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Fundraising Success!

This week, our school community united for an inspiring fundraising effort, supporting two vital causes: the NSPCC's Children in Need charity and the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

The NSPCC's Children in Need charity works tirelessly to support vulnerable children and young people across the UK, providing essential services to help them thrive in safe, supportive environments. The Anti-Bullying Alliance is equally important, advocating for a world free from bullying and empowering schools and communities to promote respect and inclusion.

In addition to hosting a fantastically successful bake sale which raised over £160.00, we also took part in the national "Run Pudsey Challenge". The children enthusiastically ran laps of our school field with their classmates, and with the support of their families and friends, they raised over £1500!

This is a truly amazing achievement, and we are so proud of the tremendous effort our entire school community has put into raising awareness and funds for these two worthy causes. A huge thank you to everyone who baked, cheered, and donated - your kindness and generosity continue to make a real difference.



You're never too young to make a difference.

1 Timothy 4:12



Open The Book!

This week, the children were delighted to experience a captivating production by Open The Book, a team of talented volunteers from Truro Methodist Church. The performance brought to life the inspiring biblical story of Hannah, mother to Samuel.

Hannah's story, found in the book of 1 Samuel, tells of her heartfelt prayers for a child. Despite facing years of disappointment and despair, Hannah's unwavering faith and perseverance were rewarded when God blessed her with a son, Samuel. In gratitude, she dedicated Samuel to God's service, marking the beginning of his remarkable journey as a prophet and leader of Israel.

As always, the Open The Book volunteers made the storytelling interactive and engaging, involving some of our own children in the performance. It was a joy to see the story brought to life in such a meaningful and memorable way. A heartfelt thank you to the team from Truro Methodist Church for sharing this inspiring story with our school.



RBL Poppy Appeal

This week, our school proudly supported the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, an important campaign that honours the sacrifices of servicemen and women, past and present, while providing vital support to the Armed Forces community and their families.

A special thank you goes to Issy and Finlay, who dedicated their time during morning and lunch breaks to sell poppy merchandise to the children. Their commitment and enthusiasm made a real difference, helping to raise awareness and funds for this worthy cause.

The Royal British Legion has been at the heart of Remembrance for over 100 years, offering financial, emotional, and practical support to veterans and their families. The funds raised through the Poppy Appeal help ensure this essential work continues, providing hope and care to those who have served our nation.

We are incredibly grateful to all our families for their generous support of the Poppy Appeal.



Together, we are helping to make a meaningful impact and honour the bravery and sacrifices of the Armed Forces community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Truro Foodbank Appeal

We are thrilled to share some wonderful feedback from Truro Foodbank following the incredible Harvest donations from our St. Mary's community.

"The weight of the donation from St Mary's School was 131 kilos, which equates to 218 meals. Please can you thank everyone involved for their amazing generosity. You have really helped people that, for many reasons, are struggling at the moment. This is especially the case because this year, received food donations are significantly down on last year."

This heartfelt message is truly humbling, and we want to express our deepest gratitude to our families for their generosity and compassion.

As part of this effort, some of our children had the privilege of visiting Truro Foodbank with Miss Rundle to deliver the donations. They were proudly shown around by the wonderful people who work there, learning how the food is sorted, how the shop operates, and the immense effort that goes into making the Foodbank so successful. It was an inspiring experience, highlighting the hard work and dedication of those who help support the community.

We are so proud to see our school community coming together to support such a vital cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the amazing team at Truro Foodbank for all that you do to make a difference. Your generosity has truly made an impact!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to interact online (including a group chat function), which could expose children to various risks. Scammers often attempt to trick young Roblox fans into exchanging their paid-for items for something which turns out to be of much lesser value – or something they never even receive. The in-game chat has some filters, but it isn't perfect: players can still send unpleasant messages, while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money – usually a one-off payment. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some lobbies, therefore, will put children at greater risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this doesn't usually deter such people. Some player-built Roblox levels have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind, and this will not always be obvious.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some extra costs. These are usually indicated with the symbol for 'Robux' (the in-game currency). Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game using real money. People can also buy extra Robux to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and it's also possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for younger players, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. Keep in mind that the game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If a child has friends to play Roblox with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, the player who owns the server could invite other people – who might not be child friendly – to join them. Additionally, private servers can be set up in such a way that any player on the host's friends list can join, so it's important to discuss who children are playing with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that two-factor authentication is enabled on any payment accounts also makes it harder for children to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, children must learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's okay to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger – can help them understand how to communicate more safely with other people online.

Meet Our Expert

Claire Goshwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2010, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Join Parent Group!

We warmly invite you to join our Parent Group, an exciting opportunity to represent your child's class and contribute to shaping the future of our school.

