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Dear St. Mary's Families,

What a vibrant start to the term it has been! I want to thank everyone who contributed to the wonderful events that brought our community together and showcased the lively spirit of St. Mary's.

Our European Day of Languages celebration introduced students to a fantastic array of cultures and languages, helping to broaden their understanding of our diverse world. We also joined with Kenwyn Church for our Harvest Festival, a beautiful occasion that highlighted our core values of Joy, Hope, Trust, Compassion,

Friendship, and Courage. Thank you to everyone who brought donations and joined us in celebration.

We hosted parent settling-in sessions, offering valuable time to connect with teachers and a reading and phonics session understand the learning journey for Sunrise and Joy classes. These sessions are such a fantastic way for families to get involved in our school community.

From sports to social events, our students have been actively involved in a range of activities. The whole-school UV disco was a glow-filled night of fun, and we're proud of our students who represented St. Mary's with enthusiasm in the badminton and football matches at Mount Hawke. It's wonderful to see them developing both team skills and friendships.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make St. Mary's such a joyful, caring community.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Stevenson



You're never too young to make a difference!

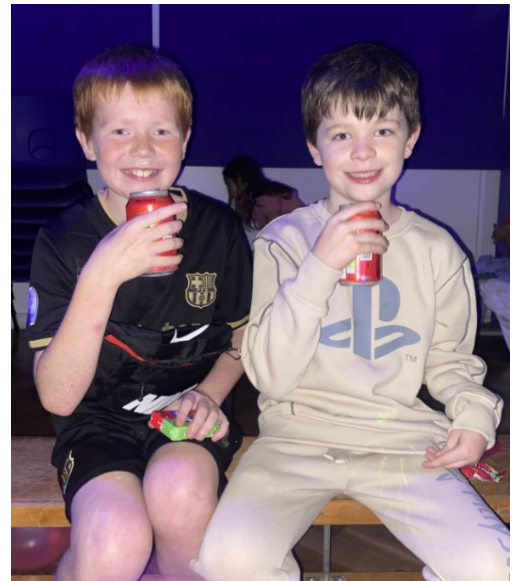
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A Night to Remember!



The Friends of St. Mary's kicked off their first event of the school year with a spectacular UV Disco that was a massive success! The children had an

unforgettable evening, dancing under the vibrant UV lights, enjoying delicious sweet treats, and tucking into tasty hot dogs. The energy was electric, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces filling the hall.



A huge thank you goes out to our incredible volunteers, whose hard work and dedication made this event such a roaring success. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to raise over £650! All of the money raised will go back into the school to help fund exciting trips and future events for our students.



We look forward to more fantastic events this year with the support of our amazing school community!

A Toy-Tastic Time!

Joy Class began their history adventure with a visit to the Royal Cornwall Museum, and it was toy-tally awesome! The children dove into the fascinating world of old toys, exploring how playthings from the past compare to the ones they enjoy today. From wooden spinning tops to bright plastic toy trains and a light box story slide, they got to see just how much things have changed. But the real highlight? Each child created their very own peg doll, with little fingers hard at work, crafting these charming, timeless toys which the children got to take home. The visit sparked lots of fun and curiosity, and now, Joy Class are ready to dig deeper into history with a playful twist!



