

A large group of children, approximately 50 in total, are sitting on a large, moss-covered fallen log in a forest. The children are dressed in colorful outdoor clothing, including jackets, hats, and boots. They are smiling and waving at the camera. The forest has many tall, thin trees with sparse green leaves, suggesting a late autumn or early spring setting. The ground is covered with fallen leaves and some green plants are visible in the foreground.

Trythall Community Primary School

Headteacher Applicant Pack

Welcome to Trythall

Thank you for considering the position of headteacher at Trythall Community Primary School. We hope the information in this pack will provide a sense of the exciting opportunity you have to lead our small, unique school.

Community is very important at Trythall. We share a caring, collective ethos across our diverse community of parents/carers and staff. Some are local farming families within walking distance of the school, while others choose to join Trythall from all across West Cornwall, from Lands End to Penzance, St Ives and beyond.

Trythall has a well-earned reputation for enhancing learning through the use of our “exceptional outdoor facilities” (Ofsted) as well as the local Penwith area and indeed the wider Cornwall region. Regular events such as the school sports day on Sennen beach, performances at the Minack Theatre, visits to local artists’ studios, walks across the Penwith moor to ancient monuments and forest school days in Trevaylor Woods are fun for the children, but are also deeply tied into the curriculum and help build resilience and confidence.

Our dedicated and talented staff are justifiably proud of the creative and exciting curriculum, and have high expectations for the behaviour, attainment and progress of the children. All children are included and are encouraged “to be more human”.

To truly appreciate the unique setting and the wonderful opportunities at Trythall, we highly recommend that you visit the school. Please get in touch, we are very welcoming and will be very happy to show you around and answer any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

Andrew Stott

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governors of Trythall School



A Trythall child becomes ..

- .. a successful learner who makes good progress and is excited by learning.
- .. a confident adult, able to lead a safe, healthy and fulfilling life.
- .. a responsible citizen who makes a positive contribution to society and can work with others.



.. a reasoning adult who can investigate, evaluate and solve problems.

.. a human being who celebrates diversity, appreciates beauty and loves the natural world.

.. brave, determined, independent in thought and action, adaptable, communicative, creative, curious, tolerant and kind.

The Trythall child learns through doing, making, playing, working together and being outdoors.

Every child and their family are included in an atmosphere of warmth and mutual support.



Trythall Virtues

Curiosity

Reasoning

Honesty

Gratitude

Respect



Responsibility

Ubuntu

Kindness

Resilience

Teamwork



Determination

Courage

Tolerance

Creativity

Independence



About the school



Pupils Numbers

- School: 68
- Pre-school: 16

Mixed-year classes

- Reception and Year 1 (21 children)
- Year 2 & 3 (21 children)
- Year 4, 5 & 6 (26 children)

Staff

- 1 Headteacher
- 1 Secretary
- 4 Teachers
- 1 Pre-school Lead
- 10 Teaching Assistants
- Specialist Teachers for Art, Music, Drama, PE, Sport, Swimming, Surfing, Gymnastics and Maths!



Working at Trythall

Trythall school is only ten minutes' drive from Penzance, but it is surrounded by countryside and beautiful views towards the north and south coast.

For a small school, we are so lucky to have unexpectedly large and varied school grounds. There is a field, a woodland, a pond and a wetland area, which are home to an abundance of wildlife from wildflowers to lizards, buzzards and swallows. We also have our own maze, stone circle and tree house. There are two polytunnels, three sandpits, a small amphitheatre for outdoor performances, a firepit, a challenging climbing frame and lots of places for playing hide and seek or making dens. There are also two, large playgrounds and an early years play area.

As Trythall is a relatively small school, we are nothing like other, larger institutions. It is an informal, friendly place, where every child and their family is welcomed for who they are.



Reading, writing, arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more 'human' (see our website). The concept of 'Ubuntu' describes our ethos. This means 'I am because we are'. In other words, we are created for a delicate network of relationships, of interdependence with our fellow human beings, and with the rest of the natural world. Coming to Trythall is like leaving overwhelming modern life behind and stepping into a simpler, kinder and friendlier world.

Living in Penwith

Cornwall and West Penwith in particular is an area which offers an unusually good quality of life. It manages to combine a more laid-back attitude to life, while at the same time offering a thriving community with lots to do for anyone who wants to get involved. There are regular events, festivals, musical concerts, art exhibitions and theatre productions throughout the year.

If you enjoy being outdoors, Penwith has a whole range of opportunities for enjoying its beautiful scenery, inland or on the coast. We have some of the



most gorgeous beaches in the world, of course, so it's a perfect place to surf, paddle board, sail and enjoy all sorts of other coastal activities. Fancy a swim or a beach barbecue after work?

Less well known is Penwith's stunning interior landscape – woods, moors and rare heaths, carns and ancient sites. If you like walking, nature or archaeology, this really is a special place.

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Headteacher with teaching
commitment of up to 0.3FTE

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Closing date for applications:
Monday 3rd March 2025

Start date:
Monday 1st September 2025

Trythall Community Primary School
is a small, family school set in a
beautiful, rural location and is well
regarded in the community.

Our current Headteacher will be
retiring after 16 years. We are
looking for a leader who is an
outstanding practitioner and will be
able to continue to empower the
children and enable them to reach
their full potential in all areas of
their learning and their lives.





The successful candidate will be:

- An inspirational educator who will support our distinctive and inclusive vision and ethos
- An outstanding teacher who models excellence throughout the school community and works collaboratively with the staff and governors
- An innovative and strategic thinker with the commitment, drive and ability to add value to a dedicated team, as well as being open to doing things differently
- Able to lead, motivate, challenge and inspire staff and pupils to have a love of learning and to achieve their best
- An excellent communicator with outstanding interpersonal and organisational skills

Trythall can offer you:

- A happy school with a genuinely engaged community of staff, parents/carers and governors
- A warm, welcoming, inclusive environment with a team of dedicated professionals with a wealth of experience and special skills to share
- Children who are eager to learn, have a positive attitude and enjoy coming to school
- A learning environment where each child's educational and emotional welfare are the top priorities for a team committed to doing their very best for every child
- "Exceptional outdoor facilities" (Ofsted)
- Opportunities to grow, to be stretched, and develop as a leader and as a person

Trythall has a strong ethos and a commitment to learning outside the classroom, engaging with nature and understanding our place in the environment. We have an open-minded approach to what we do and a different 'feel' to more traditional schools.

