



School Prospectus



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From the Headmaster



It is a great pleasure to introduce you to St. Petroc's School. Bursting with modern ideas, while still fondly in touch with over a hundred years of history, St Petroc's is a wonderful and unique school. I hope that these pages give you a real flavour of what we do here and the special atmosphere that exists.

St Petroc's is a warm, bubbly and friendly school that educates children from 3 months in our Nursery up to 11 years old at the end of Key Stage 2. No one could ask for a better location for a Prep School: we have a lovely site with large playing fields on Ocean View Road, all just a stone's throw from the sandy beach at Crooklets and the beautiful South West Coastal Path; and we certainly make the most of these incredible surroundings!

We value the cheerful and positive environment within which we develop the self-confidence and self-belief of our pupils. Our aim is to combine all of the best features of a traditional independent education while incorporating a friendly and unstuffy approach to the needs and interests of each individual child.

Pupils are encouraged to explore the wealth of opportunities available to them and to give everything a go. We have high expectations but provide a supportive environment where mistakes are simply things from which to learn. We are proud of the consistently high academic standards that our children achieve. Our relatively small class sizes ensure a great degree of individual attention for every child. We regularly perform higher than the national average in SATs exams and we often gain scholarships to senior schools.

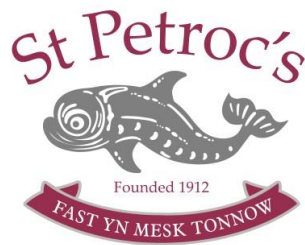
At St Petroc's we place a strong emphasis on the importance of excellent behaviour, good manners and consideration for others. We offer daily sports sessions, French and Spanish from Year 2 upwards and a vast range of extra-curricular activities. Our choir has a strong local reputation and our pupils achieve excellent standards in a wide range of musical instruments. Don't just take my word for it though—please look at the enclosed pages of 'Inspection Highlights' to read some of the overwhelmingly complimentary comments made about St. Petroc's in our ISI inspection.

St Petroc's produces well rounded, confident, successful, sensitive and happy individuals. Come and see us in action; you will be sure of a very warm welcome!

Ben Hilton

Headmaster

Sept 2017



St. Petroc's Early Years 3 Months - 4 Years



Our Early Years Provision starts at 3 months and takes the children right through to the time that they start formal school in Reception. There are three parts to our Early Years Department:

Little Turtles	-	0-2 years
Sea Lions	-	2-3 years
Dolphins	-	3-4 years

The Early Years provision is available from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, all year round. 3-4 year old vouchers are available through Government funding. The children at all phases follow the Early Years Foundation Stage programme. We aim to be as flexible as possible in terms of sessions and timings. Please do come and visit and meet our Early Years team. You can arrange an appointment by contacting Nicola Olver, our Early Years Manager, on nicola.olver@stpetrocs.com or 01288 354262.

Reception Year 4 - 5 Years

The Reception Year continues to build upon the Foundation Stage Curriculum, which lays a strong foundation for the child's education throughout their school life. In the Reception classroom the principles that form the basis of the child's education are to provide a happy, friendly and stimulating atmosphere where we can motivate and encourage our children in the learning process. By offering a wide range of activities we aim to discover and develop the particular strengths of each child and build upon their independence to explore all curriculum areas. All parents are encouraged to become active participants in their child's learning.

In the Reception Class children are taught individually, in groups and as a class, allowing each individual to fulfil his/her potential, progressing confidently through each stage of learning.

Children are admitted to the Reception Class in the academic year of their fifth birthday.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 5 - 7 Years

Children make an exceptionally smooth transition from the Reception Class in the Foundation Stage into Key Stage One where they begin their full education.

