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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents/carers

What a jam-packed few weeks it has been! Year 5 had an amazing time at Porthpean last week. The weather may have been awful but it didn't dampen their spirits and they all gave everything 100%. We got so many compliments on their behaviour, determination, positivity and manners throughout - we were so very proud of all of them!

This week our Year 5/6 children have been visiting the Helston Museum where they have been learning more about life in WW2. They asked some great questions about the artefacts they saw and particularly enjoyed seeing the classroom!

Sports days started off positively with Years 3&4 and 5&6 being able to complete their days. They all enjoyed competing and were very proud of their efforts. The younger classes haven't been quite so lucky and we had to make the tough decision to cancel. The field can be very slippery in the rain and we didn't want to risk anyone getting injured. All days have been rearranged so please see the new dates on the diary dates page later in this newsletter.

Car park - whilst this has been mostly successful, there have been a few people using the bottom car park without a permit. We do not have the capacity for this - it is unsafe for children walking to school and is causing congestion getting in and out. There was a near miss this week with a car reversing out narrowly missing pedestrians. Please make sure you park in Hope church and walk through to school instead. Also if you have parked in the top car park and get locked in, please do not move the cones and chain. The car park reopens at 8.50am so you would be able to leave then.

Have a great (sunny!) weekend.

Nichola Smith
Headteacher

Parent survey reminder

At this time of year, we complete an annual whole school review to think about our progress and plan our actions for next year. We would be very grateful if you could find five minutes to do this before the closing date of Wednesday 17 June. You can either click on the link or follow the QR code. Thank you – we really value your opinion.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDVYZ5X>

Remember – safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Nichola Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at 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

Thank you!

A big thank you to Esther L’s Mum for raising **£76.80** for school funds during half term at Roos on the Prom. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

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.

Class photos

Hatchbox Photography will be in on **Tuesday 16th June** to take main school class photos. You will be sent information about how to order them after they have visited. Please can your child wear their smartest school uniform even if it is their PE or swimming day. Puffins, Kingfishers, Trencrom, Lanyon and Bosigran should wear their uniform to school, not their PE kit, and bring their PE kit with them.

Sporting Success!

A huge congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 football team on their fantastic achievement of finishing second in the Primary Penwith Football League!

The team played exceptionally well throughout the league, showing great skill, determination and sportsmanship in every match. They narrowly missed out on the top spot, being pipped at the post by Ludgvan in the final game of the play-offs. Despite this disappointment, finishing second overall out of 19 teams is an incredible accomplishment and one that the whole school should be proud of! Well done to all of the players for their hard work and excellent teamwork!



New mud kitchens



A **huge** thank you to Mr Linton (Layla's Dad) and his students at Penwith College for making two new amazing mud kitchens for our Reception outdoor learning space.



The children love them and we are very grateful for them.

Wanted for Mazey

For our Mazey creations we would really like your help. If you have any clean, empty 2 or 1.5 litre plastic bottles. We also need the inside cardboard tubes from kitchen rolls. If you have any of these please bring them into school. Thank you.

Wanted for Reception

Our Reception children would love some plants to put in their garden. They'd love anything with foliage or flowers (not vegetables, fruit or shrubs. Thank you.

No traffic crossing patrol

Our crossing patrol lady will be absent from the crossing on the following dates:

19th June - afternoon

24th & 25th June - morning & afternoon

Please take extra care when crossing the road on those days.

After school child care

There will be **NO** after school child care on the last day of term **Thursday 23rd July** for any children including Reception. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

LOST

Georgie in Puffins has lost her puffy, rainbow coloured coat. It is named. Please check at home and hand in if found. Thanks.

Lost property

All un-named items are kept in the lost property box outside the hall door which is emptied regularly. Please name items **ALL** items.