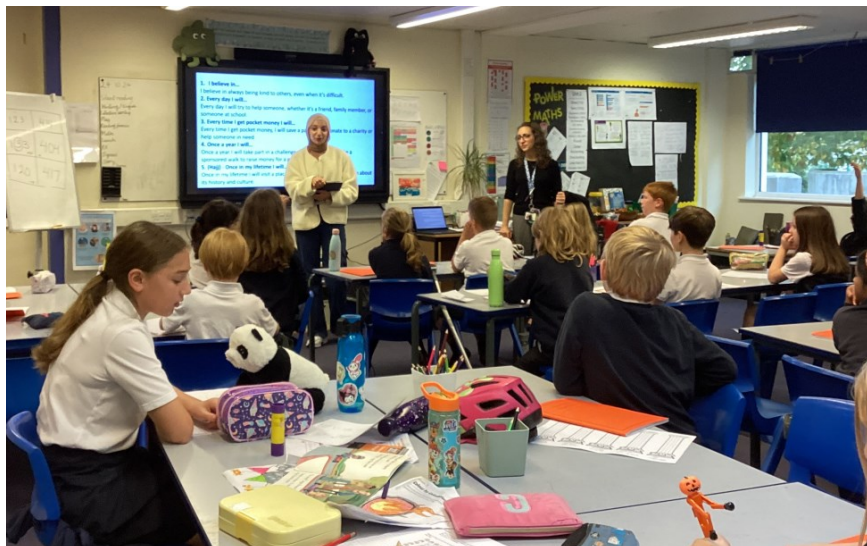
Special Guest for RE

Compassion Class had a very special visitor in their RE lesson today - Sara Almady, who shared her experiences of life as a Muslim in the UK. Sara, who is Palestinian and has been living in the UK for the past year, gave the children a wonderful insight into how she lives out her faith every day.



The children were curious and eager to learn, asking questions about prayers, celebrations, and significant events like the Hajj pilgrimage. Sara also played them the captivating call to prayer heard from mosques and spoke to them in Arabic, giving them a taste of her culture.

A big thank you to the Inspiring Women Network for helping to arrange this enlightening visit!





ENGLAND ROCKS



12TH - 14TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY



**PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!**



**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!**



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

TT Rockstars

Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools throughout England. The competition runs from 7:30am on Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 7:30pm on Thursday 14th November 2024. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 7.30pm Thursday 14th November 2024. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.



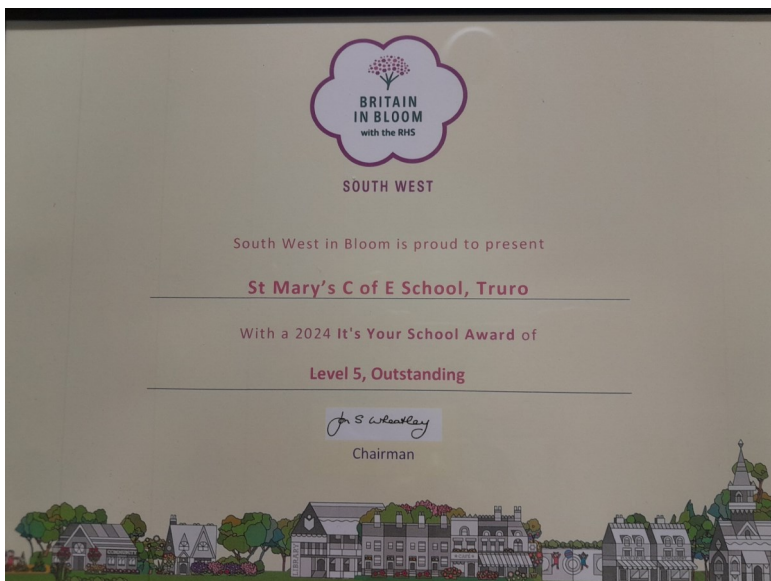
Truro In Bloom winners!

This week, Mrs Calcraft joined the Truro in Bloom volunteers to celebrate our community's wonderful achievement in the regional Bloom competition.

In July, our school was visited by a judge from the RHS who noted that she was greeted at the front door by the smell and sight of the most beautiful sweet peas. Our children were all friendly, enthusiastic and eager to show their achievements, including the greenhouse. She was then treated to elderflower cordial and a key fob in Forest School that the children had made. She commented that the children were confident and knowledgeable.

This led to us achieving a Level 5 'Outstanding' award from the RHS and contributed to Truro achieving Gold at South West in Bloom along with winning the Portman Cup.

We would like to especially thank our caretaker, Mr Smedley, and Forest School Teacher, Miss Mitchell, for helping the children to achieve this award.



Open The Book - The Story of Ruth!

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming volunteers from Open the Book, who visited to share the inspiring story of Ruth. For those who might not know, the story of Ruth is a beautiful tale from the Bible that highlights kindness, loyalty, and love. Ruth, a young widow, made a brave decision to leave her own people and move to Judah with her mother-in-law, Naomi, showing extraordinary devotion and support during difficult times.

In Judah, Ruth met and married Boaz, a kind and wealthy kinsman of her late husband. Together, they had a son named Obed, who later became the grandfather of King David, as described in the final verses of the Book of Ruth.

