



St Mary's News

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Junior Life Skills

On Wednesday, Compassion Class attended the Junior Lifeskills Event at Truro Methodist Church, organised by Adele from GWR. Running from 12:30 to 2:30, the event taught vital safety skills through engaging workshops.

The children impressed with their behaviour and enthusiasm, eagerly learning electrical safety from Devon and Cornwall Fire Service and first aid skills from the Tri-Response Unit. Lifeguards shared tips on beach safety, GWR highlighted railway safety, and a bus travel session included free £15 bus tickets for families.

The event was a great success, leaving the children safer, more confident, and eager to apply their new knowledge. Huge thanks to Adele and all involved!



You're never too young to make a difference!

1 Timothy 4:12

St. Mary's Shines!

We were delighted to welcome Lee Moscato, Director for Education for Truro Diocese, along with Andy Wolfe, Executive Director of Education for the Church of England, to St. Mary's School in Truro on Thursday. Also joining them was Isla Johnson, Head of Partnerships and Engagement for the National Society. Their visit marked the start of an exciting day, and it was clear from the moment they arrived how important it was for them to connect with our children and teachers.



One of the most special moments of the day came during a tour of our Early Years classroom, where Andy and Isla had the chance to witness a lively phonics session. It was during this visit that they realised something quite remarkable: the children in that classroom are the Class of 2040! Yes, the little ones we saw in phonics that morning will be leaving school in 2040, marking the end of their education journey.

Andy reflected on this during his visit, linking it to the National Society's paper, *Flourishing Together*, which looks at how we can shape the future of education. The paper talks about planting "flourishing seeds" together, setting long-term goals to make a real difference in how we educate. It's a vision that spans decades, aiming to build a system that supports every child's growth and development, just as we saw happening in our Early Years classrooms.

Andy also shared his thoughts after the visit, calling it "one of the most impressive and inspirational hours I've ever spent in a school." He praised the incredible teaching, the care for vulnerable pupils, the creativity in our curriculum, and the living-out of our school's vision and values. It was truly a proud moment for St. Mary's to receive such high praise!

This visit was a wonderful reminder of the impact we are having on our students today and how it connects to the bright future they are building for tomorrow. Here's to the Class of 2040 and to many more moments of flourishing together!



Trust Class Explores The Nativity

This week, Trust Class visited Kenwyn Church for a special lesson about the Nativity story. Guided by Rev. Boorne, the children explored the significance of Jesus' birth through readings from Luke and John. They shared what they love about Christmas and reflected on why it holds such importance for Christians, focusing on themes of love, hope, and joy.

The children took part in creative activities, including designing a large jigsaw puzzle of the Nativity scene and creating artwork featuring the key figures present at Jesus' birth. These hands-on tasks brought the story to life, helping them connect with its meaning in an engaging and memorable way.

We look forward to celebrating the season further with our wonderful community at the KS1 Nativity performances on the 3rd and 4th of December. A heartfelt thank you to Rev. Boorne and Kenwyn Church for making this experience so enriching!



Forest School Fun!

This week, Hope and Friendship Classes have made the most of our beautiful Forest School, embracing all that outdoor learning has to offer - even in the midst of rain showers. The children delighted in splashing through puddles, building dens, and exploring the natural world around them, showing resilience and creativity despite the damp weather. Their laughter and enthusiasm were a testament to the magic of learning outdoors.

Forest School, expertly led by the dedicated Miss Mitchell, is a vital part of the children's education. It offers a unique opportunity for them to develop confidence, independence, and problem-solving skills in a natural setting. By encouraging teamwork, curiosity, and a sense of responsibility for the environment, Forest School fosters not only academic growth but also emotional and social well-being.

We are incredibly grateful for the hard work and passion Miss Mitchell pours into making these sessions so meaningful. The children's joy and engagement are proof of the lasting impact Forest School has on their learning journey. Thank you, Miss Mitchell, for inspiring our young learners!





Please note
that St. Mary's
will be closed
for an Inset
Day on
Monday 25th
November

England Rocks Results!!!

Recently, our talented mathematicians participated in the Times Table Rockstars' England Rocks event - a nationwide competition designed to celebrate and sharpen multiplication skills. Over three days, pupils from across the country competed by answering as many times table questions as possible, combining speed and accuracy to climb the leaderboard.

We are thrilled to announce that *Year 5's Compassion Class* emerged as the top scoring class at St. Mary's! Their teamwork, dedication, and love for maths were truly inspiring.

Our top individual performers across Key Stage 2 were:

Hope Class

Zak A
Samuel T
Monty C

Friendship Class

Zane R
Angel L

Compassion Class

Prisha D
Finley S
Evelyn S

Courage Class

Isla T
Ben H
Isaac S

Their incredible scores contributed significantly to our success and they deserve a special well done for their amazing effort and commitment!