The Parent Group is a positive, consultative forum that works collaboratively with the school, representing parents. It provides a platform for discussing topics that affect our children and their learning environment.

Led by Miss Rundle, the Parent Group operates with an agenda for each meeting, and parents are encouraged to suggest items for discussion. Meetings take place approximately once every half term.

From next week, we are trialling the use of Microsoft Teams for parents unable to attend in person. We ask for two representatives per class to ensure a balanced voice for all classes.

If you'd like to join, please contact the school office for more details and meeting dates. We'd love to have you on board!



Stay Connected with Class Dojo!

As you may know, we are moving away from the Seesaw app, and are moving over to Class Dojo. By now, you should have received a QR code to connect with your child's class teacher. If you haven't already joined, don't miss out - Class Dojo is an excellent, free tool for staying in touch with school life and your child's learning journey.

This amazing platform makes it easy to stay connected with what's happening in the classroom. From instant updates about events and reminders to teachers sharing your child's achievements, Class Dojo lets you be part of their school day, even when you're not there. It's also a wonderful way to celebrate your child's progress and see the little moments that make their day special.

Class Dojo is user-friendly, whether you're on your phone or computer, so you will never miss an update. Plus, it's a great tool for opening up conversations at home about what your child has been learning and enjoying at school.

If you have any questions or need any help getting set up, don't hesitate to contact us! You can message your class teacher via Seesaw or send us an email at parents@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk.

We are very excited to connect with you on Class Dojo and to share all the amazing things happening in our classrooms!



ClassDojo

Diary Dates

Monday 25th November 2024

Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Rainbow MAT Carol Concert - details to follow

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

KS1 Nativity - St. Mary's Hall - 6pm

Wednesday 4th December 2024

KS1 Nativity - St. Mary's Hall - 6pm

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Rocksteady Christmas Concert

Thursday 12th December 2024

Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

Tuesday 17th December 2024

Christmas Service at Kenwyn Church - 1.45pm

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January 2025

Christmas Break

Monday 6th January 2025

Inset Day

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Inset Day

Wednesday 8th January 2025

School Opens

Tuesday 21st January 2025

Parent Group - 2pm

Friday 7th February 2025

NSPCC Numbers Day

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Half Term

Tuesday 11th March 2025

Parent Group - 2pm

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Easter Service at Kenwyn Church - 1.45pm

Monday 7th - Thursday 17th April 2025

Easter Break

Friday 18th April 2025

Good Friday Bank Holiday

Monday 21st April 2025

Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

May Bank Holiday

Monday 26th May 2025

Spring Bank Holiday

Tuesday 27th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Half Term

Tuesday 10th June 2025

Parent Group - 2pm

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Inset Day

Thursday 24th July 2025

Summer Break Begins

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Year R	Sunrise	Stevie Ley For amazing progress in phonics - well done!
Year 1	Joy	Isaac Verran For focus and perseverance in maths and producing a super colour wheel in art
Year 2	Trust	Chloe Ituen For super sentence writing to describe the wolf
Year 3	Hope	Kayden Plows For your dazzling efforts in phonics and for being a role model to your younger peers
Year 4	Friendship	Lowenna Stevenson For being determined to succeed in all areas of learning
Year 5	Compassion	Blake Thomas For outstanding work in English, writing sentences and shape coding
Year 6	Courage	Courage Class For supporting each other and making new memories during our visit to Bristol last week!

TT Rockstars!

A big congratulations to our TT Rockstars of the Week! These top performers have been smashing their times tables with speed and accuracy. Well done to everyone for their hard work and dedication. Keep practising, and let's see who will rock the charts next week!

Hope Class

Zak

Ruby

Aliyah

Friendship Class

Angel

Freddie

Zane

Compassion Class

Evelyn

Freddie H

Alice

Courage Class

Ben H

Isaac

Rudo

Well done, everyone! Keep practising!



Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

*This week, we will be celebrating people
who:*

Include others when working and playing

Amelia Abdalla, Luna Miller, Sennen Stevenson, Orla Jones, Lamorna Chase, Isabelle Thompson, Edward Buist, Sebastian Hadfield, Phoebe-Grace Netherton, Leila -Rae Kippax, Dotti Daly, Zander Nicholas, Aurelia Rankine, Harvey Chase, Tabitha Buist, Nathan Watkinson, Logan McIntosh, Arlo Taylor, Xymon De Los Reyes, Callum Williams, Zak Abdalla, Sam Treganowan, Jaxon Mugford, Annabelle Young, Ethan Williams, Lowenna Stevenson, Eliza Shirley, Jack Savage, Rose Perry, Thaleia Pengas, Kimberly Moyo, Angel Lin, Elowen Elliott-Bennett, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Issy Gray, Aveline Rankine, Carmen Watkinson, Carmen Hadfield, Daniel Gomez, Fergus Bennett, Eve Baker, Sophie Bostock, Christobel Bowen, Elowen Chase, Freddie Adams, Poppy Haga, Ben Hocking, Isaac Shirley, Rudo Keeler, Lily Stobbs, Neva Taylor





Reading Awards



Bronze: Aiyla Mills, Aveline Rankine, Sienna Tanner and Elowen Chase.