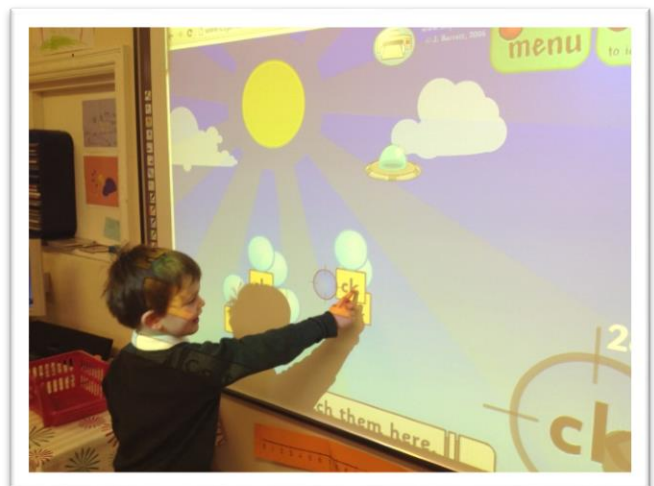
At this stage in the children's education the curriculum expands and in addition to the academic subjects they will cover, they will do Art and Craft, Cookery, Drama, Weekly Swimming, Music, French, Spanish, PE and Sports Coaching.

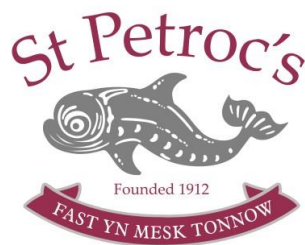
The happy family atmosphere encourages good manners, polite behaviour and genuine consideration for the needs of others.

The Junior school day begins at 8.30 a.m. and ends at 3.30 p.m.

There is a free after school club ('Stay and Play') which operates between 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

In addition on some days there are Key Stage One activities that run from 3.30 p.m. until 4.40 p.m. These have included Sports Club, Hama Beads, Art and Street Dance.





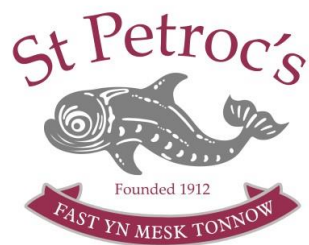
Seniors (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 7 - 11 Years

The Year 3-6 classes of the school are known as Seniors, which is also Key Stage 2. The school day starts at 8.30 a.m. and finishes at 5.30 p.m. The longer day allows us the chance to run sports and activities sessions every day and for the children to do their homework at school.

During this stage the children will be increasingly encouraged to develop a sense of independence. This will include looking after their personal equipment, showing greater responsibility for their sports equipment and ensuring that they have what they need to take home in their Book Bags at the end of the day. We ask parents to encourage this at home allowing the children to think through their decision-making and in making them responsible for their kit and equipment rather than getting everything ready for them.

Our programme is designed to offer plenty of time for work on the basics of literacy and numeracy as a foundation of all of their future school work; nearly half of the timetable is taken up in this cause. However, we also seek to offer variety and exposure to a full range of other subjects giving the children time to explore their talents. Our over-riding aim is to produce children who have a sense of self-confidence. With this in mind, our programme is designed to give children the chance to perform, design, make, sing, play, create, run, compete and imagine. In short, we want them to hold on to the delight and unfettered enthusiasm of childhood through their lessons.





Sport



Overseen by England Counties and Cornwall rugby player, Ben Hilton, sport at St. Petroc's is a major strength of the school.

For the Seniors teaching finishes at 3.30 p.m. which allows us time to run sport and activities every afternoon. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this will involve coaching in the major sport for that term. In the Autumn Term the boys play rugby and the girls play hockey and netball. In the Spring Term the boys play football and hockey and the girls play netball. In the Summer Term the boys play cricket and the girls play rounders.



St. Petroc's puts out Under 11 and Under 9 girls and boys teams in each of the major sports to face a local circuit of other independent schools including Mount Kelly, West Buckland, Shebbear College and Polwhele House.

In the Autumn and Spring Terms the children do cross-country, which becomes athletics in the Summer Term. We enter several cross-country races, as well as hosting our own 400 strong event.

In 2014, 2015 and 2016 the Under 11 girls reached the ISA national netball finals; a huge achievement! We have also had a number of pupils in the last 3 years who have qualified for the national finals in swimming, cross country and athletics. For a small school we punch well above our weight on the sports field!





Performing Arts

Drama

Drama is a very important part of school life at St Petroc's. We believe that it contributes hugely to our aim of developing self-confidence and offers the chance to develop skills for life. Indeed, children who go through St Petroc's think little of standing on stage and performing, be it in one of the school plays, in a class assembly, in giving a poetry recital or reading out team sheets and match reports.

