



Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful week of weather we have had! We had our last sports day this week for EYFS and they were so proud of their stickers they won! We had another great sporting success this week when we took a team of children to Carn Brea for the School Games. The children came back proudly waving the shields that we earned. They had the best day and represented our school brilliantly, both in terms of behaviour and sporting success. The sports leaders have added a report to this newsletter with more detail!

Some of you may have noticed the little parking sign that appeared this week. We have noticed, and been told, that the volume of traffic is becoming increasingly dangerous at the moment. Parking on the pavement is obstructing visibility getting in and out, as well as being dangerous to walk by. We also have noticed an increasing number of people parking in the car park. If you have a parking concern, please report to 101 online using the following link:

[Report a road traffic incident | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

We have given permission for a few families where children have specific needs to park in the car park but request that no one else does. Staff are arriving late to work as they have nowhere to park which means children are missing their interventions first thing.

We thank you in advance for your support,

Nichola Smith  
Headteacher

## Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Nichola Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at [nsmith@alverton.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:nsmith@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)

## Cancellation of clubs

Outdoor Adventure club is cancelled on **Wednesday 25th June** as Miss Atkins is on a trip with her class. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

## Sun hats and water bottles

Don't forget that your child needs a filled, named water bottle with them every day and if the weather is hot and sunny, please ensure they have a sun hat and have had sunscreen applied before school.  
Thanks.

## Class photos

All class photos were taken recently and your child should have come home with a slip with all the information about how to buy them if you wish to. To get free postage back to school, please buy them online by 29th June. Any questions, please contact Hatchbox direct by emailing [HatchBoxPhoto@hotmail.com](mailto:HatchBoxPhoto@hotmail.com)

## 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.

## Carn Brea Athletics

The athletics competition was a thrilling event. Mr Hammond and Miss Jenkin took 34 children to enjoy it. They all experienced individual and team events including high jump, long jump, sprinting, 800m, 1500m, howler throw and speed bounce. Many of us got medals. The highlights were: Joshua came second in the 1500m boys race, Brae came second in the high jump, Jacob won the boys Year 6 sprint, Sofia gave a great performance in 1500m and Chester won 2 gold medals in the Year 3 boys sprint. All our relay teams also did brilliantly including both the Year 3 teams, boys and girls, who won gold medals. Despite the unbelievably hot weather conditions we were still the overall winners. We brought back both shields - the overall winners and the relay winners. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and all the Year 6s were sad that they won't be able to do it next year. *Report by Jai and Brae*



## Alverton Mazey information

All the information about the Alverton parade on the field on Thursday 26th and the procession on Mazey Day on Saturday 28th has been sent home by email and is also attached to this newsletter. **We are in the 3pm parade on Saturday 28th June.** Please come and support us if you can.



Here is a selection of photographs from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, taken by Adrian Keast, which we performed in May. They will be on sale for parents of the cast and choir next week and we will also be creating a display of them at school.



# PARENT CAFE

With the Autism Support Team

*An opportunity for parents/carers to speak, be heard and meet whilst enjoying tea/coffee/biscuits.*

- ✓ Learn more about autism
- ✓ Share your worries with others
- ✓ Access support networks



**Wednesday 2nd**

**JULY 2024**

9am - 10am  
Alverton School

**For more information, please contact  
Miss Atkins**



The Friends of Alverton School (FOAS) are busy preparing for the Summer Fair, which is now just four weeks away!

This event is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together, celebrate the end of the academic year and raise valuable funds to help enrich the children's time at Alverton School.



**We're excited to announce that Alverton School's very own band, The Purple Strawberries,**

**will be performing at the Summer Fair!**  
They'll be joined by some of the stars of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, who will be treating us to a few musical numbers from the show.



Look out for raffle tickets in book bags next week. For just £1 a ticket, you'll be in with a chance to win some amazing prizes, including:

-  **A scenic helicopter ride**
-  **Tickets to a show at the Minack Theatre**
-  **Lunch at The Honey Pot**
-  **A hamper from The Granary**
-  **Vouchers to spend at Happy Dais vintage, EbbFlow...**

...and more to be announced soon



All parents, grandparents, carers and staff are automatically members of FOAS – and we'd love for you to get involved!

Whether you have time to help out, an idea to share, or just want to stay in the loop, we'd love to hear from you. There's absolutely no commitment – you can take part as much or as little as you like.

