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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents,

It has been great to be back at school this half-term and we hope that your children have had fun with their friends and enjoyed lots of learning. Our Year 5s started the half-term in a very exciting way as they have been to BF Adventure in Falmouth for their camp and all had an amazing time. Thank you to the staff that went with them.

We are now in the process of conducting our annual 360° Review with all members of our school community and, as you know, we ask you to complete a survey every year. The information gathered has a direct impact on the direction in which we try to develop the school over the next year and it is very important to us that our parents' voices are represented.

To this end, you will find a link to Survey Monkey and a QR code below and we would be very grateful if you could follow one of these and complete the survey which should only take a few minutes. There is also a space for comments at the end if there is anything about the school that you would like to add. We love positive feedback but also consider carefully any suggestions that you bring forward.

We firmly believe that working together in a spirit of openness is the most effective way of ensuring we are able to meet our common goals and provide your children with the best educational provision possible, and this review is an important part of that process.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to complete the survey.

Cathryn Wicks
Head of School

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PZJXNJ8>



Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Martin Higgs (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at head@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

Summer Term Safeguarding Newsletter

Each term, we take a different focus for our Safeguarding newsletter. This term, we are providing information about Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and County Lines. Please follow this link and download the newsletter from here. There is a link to a video which, although aimed at people working in education, is equally useful for parents and gives a really good overview and insight in to County Lines and what this could mean for children and young people.
http://www.alverton.org.uk/web/safeguarding_newsletters_for_parents/652398

Sports Days

Here are the dates for the upcoming Sports Days. All start at 1.30pm. Entrance will be through the side gate by the nursery onto the field. **The bottom field gate will remain locked until 3pm.**

Tuesday 13th June - EYFS (Reception)

Wednesday 14th June - KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Thursday 15th June - LKS2 (Years 3 & 4)

Monday 19th June - UKS2 (Years 5 & 6)

Children should wear their PE kit to school on the day of their Sports Day as well as on their normal PPA day.

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How it Works

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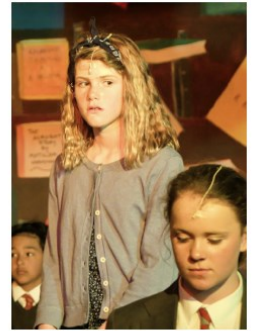
No Questions Asked – No Judgements Made

Give what you can if you would like to.

We currently have lots of items on our Help Your Shelf ready for collection which are free for anyone to take at any time.

If you prefer, you can buy a reusable bag for £1 and fill this with items from the shelf. Once you've bought your bag, you can fill it with as much as you want, as many times as you want. Whichever way you choose, the Help Your Shelf is available all day and you can pop in at any time.

Here are some of the fabulous photos of Matilda that were taken by Mr Keast. The photos will be on sale in reception soon. As soon as they are ready we will text.



Clubs

All clubs have now restarted. There will be no Dance club on Friday 30th June due to the FOAS Summer Fair. There are 5 weeks left of clubs and **all will finish on Friday 7th July**. There will be no Rounders club on 5th July as Mrs Harman is away on the Year 6 London trip.

Non uniform day - next Friday 16th June. Wear something green and bring a donation in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

FRIDAY 16 JUNE: WEAR GREEN AND BRING £1 TO SUPPORT "THE COVE" MACMILLAN SUPPORT CENTRE

On Friday 16 June, as part of the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust family of schools, we are taking part in a fundraising activity!



Fundraising: the plan!

On Friday 16 June, we are turning our school green! We want every member of our school community to ditch the uniform, donate £1 and wear as much green as they possibly can.

What are we raising money for? The Cove Macmillan Support Centre are leading a new and innovative project in Cornwall, working across schools and the health service to share resources that will support children where there is a diagnosis of cancer.

We all know families that have been impacted in some way by cancer. We are raising funds so that every TPAT school and nursery has access to resources that could make the difference at the most challenging of times.

Our aim?

For every setting to have access to these important resources through the collective fundraising efforts of all our schools.

FOAS Summer Fair

Friday 30th June from 3.15pm

Please see the letter that was emailed home yesterday about how you can support and help towards this fantastic event.

If you can donate any good quality raffle prizes please drop them into the office from next week. Cakes will also be needed for the cake stall on the day itself. Thank you very much.

Wristbands will be on sale from the office soon. These allow the children to take part in all the activities for free. More details to follow.

Please put the date on your calendar and come along.



Daisy's Diary

Alverton is helping out SAS and Plastic Free Penzance by collecting single use plastic bottles for a big event happening in July. I think there are a couple of other schools helping out too but obviously we want to be the best! We have a big bag set up ready for your bottles in the staff car park and it's easy to spot. There's more info from SAS below so please check it out if you want to help us and do something easy and positive for the environment.