Each class has an hour of drama every week. During this time they will prepare for a number of small performances throughout the year, but they will also aim at one major production each year, often a musical, which are a highlight of the school calendar.



Music

Music is at the very heart of school life at St Petroc's and again we commit curriculum time every week to it as a subject. The lessons are practical and topic based, and are great fun! The staple diet is a mixture of singing, listening, playing classroom percussion and composing. The music they experience varies from Medieval music through to modern styles, including music from different cultures.

All of the Year 3 to 6 children are in the school choir and they perform throughout the year at school events such as the Christmas Service and St Petroc's Day, as well as giving performances to local groups and nursing homes.



Individual music lessons in the standard instrumental subjects (strings, guitar, woodwind, drums, brass, voice and piano) given by 4 visiting teachers, take place during the school day, rotating each week so the same lesson is not missed more than necessary.



'Developing Self-Confidence for Life'

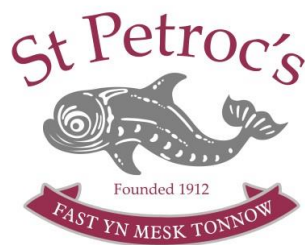
Mission Statement

Our mission at St Petroc's is to create a happy and positive environment within which we develop confident and balanced children prepared for their next school and life beyond it. This mission includes the desire to discover, nurture and develop the potential of each child in our uniquely caring environment rich with activities, opportunities, enthusiasm and energy.

St Petroc's is a school that aims to prepare children for their secondary schools by developing their self-confidence and self-esteem.

- We value children who try their hardest.
- We value children who achieve excellence in academic, sporting and cultural fields.
- We value children who consider the needs, values and cultures of others and not just their own.
- We value children who try to get involved in a range of activities.
- We encourage manners and self-discipline.
- We recognize that children need time to play.
- We value children who, when things are hard, live up to our motto: "Firm amongst the waves".





FEES AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Early Years Fees - from September 2017 (charged in arrears)

0-3 years: £5.45 per hour up until the end of the term prior to qualification for 3-4 year funding.

3-4 years: £23.75 per session* a.m./p.m.

+ £2.40 for lunch and £1.00 for optional tea.

*Early Years funding 15/30 hours is available from Cornwall County Council, from the term after a child's 3rd birthday until the end of the term in which their 5th birthday occurs, further information is available.

Prep School Fees - from September 2017 (charged in advance)

	<u>Per Term</u>	<u>Equivalent per month</u>
Reception	£1695*	£424
Years 1 and 2	£2395	£599
Years 3 and 4	£2745	£687
Years 5 and 6	£3275	£819

Fees include lunch and Stay and Play. Bursaries are available subject to individual circumstances.

Sibling discounts – 5% for the second child; 10% for the third child; and 15% for the fourth child. These discounts are calculated on the net fee and apply only whilst siblings attend St. Petroc's.

Disbursements (e.g. swimming, trips) will be charged in arrears termly.

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Optional Extras

Other extras for activities can include Riding, Surfing, Fishing, Golf and Tennis and any applicable charges will be notified on an individual basis.



ADMISSION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry is as follows:

St. Petroc's Early Years

Little Turtles (0-2 years) Sea Lions (2-3 years) Dolphins (3-4 years)

Prep School (KS1 & KS2)

Age 5 years – 11 years.

Children wishing to enter the Early Years Stage will be invited to attend a number of familiarisation visits. A child from the Early Years will automatically gain entry to the Prep School, unless difficulties of an academic or social nature preclude this.

Children wishing to enter the Prep School will also be invited to attend a number of familiarisation visits so we can get to know the child and their educational needs. If this proves difficult to administer, a report from a child's previous school may suffice.

Bursaries

The Governors offer bursaries on means-tested eligibility which require the completion of financial forms. If a bursary is awarded then a sibling discount does not apply. Please enquire for further details when applying.

Registration Fee

There is a non-refundable registration fee of £50 to cover administration costs

Deposit

When a child enters the Prep School, a refundable deposit of £250 becomes due and this will be set against a pupil's final term's disbursements.