Parent Picnic

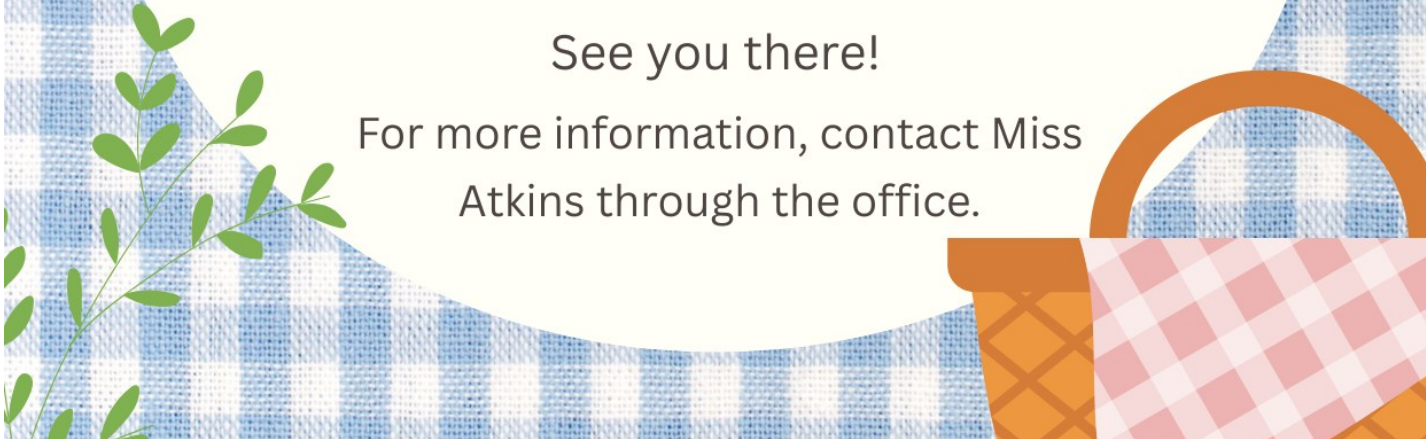
Wednesday 17th June 2026
9am-10am on the school field

Bring a flask and enjoy a cuppa with Miss Atkins, Mrs Hughes and other parents from our school. A good time to make new friends and connections.

Everyone welcome!

See you there!

For more information, contact Miss Atkins through the office.





Walky Wheely Wednesdays



Let's travel to school the fun way!
Walk or wheel your way to school every Wednesday
and earn points for your class to win prizes!



Why join in?

-  Healthier, happier children
-  Less traffic around school
-  Builds confidence and independence
-  Better for the environment

What you get:

-  Your school will be given a **repair toolkit** for everyday use—perfect for pumping tyres and simple repairs.
-  Families can take part in a special full-day session with a **qualified mechanic** to get bikes fixed and ready to ride on **29th June!**



Launching after May Half-Term
Join us from 3rd June!



Friday 17th July
2:30pm to 4:30pm

Summer Fair

Save the Date!



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.

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advice

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NO MATTER WHAT

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CALM

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0808 2000 247
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL
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AT HOME
SHOULDN'T
MEAN
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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 & Educators Need to Know about SPORTS BETTING ONLINE

Sports betting online involves placing wagers on real-world sporting events through websites, apps, and linked accounts. In the UK, licensed gambling is illegal for under-18s, yet young people may still encounter betting through sports coverage, social media, gaming spaces, friends, or adult accounts. With gambling content increasingly visible online, parents and educators should help children understand the risks, financial impact, pressure, and how to make safer choices.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASY ONLINE ACCESS

Online sports betting sites and apps are widely available and can be accessed through phones, tablets, computers, and, indirectly, gaming or social platforms. Some young people may attempt to bypass age checks using false details or someone else's account. Digital wallets, prepaid cards, and saved payment details can also make spending harder to notice, increasing the risk of discreet or impulsive betting.

PEER AND INFLUENCER PRESSURE

Social media influencers, online tipsters, and sports content creators can make betting appear fun, profitable, or part of being a committed fan. Young people may feel pressure to copy this behaviour, especially when friends talk about odds, accumulators, or predictions during matches. Gambling advertising rules aim to protect under-18s, but children can still see persuasive betting content in online spaces.

FREE BET OFFERS

Online betting platforms often use free bets, bonus credits, or 'risk-free' promotions to attract users. These offers can make gambling seem safe or low commitment, but they usually include terms and conditions that young people may not understand. A free incentive can lead to real spending, repeated deposits, or the belief that gambling is easier to control than it is.

NORMALISING GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Online sports betting can make gambling feel like a routine part of watching sport. Young people may begin to see odds, predictions, and wagers as harmless entertainment rather than as financial risk. This can also blur boundaries with other gambling-like activities, including loot boxes, skins betting, or casino-style games, making later gambling feel more acceptable or familiar.

ADVERTISING AROUND SPORT

Young people can be exposed to betting brands through sports broadcasts, social media, sponsorship, pitch-side advertising, and content linked to major fixtures. Repeated exposure may make gambling seem normal, glamorous, or expected as part of the sport. Without adult guidance, children may connect betting with excitement, loyalty, and success, rather than understanding that gambling is designed to make money from customers.