The volunteers brought this touching story to life in a fun and imaginative way, helping the children connect with the characters and message. The children were thrilled to get involved, acting out scenes and helping to share Ruth's journey.

We're so grateful to Open the Book for visiting our school and making this classic story so engaging and memorable!



FREAKY FICTION

READING FUN FOR ALL

On Wednesday 6th November, we will be exploring the thriller genre.

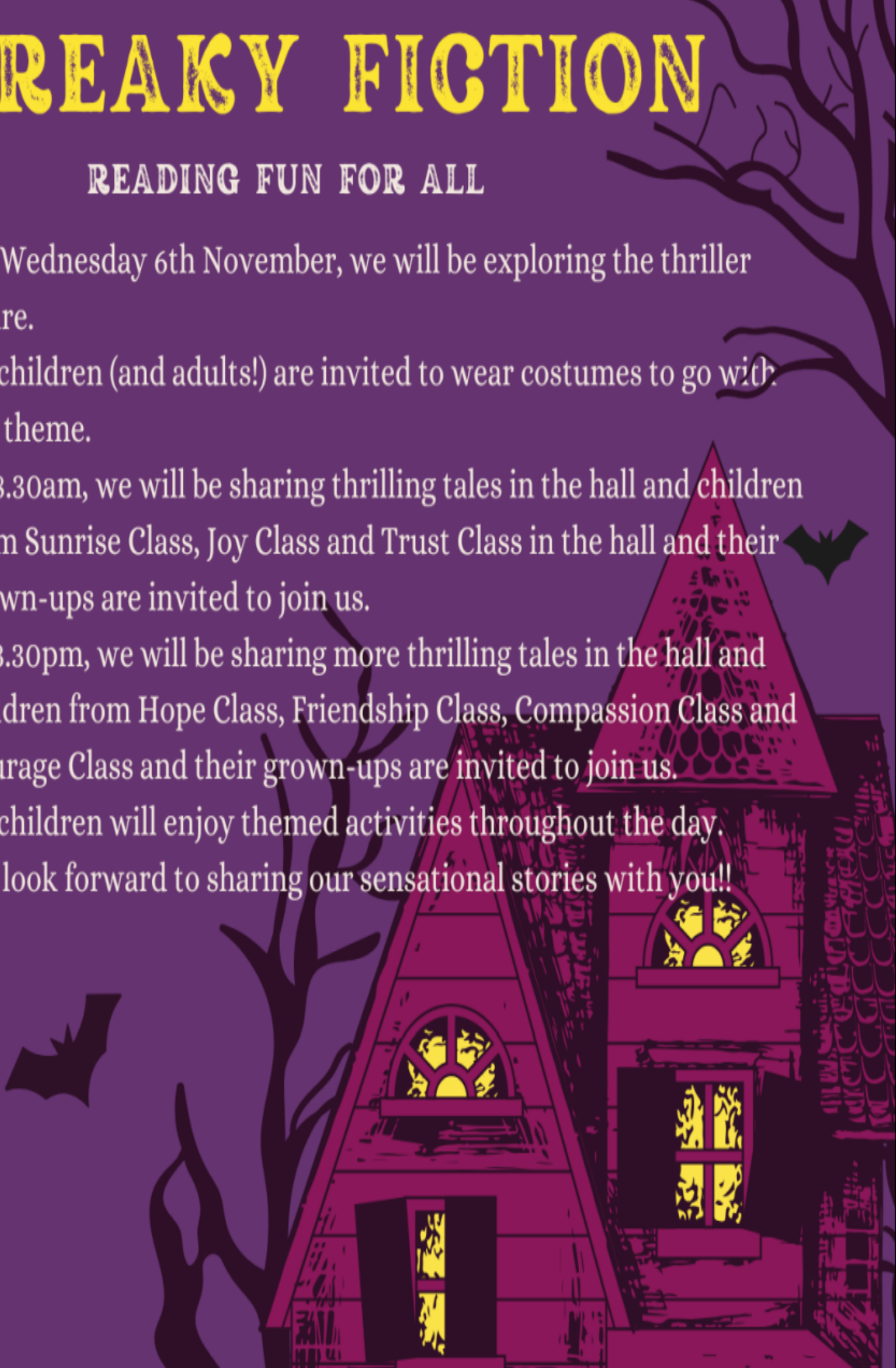
All children (and adults!) are invited to wear costumes to go with the theme.