Silver: Amal Ajwad, Kassie Cosgrove, Elara Goddard, Stevie Ley, Luna Alibuyog, Reza Mokarram, Gabriele Ziliukaite, Luna-Rose Blaney, Zac Allen-Farias, Xymon De Los Reyes, Nathan Watkinson, Lily Walker and Esmay Nicholas.

Gold: Maria Filat, Layla Georgiou, Aengus Mitchell, Ivy Stephens, Mikey Studley, Amelia Abdalla, Harvey Headley-Brown, Leon Insa-James, Sam Morgan, Verity Burrows, Harrison Shaddick, Bee Aucott, Edward Buist, Ruben Senior, Sol Bailey, Regan Martin, Zak Abdalla, Monty Cannon, Tabitha Buist, Ralph Trevail, Kayden Plows, Jacob Trenerry-Talbot, Aliyah Kanagaraj, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Oliver Keast, Ethan Barnard, Louis Burrows, Carmen Watkinson, Isaac Shirley, Lola Julyan, Aksel Middleton, Ahdia Afshen, Olivia Stock, Isla Tann and Esmay Nicholas.

Head Teachers: Edward Williams, Harry Vanes, Isabelle Thomson, Orla Jones, Chloë Ituen, Sofia Mitchell, Sam Treganowan, Travis Stock, Evie Albert, Ethan Barnard, Issy Gray and Finley Senior.

Well done, readers!

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*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



*What's on for All
- Especially for Children,
Families & Young People*



**Kenwyn Church
Welcomes
YOU!**



Kenwyn Church ABC

(Adults, Babies, Children)

Parents and carers with children (age 0 to 4) are invited to come and meet every Thursday, during term time, from 1.30 to 3.00pm.



Contact: Maureen
woodhouse222@btinternet.com

TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH

- Crafts and Activities
- Short Service
- Tea

For 0-11 year olds, their families and for all who are young at heart!
4.00pm on first Sunday each month.



JAM at 11

Activities for children during 11.00am Sunday services.
(But NOT first Sunday when there is Tea Time Messy Church at 4pm)

JAM at 4

On 4th Sundays of each month.

An opportunity for Tweens, their Families and Adults to **Have a Go** at something new! (Youngsters probably need to be in school year 5 or above.) Your activity suggestions welcome! After the activity we have family discussions on the issues of life and how we make decisions. Then prayer & finish with T'n'Toast!

There is no charge for our activities but a donation is appreciated if you can.



Bless you!



CONTACTS

Local Minister: Andy Boome 07933 100049
andyb@trinitytruro.org.uk

For details of 'Tea Time Messy Church' And JAM at 11: Email Maureen at woodhouse222@btinternet.com

For details of JAM at 4 Email Anthea at lovelockda@gmail.com

For any other enquiry Email our Administrator, Helen, at kenwynstallenchurch@gmail.com

Also see: www.achurchnearyou.com/2437

And:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087595512531>

Date & Time	Activity	Theme
Sun Oct 6 4.00pm	TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH	Harvest Saying 'Thank You'
18th to 20th October	Trinity Youth Weekend away, Dartmoor. See Opposite: For more details and booking, go to: https://stkea.churchsuite.com/events/sdlahf8u	
Sun Oct 27 4.00pm	JAM at 4 Positive Pumpkins	Whatever is great! <i>Philippians 4:8</i> <i>'Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.'</i>
Thursday Oct 31 Time?	LIGHT PARTY At St Kea Church	See flier opposite:
Sun Nov 3 4.00pm	TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH	Jesus Heals the Little Girl
Sun Nov 24 4.00pm	JAM at 4 Carols with Hand Chimes	Pitch Perfect <i>John 10:10</i> <i>'Life in all its fullness'</i>
Sun Dec 1 4.00pm	TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH	Christingle
Dec 22 4.00pm	NO JAM at 4	-
Dec 24 4.30pm	CRIB SERVICE	Children are invited to dress up as one of the Christmas characters or to come already dressed up. We aim to involve all of them!
Sun Jan 5 4.00pm	TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH	Jesus heals the man let down through the roof
Jan 26 4.00pm	JAM at 4 Nails & String	Being Yourself <i>Romans 12:2</i> <i>'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'</i>