The England Rocks event is a brilliant way to inspire a passion for maths, build confidence, and make learning fun. A huge well done to all our pupils who took parts you've shown exceptional enthusiasm! Keep practising those times tables, and let's continue to rock our maths learning!



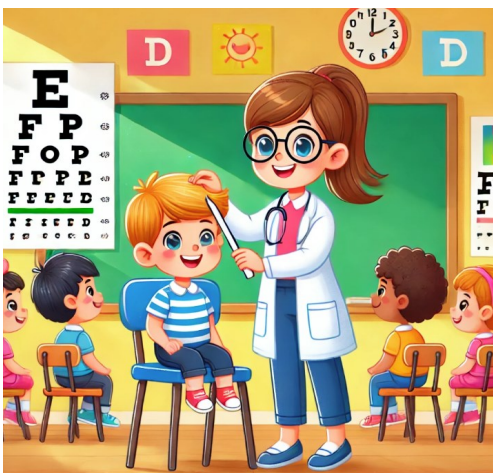
Sunrise Class

Vision Screening

Following the email sent out this week, on *Tuesday 14th January*, Sunrise Class pupils will take part in vision screening conducted by the School Vision Screener from Royal Cornwall Hospital. This important health check ensures early detection of any vision issues that could impact children's learning and development. Identifying problems early allows for timely intervention, helping children to thrive both academically and socially.

For further information, please refer to the *Child Health Booklet*, which also includes details on how to opt your child out if necessary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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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



As we are moving over to Class Dojo we are kindly asking parents to save all images as these will **not** be available after **30th November 2024**.

Thank you to everyone for their patience while we navigate the move to Class Dojo!

If you have any questions, please email parents@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 25th November 2024	Inset Day
Wednesday 27th November 2024	Pantomime at School!
Tuesday 3rd December 2024	Rainbow MAT Carol Concert by invitation
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
Wednesday 11th December 2024	Year R Trip to Truro Methodist Church
Thursday 12th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch
Friday 13th December 2024	Year 2 trip to Royal Cornwall Museum
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

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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| Year R | Sunrise | Kassie C
For trying her best with letter formation |
| Year 1 | Joy | May Hannon
For perseverance and hard work in maths |
| Year 2 | Trust | Lox-Lowen Walton
For excellent creative story planning |
| Year 3 | Hope | Kayden Plows
For perseverance in your writing this week and not giving up, even when it got tricky |
| Year 4 | Friendship | Bethany Bryant-Toy
For your relentless enthusiasm for new learning |
| Year 5 | Compassion | Hattie Welsh
For working incredibly hard on her individual targets and making super progress! |
| Year 6 | Courage | Christobel Bowen
For having a great attitude towards her learning this week and trying her best in all areas |

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

Samuel

Friendship Class

Zane

Freddie

Eliza

Compassion Class

Prisha

Connie

Louis

Courage Class

Isla

Ruan

Chad

Well done, everyone! Keep practising!



Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

*This week, we will be celebrating people who:
Know how to help if someone is being bullied
Daisy Adams, Henry Smith, Towan Pill, Linda
Elgammal, Luna Alibuyog, Orla Jones, Reva
Dhumane, Sennen Stevenson, Phoebe-Grace
Netherton, Sebastian Hadfield, Sofia Mitchell,
Dotti Daly, Verity Burrows, Zac Abdalla, Aurelia
Rankine, Arlo Taylor, Jacob Trenerry-Talbot,
Freddie Booker, Xymon De Los Reyes, Tabitha
Buist, Lowenna Stevenson, Rose Perry, Eliza
Shirley, Annabelle Young, Freddie Green, Jack
Neil, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Isla Tann, Isobel
Lewin, Louis Burrows, Prisha Dhumane, Ethan
Barnard, Carmen Watkinson, Eve Baker, Ahdia
Afshen, Poppy Hagan, Idris Gough, Ben Hocking,
Rudo Keeler, Isaac Shirley, Lily Stobbs*





Reading Awards



Bronze: Skylar Fox.

Silver: Linda Elgammal, Afia Trevaskis, Rose Holmes, Lox-Lowen Walton and Thaleia Pengas.

Gold: Isaac Bradbury, Thomas Trethewey, Jake Morgan, Jowan Pill, Molly Pollard, Tristan Baden, Eddie Thurlow, Georgie Tann, Freddie Green, Res Aucott and Emilia Insa-James.

Head Teacher's: Teddy Bennetts, Reggie Keast, Theo Masters, Lucinda Norton, Poppy Trescothick, Henry Smith, Sebastian Perry, Leila-Rae Kippax, Rosie Gray, Edward Buist, Harrison Shaddick, Bee Aucott, Verity Burrows, Reuben Norton, Aliyah Kanagaraj, Zachary Young, Oliver Keast, Annabelle Young and Jack Neil.

Well done, readers!

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Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*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

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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>