We have a friendly WhatsApp group where we share updates and stay connected. If you'd like to be added to the group or simply want to find out more, please get in touch with us at:



## 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



0800 1111

0300 123 3393  
[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)  
**mind**  
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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth)

## If you're worried about a child:

0808 800 5000  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://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](http://THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT)

5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS



"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](http://gov.uk/domestic-violence)

**WCWAid**

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

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

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

### SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

### AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

### DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

### SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

### CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

### WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, UsSwitch, and WIRED.



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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](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.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Little Foxes	Abbie	for her fantastic growth in confidence & determination
Little Owls	Erin	for trying so hard with her listening & following instructions
Kittiwakes	Erikk	Enthusiasm: for showing fantastic enthusiasm towards everything
Curlews	Georgie	Enthusiasm: for incredible story telling
Puffins	Coby	Respect: for trying his best to follow the school rules
Owls	Otto	Perseverance: for making excellent progress in reading
Kingfishers	Dahlia	Enthusiasm: for making a great start in her new class and school
Trencrom	Alfie	Enthusiasm: for working hard & being a wonderful member of class
Lanyon	Jessica	Kindness: for always being so kind to absolutely everyone
Kerris	Tyler	Perseverance: for always working hard & putting effort into everything
Bodrifty	Joshua	Enthusiasm: for his fantastic achievement at the Carn Brea athletics
Bosigran	Rabi	Enthusiasm: for fantastic participation in lessons this week
Kenidjack	Logan	Enthusiasm: for great concentration this week
Lunchtime Star	Izzy A	for being a great help looking after our younger members of the school
	Esme	for being a great help looking after our younger members of the school
	Charlie Hi	for being such a great role model for the younger members of the school

My advice this week is sort of helpful but there are those of you who may well laugh out loud when you read it... 'If you're short on time, think about ways you can still engage in things that you enjoy while parenting.' This made me think hard, how did I do this when I was parenting a younger child? My answer, to be perfectly frank, was coffee and a slice of cake in a nearby cafe (still top of my favourite treats and yes, I will happily go by myself). And how does that help my child I hear you ask? Well, baby cappuccino (warm milk with some chocolate powder on top and a share of my cake whiled away plenty of time, made us both very happy and gave me an opportunity to hang out with people who may or may not have been parents. Basically it gave time to be sociable. And it's still something we do together, so without meaning to I created a pattern for our future relationship. Another top trick was heading to Morrab Gardens or any nearby park (the earlier in the day the better - fewer folk around to judge) and hang out. This is especially useful if you have children who wake up at first light. "But it's raining!!!!" I hear you cry. All the better, even fewer folk around and all you need are a good pair of wellies (adults and children) and some puddles. Get splashing and then head off for a treat - a flask of coffee will do just as nicely. Until then, enjoy having fun and treat yourselves well - you ARE worth it  
xxxxxxx



## DIARY DATES

<b>Wednesday 25th June</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Swimming Gala</b>
<b>Wednesday 25th June</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>New Reception Parents Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 26th June</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Alverton Mazey Event - school field</b>
<b>Saturday 28th June</b>	<b>Mazey Day</b>
<b>Monday 30th June</b>	<b>Year 3 Beach Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 1st July</b>	<b>Year 6 transition day to Humphry Davy &amp; Mounts Bay</b>
<b>Tuesday 1st July</b>	<b>Year 4 Eden trip</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th July</b>	<b>Year 6 London</b>
<b>Friday 18th July</b> <b>2.30-4.30pm</b>	<b>FOAS Summer Fair</b>
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b> <b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Last day of Summer term</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd July</b>	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
<b>Thursday 24th July-Friday 29th August</b>	<b>Summer holidays</b>
<b>Monday 1st September</b>	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd September</b> <b>8.30am</b>	<b>School opens for Autumn term</b>

**West Cornwall  
FREE to attend  
with your child**



## **Nurturing New Beginnings – Step up to secondary school**

A 90-minute workshop to attend with your child

Starting secondary school is a big step — and we're here to help make it a smooth one! Join us for an engaging and informative workshop designed to help parents and carers support their child's smooth transition from primary to secondary.

### **We'll explore:**

- How to prepare your child emotionally and practically
- Tips for building confidence and independence
- Ways to support your child through change

### **Come along to one of our friendly sessions:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Monday 4 August 2025	11:00-12:30	Penzance Family Hub
Tuesday 5 August 2025	10:30-12:00	Redruth Family Hub
Monday 18 August 2025	13:00-14:30	Pool Family Hub
Tuesday 19 August 2025	11:00-12:30	Hayle Family Hub
Wednesday 20 August 2025	11:00-12:30	Helston Family Hub



### **To book visit**

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### **Contact us**

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- Practical tips for building independence
- Strategies to boost your child's confidence

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Monday 28 July 2025	11:00-12:30	Penzance Family Hub
Tuesday 29 July 2025	10:30-12:00	Redruth Family Hub
Wednesday 30 July 2025	10:30-12:00	Camborne Family Hub
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