At 8.30am, we will be sharing thrilling tales in the hall and children from Sunrise Class, Joy Class and Trust Class in the hall and their grown-ups are invited to join us.

At 3.30pm, we will be sharing more thrilling tales in the hall and children from Hope Class, Friendship Class, Compassion Class and Courage Class and their grown-ups are invited to join us.

All children will enjoy themed activities throughout the day.

We look forward to sharing our sensational stories with you!!





Children in Need with Odd Socks!

Event Details:

Thursday 14th November Bake Sale in the school hall at 3:30pm

After school, we'll be holding a bake sale in the hall. All donations of baked goods welcome. Families are invited to join us in the hall to support the event.

Friday 15th November Run Pudsey Challenge (sponsored event) and Dress Up Day

We'll be taking on the Run Pudsey Challenge, where each class will aim to complete as many laps as possible to raise money for Children in Need.

Children can seek sponsorships and sign up online for this (children who do will receive a Pudsey medal for their efforts)

Friday 15th November – Yellow or Spotty & Odd Socks Day:

Children and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed in something yellow or spotty to celebrate the Children in Need theme.

In support of Odd Socks Day, everyone can wear their most colorful and mismatched socks to promote individuality and kindness.

We can't wait to support this amazing charity and have fun while doing it!

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

Ruby

Samuel

Zak

Friendship Class

Jack

Angel

Annabelle

Compassion Class

Prisha

Isla

Connie

Courage Class

Rudo

Eve

Poppy

Well done, everyone! Keep practising!



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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| Year R | Sunrise | Isaac Bradbury
For a fantastic effort with his independent writing |
| Year 1 | Joy | Jowan Pill
For effort and perseverance in all areas of learning particularly in handwriting and letter formation |
| Year 2 | Trust | Rosie Gray
For persistence in Maths this week |
| Year 3 | Hope | Ivy Wyatt
For always being such a kind and helpful member of Hope Class |
| Year 4 | Friendship | Jack Neil
For being 100% on it, 100% of the time! |
| Year 5 | Compassion | Alina Lin
For fantastic work in mathematics. Always completing the Going Deeper Challenges and for her commitment to TTRS and homework |
| Year 6 | Courage | Elowen Chase
For continually trying her best in all that she does and taking challenges head on |



Reading Awards



Bronze: Nathan Watkinson, Theo Hawkins-Hyett, Daniel Gomez and Christobel Bowen.

Silver: Isaac Bradbury, Elliott Daniell, Maria Filat, Arlie George, Thomas Trethewey, Oliver White, Niamh Whitehouse, Hilary Alibuyog, Zak Abdalla, Chester Grigg, Luna Rankine, Hattie Welsh and Lola Julyan.

Gold: Teddy Bennetts, Reggie Keast, Lucinda Norton, Willow Thomas, Poppy Trescothick, Reuben Woodman, Zachary Young, Ruby Whaley, Aiyla Mills, Bear Thomas, Emily Bostock, Dotti Daly, Jack Neil, Michael Baker, Prisha Dhumane, Jack Keast, Finley Senior, Evelyn Shaddick and Neva Taylor.

Headteacher: Tabitha Buist

Well done, readers!



No charge – donation if you can afford it!

Crafts, activities, music, tea!!!

Truro Methodist
Church

Tuesday Nov 5th
from 3.45



The Story of Joseph
Part 2



Softball and Hardball

CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMPS

CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE
MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER
TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



For dates and availability scan the QR code
or visit the website address below.

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THE INFO...



10AM-3PM



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OCTOBER & 1ST NOVEMBER



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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>

YOUTH

WEEKEND
AWAY

HEATREE
CENTRE
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TrinityChurch

ACTIVITIES / FUN / JESUS OCTOBER 18-20 2024

TrinityChurch
TRURO

Light Party

Join us for a fun-filled party including games, crafts, food, music and a short talk from the Bible

31st October, 4 - 5.30pm @ St Kea All Hallows Church, TR3 6AE
Aimed at Year 1 - Year 6 and their families Sign up online: www.stkea.org.uk

Christmas Eve Crib Service

We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's wonderful gift to us: our Saviour who showed us the meaning of love.



Children are welcome to join in with the nativity activities.