

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see all our children actively engaging this week in a wide range of learning opportunities.

This week I was part of the Frozen rehearsal, and I couldn't help but sing along with the cast as they sang the songs with great enthusiasm and joy. The children in the cast have shown commitment and dedication in their rehearsals and I can assure you that you are in for a real treat. We are also fortunate to have a team of staff and volunteers who are working hard behind the scenes making the stage props and costumes.

This term, Lanyon are taking part in the brass ensemble sessions which gives the children an opportunity to learn to play a brass instrument led by Astone Music Hub. They get to practice each week in school and at home, building towards performing a selection of pieces in a performance for parents at the end of the Summer term.

Today I got to see our Bikeability group head off out for their session. They were excited and ready for a session of safe cycling.

This week will end with our Reception children taking part in a tennis session this afternoon where they will get the chance to have a go at this sport led by IV Tennis Coaching.

It is important that we continue to follow our school uniform expectations. We have a school uniform parent guide on our website to further advise you should you wish to refer to this: <http://www.alverton.org.uk/web/uniform/86630>

Children can wear a watch, stud earrings and if they have long hair, this needs to be tied back please.

We are also aware that some of our older children are using WhatsApp and WhatsApp groups. We advise that our parents are aware of their children's internet use and would recommend it to be a good habit for parents to monitor their child's phone.

As we approach the Bank Holiday, I wish you a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Simpson  
Acting Deputy Head



**Remember – safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility**

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Simon Brown (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at

[sbrown@alverton.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:sbrown@alverton.tpacademytrust.org) or,

if it is out of school hours, please contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300 1231 116;

E-mail:

[multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk)

**Clubs**

Drama Club on Wednesday 8th May will run until 6pm, not 4.30pm. Please send your child in with a snack.

Some clubs have waiting lists so if your child no longer wishes to have a place, please let the office know so that someone else can join in.

**THIS IS OUR**

**HELP YOUR SHELF**

**How it Works**

**It’s all free.**

**Take what you need, whenever you need it.**



**No Questions Asked – No Judgements Made**

**Give what you can if you would like to.**

**Donations wanted**

Our Help Your Shelf is looking rather bare. If you are able to bring in any non-perishable food items, cleaning products or toiletries, we would be very grateful. These will all go to helping our families and community. Thank you very much.

**Wanted - urgently!**

The wardrobe department for Frozen desperately **need brown or green (earthy colour) material** for costumes. If you have any old material they could use please bring it to the office.

Also wanted is any **brown packing paper** (like the sort that comes in parcels) for our Mazey sculptures. Please save any and hand it in.

Many thanks for your support.

### Year 6 London meeting

If your child is going to London in July please come along to a meeting on **Thursday 9th May at 3.15pm** in Kenidjack classroom. There will be lots of information given out and a chance to ask questions. Please come along if you can.

### Help for FOAS

FOAS (Friends of Alverton School) have found that, over the past six months, their numbers have dwindled to such an extent that they are currently no longer able to run the majority of school and community events that they have done so in the past. This puts a number of events, such as the Summer Fair, in jeopardy. They are now reaching out to all parents and relatives to see if they can get enough volunteers and organisers to enable such events to happen. If you are able to support them by giving some of your time, please get in touch by emailing the office [alverton@tpacademytrust.org](mailto:alverton@tpacademytrust.org) and we will pass your details on. Thank you very much.

The early May Bank Holiday is next **Monday 6th May** and school and the Woodland Nursery will be closed. See you on Tuesday 7th.

### LOST

Jamie-Leigh in Trencrom has lost her football boots. They are sky blue in colour and size 2. Please check and hand in if found. Thank you.

I'm feeling vaguely optimistic about warm weather and seriously considering the possibility that it might appear. But I've also had some interesting chats recently and discovered that I'm not alone feeling the way I do about the



weather, the incessant rain and the constant feelings of gloom it brings with it. I'm not alone feeling tired all the time and finding it hard some days to be positive. I always want to put on a smile and show my happy self, but there are days when that requires more of an effort than others. On the plus side though, there is always a colleague, friend or family member on hand to make me feel better. I can do that for you, so please don't hesitate to ask. I

mean that most sincerely. Much love, Mrs Daylak xxxxx

Tickets for Frozen will be on sale from Monday in the following order:

Tickets on sale to CAST ONLY from MONDAY 22nd APRIL.

Tickets on sale to CHOIR ONLY from MONDAY 29th APRIL.

Tickets on general sale from TUESDAY 7th MAY.

Last year, we sold out and so it is essential that you call in at the office as soon as tickets go on sale after the appropriate date. Thank you.

Alverton Primary School  
production of

Disney  
**FROZEN** JR.  
©Disney

TICKETS NOW  
ON SALE!

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6.30pm  
Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 6.30pm

**Tickets**

£4.50 adult / £2.50 children over five.

Free tickets for pupils of Alverton School.

Please ask at the office if you have younger children  
who would like to attend.

Music and Lyrics by  
Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Book by  
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and  
directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

The original Broadway production of *Frozen* was directed by  
Michael Grandage and produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by  
Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



## Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust has its own Out of Hours telephone support provided by Support Matters Cornwall. This service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can be delivered over the telephone, via text, email or web chat. Call free on **0800 001 4330**.



Family  
Line

0808 802 6666

ChildLine

0800 1111



0300 123 3393

www.mind.org.uk



for better mental health

Download this image onto your phone for **when you might need help**



**Samaritans:** 24h  
Emotional support to anyone in distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.

116 123

**Shout:** 24h  
Text service, free on all major networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.

• If you're over 18, text the word **SHOUT**

• Under 18s, text **YM**

Text: **85258**

### Cornwall's 24/7 NHS mental health support

Call for free, any time day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone service will listen to you and determine how best to help

0800 038 5300

### Valued Lives:

Supports people who are experiencing mental or emotional distress in Cornwall. Every day, 5.30pm - midnight.

