickets are £12.50 per person and available to buy at:**

**Christmas Pudding Making Evening - NEW DATE Tickets,  
Fri 25 Nov 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite  
PASSWORD: FRIENDS**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-pudding-making-evening-new-date-tickets-465677332437>

TRURO SCHOOL PRESENTS

# Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION



**23 - 26 NOVEMBER**

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