The governors reserve the right to alter the fees at any time but will give a term's notice of this. Fees are paid in advance and are due on the first day of term. The governors reserve the right to charge interest on outstanding accounts.



Insurance

Parents are advised to insure against pupils' personal effects, personal accident or fees with their own insurers.

Old Petrocians' Society and Friends of St Petroc's Association

These organizations meet regularly and are both supportive and interested in the development of the school. The Friends organize regular social evenings, an annual show, a bazaar and many other enjoyable occasions. Further details are available on request.

Notice of Withdrawal

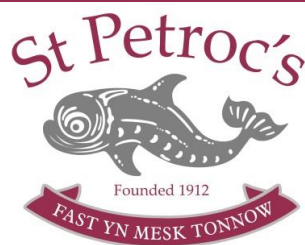
A full term's notice must be given in writing to the Headmaster. In default of such notice, payment of fees for one term must be made.



SENIOR SCHOOL DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS SINCE 1992

Allhallows College*
Blundell's School*
Cheltenham Ladies' College
Chilton Cantelo School
Colyton Grammar School
Devonport High School
Duke of York's Royal Military School
Edgehill College*
Exeter School
Grenville College
Harrow School*
Holsworthy Community College
Kelly College*
King's College, Taunton*
The Pilgrims' School*
Plymouth College
Plymouth High School
Queen's College, Taunton*
Royal Hospital School, Holbrook
St Boniface
St Joseph's School
Shebbear College
Stonar School*
Stover School*
Taunton School
Truro School
Wellington College*
West Buckland School
Winchester College*
Wrekin College*

* Awards won at these schools (academic, art, CDT or music)



St Petroc's School Staff List and Qualifications

Prep School

Teaching Staff

Ben Hilton	Headmaster and Year 5/6	Degree BA Hons, GTP
Maggie Wood	Deputy Head and Year 4	B Ed Honours Primary with DT
Pauline Chespy	Year 1/2	B Ed Hons Primary Geography
Carol Cook	Music, Drama and English	BA Hons Humanities with Specialism Music
Sue Cuff	Reception	B Ed (Hons) Primary with DT
Tom Fox	Year 3	BSc Hons Sports Performance and Coaching
Briony Marks	MFL & IT	BA French and Spanish, PGCE

Teaching Assistants

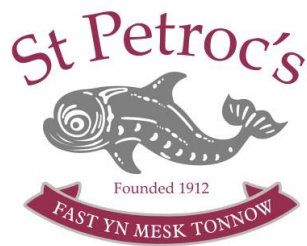
Rebecca Cottle	Teaching Assistant
Jenny Rees	Level 3 NVQ Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
Carol Tye	NVQ Level 3 Children's Learning, Care and Development

Learning Support

Pam Hartley	Head of Learning Support
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Early Years

Nicola Olver	Head of Early Years	Level 4 Certificate in Early Years Practice
Tahira White	Dolphins Manager	BA Hons in Early Childhood Studies
Laura Bray	Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development	
Fiona Britten	NVQ Level 2 Children's Learning, Care and Development	
Josie Brown	Level 3 National Diploma in Children and Young People's workforce	
Rachel Eke	Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development	



Jess Goodearl	Level 3 National Diploma in Children and Young People's Workforce
Laura Hicks	Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development
Katie Holmes	Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development
Jess Jerwood	Level 2 in Child Development and Learning Level 3 supporting teaching and learning in schools
Tina Meredith	Level 3 NNEB
Victoria Moore	Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce: Early Learning and Childcare Pathway
Steph Perry	Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development
Laura Pollard	Level 3 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development
Kayleigh Sennett	NVQ Level 3 Children's Learning, Care and Development
Rebecca Symmons	NVQ Level 3 Children's Learning, Care and Development

School Business Manager

Alison Heywood

School Secretary

Anne Smith

Catering and Housekeeping

Ann Walter
Sherrie Robbins
Vanessa Mc Kinley
Sarah Smith
Rachel Eke

Bus Driver

David Smith

Groundsman

Connor Wilson

Governors

Nick Buckland - Chair of Governors
Mike Saltmarsh
Andrew Orchard
Lester Bird

Hugh Monro
Nick May
Reverend Simon Leigh
Richard Collings



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ISA Inspection 2014



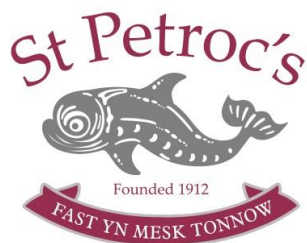
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ISA Inspection 2014