01209 901438

If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger call **999**



www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth

If you're worried about a child:

0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

### Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

The CTIPA Foodbank in Penzance provides food for anyone in need. If their support would be helpful to you, just phone Veryan or Adele in the office in confidence on 01736 364087 and they can phone the Foodbank for you who will be able to help.

The Foodbank are extremely busy at the moment and are very grateful for any donations.

citizens  
advice

0344 411 1444

ON YOUR SIDE  
NO MATTER WHAT

0800 58 58 58

THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST  
LIVING  
MISERABLY  
CALM

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123

NATIONAL DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE HELPLINE  
0808 2000 247  
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL  
FREEPHONE

AT HOME  
SHOULDN'T  
MEAN  
AT RISK

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT:  
gov.uk/domestic-violence

WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline

# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK’s regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents’ media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, ‘Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024’ has just been published, and we’ve plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

## ONLINE LIVES



## SCREEN TIME

By children’s age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child’s screentime were ...



## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s



## ONLINE GAMING

**68%** of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



## PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



## DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

@wake\_up\_weds

/www.thenationalcollege

@wake.up.wednesday

@wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 01.05.2024

There is a lot of help and advice available to help you keep your children safe online. Have a look at the Online Safety section of our website for lots of useful information and links [http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online\\_safety\\_for\\_families/246722](http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online_safety_for_families/246722). Your child’s teacher will also always be happy to talk to you about online safety.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

**The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.**

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council. You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

**It is important that you submit your application by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

### **Why have we made this change?**

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

## Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Registering a child as eligible for free school meals (as described below) means that your child receives a free meal every day (though they can, of course, bring a packed lunch should they prefer) but there are additional benefits too. Pupil Premium brings more money into the school to help children achieve and learn. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium also receive other benefits (eg contributions towards Key Stage 2 camps and funding to use for uniform, music lessons, trips etc). At some times, there are further benefits for these children such as food vouchers during holiday times where these are given. Please see the Pupil Premium Provision Map in the Pupil Premium section of our website [http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil\\_premium/172518](http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil_premium/172518) or speak to Mrs Gill or Mrs Stacey in the office or contact Mrs Simpson who leads our Pupil Premium provision.

The easiest and quickest way to apply for free school meals is online through the Cornwall Council website but, if you are unable to do this, you can call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits / credits are being claimed:

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

NB All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related free school meals and it is important to apply for these if you think your child may be eligible.

Registering for free school meals / Pupil Premium is confidential. If you think that your child is eligible, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above. Mrs Gill and Mrs Stacey in the office will also be able to help you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

## **We are recruiting at the Woodland Nursery!**

We are looking for passionate, experienced, qualified (Level 2 or above) Nursery Practitioners to join our dynamic, friendly team at the Woodland Nursery, Alverton School, which is part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust. This is a hugely rewarding role for the right person, offering great benefits while having the chance to make a real difference to children's lives.

The Nursery is open from 8am-6pm and days and hours will be discussed at interview. These roles will start as soon as possible, subject to relevant checks, and are offered as maternity cover. This will include working in school holidays.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our successful, hardworking and friendly team.

The successful applicants must:

- provide a high standard of physical, emotional, social and intellectual care for children in the setting.
- give support to staff within the setting.
- work as part of a team in order to provide an enabling environment in which all individual children can play, develop and learn.
- build and maintain strong partnership working with parents to enable children's needs to be met.

When writing your application please refer to this advert and to the essential and desirable criteria detailed in the job description.

For more information or an informal chat about the role, please contact Kayla Statham, Nursery Lead on 01736 351135.

Closing date: Wednesday 8th May

Interview date: Thursday 16th May

Alverton Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and young people and the successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Please see our website <http://www.alverton.org.uk> for details about our nursery, school, including our prospectus. Our Child Protection and Safer Recruitment Policies are included in the School Policies section.

We are committed to safeguarding children and the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, and will be assessed against the Childcare Disqualification Regulations.

**For further information, application form and how to apply please see the Vacancies page on the school website.**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

	Little Foxes	Elsie	for fantastic leadership skills
	Little Owls	Olivia	for sitting so nicely at carpet time
	Kittiwakes	Jude	for showing an excellent attitude all week
	Curlews	Xanthe	for a positive & hard-working attitude to all aspects of school
	Puffins	Rosa	for brilliant effort in all areas of your learning but particularly PE
	Owls	Scarlett	for being a ray of sunshine in our classroom
	Kingfishers	Lottie	for fabulous writing about the Great Fire of London
	Trencrom	Flinn	for working hard this week & producing some fantastic RE work
	Lanyon	Tyler	for always working so hard & for putting so much effort in
	Kerris	Primrose	for always working hard & being a wonderful member of the class
	Bodrifty	Charlie H	for your fantastic work & effort gathering research in English
	Bosigran	Sophia	for making huge amounts of effort to improve her Maths
	Kenidjack	Eva C	for always giving 100% effort & being lovely
	Lunchtime Star	Jack B	for his lovely manners especially towards the canteen staff
		Austin D	for being super helpful at lunchtime

## DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 6th May</b>	Spring Bank Holiday - school closed
<b>Wednesday 22nd &amp; Thursday 23rd May</b> 6.30pm	School show - Frozen
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	School closes for May half term
<b>Monday 27th-Friday 31st May</b>	Half term holiday
<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	INSET Day - school closed
<b>Tuesday 4th June</b>	School opens for second half - summer term Swimming starts for Trencrom Group 2
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b>	Swimming starts for Year 5 Group 2
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	No Dance club - Steph away