I can't resist putting in another photo of the chicks because they change so quickly! All of the fluffy down they were covered in has almost all gone, lots of feathers now, and they can fly really well! They are zooming around the greenhouse like little yellow canaries! Good old Sherbert and Banana.



Surfers Against Sewage - what we need:

Plastic drinks bottles (any apart from cleaning product bottles) which have been washed, have the lids on and the labels off. Please don't squash them. We need to collect as many as we can until 1st July. With a possible panic collection between 4th and 17th July! To incentivise you, the school with the most bottles collected wins an epic prize. Its very own beach clean box with resources!





NHS

Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Team in Schools:
Parent Drop-Ins

Worry

Is your child worried? This drop-in will focus on strategies to support your child with managing their worries.

3 - 4 pm on: **Wednesday 14th June 2023**

School staff will be available to look after your school-aged child/ren who attend the school during this session.

Open to all Alverton Primary School parents.

Sleep

Is your child struggling with sleep? This drop-in will explore ideas for supporting your child with going to/staying asleep.

3 - 4 pm on: **Wednesday 21st June 2023**

School staff will be available to look after your school-aged child/ren who attend the school during this session.

Open to all Alverton Primary School parents.

Behaviour

Is your child struggling with tricky behaviour at home? This drop-in will focus on positive strategies to support your child.

3 - 4 pm on: **Wednesday 28th June 2023**

School staff will be available to look after your school-aged child/ren who attend the school during this session.

Open to all Alverton Primary School parents.

Transition to Secondary

Is your child moving to Secondary School in September? This drop-in will explore strategies for supporting your child.

3 - 4 pm on: **Wednesday 5th July 2023**

School staff will be available to look after your school-aged child/ren who attend the school during this session.

Open to Year 6 Alverton Primary School parents only!



All Drop-Ins will be held by Channon Gray our NHS Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) working as part of the Mental Health Support Team in Schools (MHST). The MHST is an early intervention and prevention service.

If you have any questions about the drop-ins above, then please let your child's Class Teacher know so they can be passed on to Channon in advance.



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

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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.

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gov.uk/domestic-violence

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West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RFG Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Vandore Simulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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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. Your child's teacher will also always be happy to talk to you about online safety.

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 or speak to Mrs Gill or Mrs Stacey in the office or contact Mrs O'Rourke 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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

	Kittiwakes	Bella	for amazing phonics & increased confidence
	Curlews	Joni	for your super new confidence
	Puffins	Rex	for super effort with your reading
	Owls	Matilda	for always being an absolute star, working hard & always giving 100%
	Kingfishers	Marley	for super determination in her reading & making excellent progress
	Trencrom	Miller	for his amazing achievement finishing Reflex Maths
	Lanyon	Izzy	for all of her incredible hard work & beautiful manners
	Kerris	Harry	for coming back to school with a good attitude & being very helpful
	Bodrifty	Hayden	for being so willing to help & being such a gentleman
	Bosigran	Theo	for working so hard this term in Maths & focussing on his times tables
	Kenidjack	Elowen	for an absolutely fantastic attitude on Year 5 camp. You gave it your all
		Henry	for his brilliant skills at Year 5 camp & sensible behaviour
		Rickie	for being generally outstanding all year long

Well wasn't that a beautiful week for half term? Pure sunshine for all of it and I cannot remember the last time we had a school holiday with such gorgeous weather for the duration. And I'm not complaining though I am a little concerned about plants, gardens, farmers and crops, but hopefully, (and I'm sorry if I upset anyone by saying this) it'll rain soon. So, I feel refreshed and happy to be back, and I hope you all feel the same. Do you? I'm here, always, if you don't. For any need, no matter what, and I really don't mind being there and listening. And have I mentioned how much tea I like to drink? Much love, Mrs Daylak xxxxx



School lunches till the end of term

As well as two choices of hot meal, jacket potatoes and tomato pasta, Chartwells will be offering sandwiches as part of school lunches from now until the end of term. The choice will be ham, cheese or tuna and your child can order this daily.

The current menu will be in place next term and will run until October half term.



DIARY DATES

Monday 12th June	Year 6 surfing - Group 2
Tuesday 13th June 1.30pm	EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 14th June 1.30pm	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 15th June 1.30pm	LKS2 Sports Day
Friday 16th June	TPAT fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support Wear green & bring a £1
Monday 19th June 1.30pm	UKS2 Sports Day
Thursday 22nd June 9.30am	Alverton Mazey Parade
Saturday 24th June	Mazey Day <i>3pm parade</i>
Friday 30th June 3.15pm	FOAS Summer Fair
Tuesday 4th July	Year 6 transition day at Humphry Davy & Mounts Bay
Wednesday 5th-Friday 7th July	Year 6 London trip
Friday 7th July	All clubs finish
Friday 21st July 1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July 3.15pm	School closes for Summer holidays
Monday 24th July	School closed - INSET Day
Tuesday 25th July	School closed - INSET Day

Odysseus

Create a play in a day!



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