St Petroc's Inspection Report

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“ Pupils show excellent attitudes to their work and activities out of class. ”

Academic

“ Teachers know their pupils very well and the atmosphere in classrooms is friendly and purposeful. ”

“ The extended school day provides extensive opportunities for all pupils to...complete their homework in a supervised and supportive setting. ”

“ Mixed-age friendship groups exist across the school and older pupils talk proudly about the ways they look after younger pupils. ”

“ Their behaviour, self-confidence and sense of responsibility are excellent. ”

Social & Pastoral

“ ..excellent pastoral care, support and guidance. ”

“ Boys and girls of all ages show a strong awareness of themselves and others...their personal development is at an exceptionally high level. ”

“ The extended school day provides extensive opportunities for all pupils to take part in a wide range of sports.... ”

Sport

“ Sport especially enables pupils to achieve at a high level, both individually and in teams, regionally and nationally. ”

“ Pupils achieve a high level of success in their extra- curricular activities, especially in sport. ”



St Petroc's Inspection Report

“Pupils’ musical ability, especially their singing, is strong.”

Music & Drama

“Pupils enjoy particular success in sport, drama and other activities and clubs.”

“Parents...expressed unanimous satisfaction with all aspects of the setting.”

“(the children) ...flourish in a secure and caring environment in which they feel safe and content.”

Early Years

“There is... a very warm and welcoming atmosphere, and as a result, children feel safe and secure.”

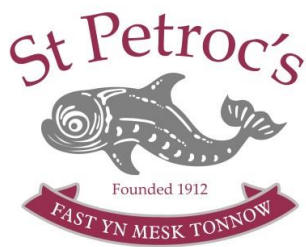
“The setting makes outstanding provision in meeting the needs of the range of children who attend.”

“The school is highly successful in fulfilling its aim to develop confident and balanced children prepared for their next school and life beyond it.”

General

“...parents are highly appreciative and positive about all aspects of the education provided for their children...”

“Pupils’ relationships with staff and with each other are exemplary, and standards of behaviour are high.”



REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD

Surname _____

First Names _____
(Preferred name underlined)

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) _____

Proposed start date _____

Autumn (Sept), **Spring** (Jan), **Summer** (Apr)

Gender _____

Name of Present School or Nursery (if applicable)

School or Nursery Address

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Parent / Guardian 1

Title & Full Name _____

Home Address _____

Tel (Home): _____

Tel (Day): _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Parent / Guardian 2

Title & Full Name _____

Home Address _____

Tel (Home): _____

Tel (Day): _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

All admissions information will be addressed jointly as detailed above at one address. If this is not appropriate to the family circumstances, please indicate below to whom such information should be sent:

DECLARATION

To the Admissions Manager, St Petroc's School, 40 Ocean View Road, Bude, Cornwall EX23 8NJ:

I/We request that _____ (Child's name) be registered for admission to St Petroc's School, Bude. We enclose the £50.00 registration fee made payable to St Petroc's School.

I/We undertake to conform to all the rules and regulations in from time to time and to be responsible for the payment of accounts when they become due.

It is understood that a full term's notice in writing must be given before the child stated above is withdrawn from the School or that in lieu thereof a full term's fee will be payable. (Such notice must be given before the first day of the final term). We shall be jointly, and severally, responsible for the payments of fees and disbursements.

Data Protection Caveat

By signing this form you consent to St Petroc's School Trust holding information about you and your child on the school database. Information will never be passed onto any third parties without your permission or unless it is a legal requirement to do so.

Parent / Guardian 1

Title & Full Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent / Guardian 2

Title & Full Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

The completed form should be accompanied by:

- **Registration Fee of £50.00**
- **A photocopy of the candidate's birth certificate**

Please return to:

Admissions Department
St Petroc's School
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