CHASING WINS AND LOSSES

A winning bet can create excitement and encourage a young person to try again, while a losing bet may lead them to place another wager to win back the money. This is known as chasing losses. Because online bets can be quick, small, and available at any time, children may not recognise how rapidly repeated decisions can become costly and emotionally harmful.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about how betting works, including odds, losses, advertising, and the fact that gambling companies are commercial businesses. Use examples they may recognise, such as betting adverts during football matches, influencer predictions, or online tipsters. Keep the tone calm and curious, so that children feel able to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss pressure from friends without fearing punishment.

SET SAFER BOUNDARIES

Use device, app store, and bank settings to limit spending, block gambling transactions where possible, and require adult approval for purchases. Check payment histories for unfamiliar withdrawals, digital wallet use, or repeated small transactions. These safeguards work best alongside clear conversations, helping children understand that online payments are still real money, even when they feel quick, hidden, or invisible.

EXPLORE ONLINE EXPOSURE

Ask which apps, websites, games, sports channels, and social media accounts children use around live sport. Betting content may appear through adverts, sponsorship, livestreams, tipster pages, or discussions between friends. Watching a match together can help you point out gambling messaging in real time and explain how it is designed to influence choices, normalise betting, and encourage spending.

NOTICE AND SEEK SUPPORT

Look out for secrecy around devices, sudden interest in odds, requests for money, unexplained spending, mood changes linked to sports results, or late-night phone use. Respond with support first, then gather information and seek specialist advice where needed. Organisations such as GambleAware, Ygam, GAMSTOP, and the Gambling Commission provide information about gambling harms, education, blocking tools, and support routes.

Meet Our Expert

Bubba Gaeddert is a Senior Lecturer and the Head of Events at the University Campus of Esports. He is also the President and Co-Founder of the Videogames and Esports Foundation, a charity that supports safe and inclusive gaming environments. With over 25 years of experience in esports, education, and media, Bubba is a global leader in promoting positive gaming practices for youth and families.



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The National College

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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Little Foxes	Madison R	for lovely playing & exploring
Little Owls	Keanu	for loving joining in at singing & music time
Kittiwakes	Perci	Perseverance: for trying really hard to make the right choices
Curlews	Brody	Perseverance: no matter how challenging the work, he tries his best
Puffins	Evie	Responsibility: for taking pride in all her learning
Owls	Stella	Perseverance: for trying so hard with her writing
Kingfishers	Ella	Respect: for always being ready to learn & being polite & helpful
Trencrom	Luna B	Enthusiasm: for amazing sportsmanship & participation in sports day
Lanyon	Riley	Kindness: for always being kind, thoughtful & considerate
Kerris	Tyler	Kindness for always being such a kind & considerate class member
Bodriftly	Henry	Responsibility: for being extremely helpful in class & to Mrs Williams
Bosigran	Kaylan	Perseverance: for persevering with activities even when they are challenging
Kenidjack	Jack G	Responsibility: for being super helpful with younger pupils
Lunchtime Star	Theo	for using lovely manners this week

I walked past a shop window this week and saw several notices that were quite amusing and/or true. One of them was the usual "I'll do it dreckly" but one that really chimed for me was "you can't pour from an empty jug". It's so simple, so obvious and so hard to ensure it's stuck with me but it is such a good one. I chatted with a lovely mum this week who had gone out for a night at Hall for Cornwall with some friends and had a great evening, as a person, as herself, not as a mum or a partner or anything else apart from a herself and a friend. What a perfect example of a way to replenish yourself so that next time you have more to give. I need to ask what show she went to but it certainly did her the world of good and, this is the important bit to hang on to....drum roll..... everyone around her will benefit because she will have more to give. It's that simple. Look after yourselves. Be kind, give yourself some time and space. Go out, take a moment for a coffee, go for a walk. Anything. My favourite thing to do by myself is to go to the cinema and it happens at least once a month. I love it. I don't have to coordinate a night when others can make it, nor do I need to make arrangements for where to meet and what time...I just go. Utter heaven. Try it. And remember, if a coffee and a biscuit would help, a listening ear...come and find me. Much love, Mrs Daylak xxx



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 16th June	Hatchbox class photos
Friday 19th June 1.30pm	KS1 Sports Day (re-scheduled)
Wednesday 24th June 5pm	New Reception parents meeting
Thursday 25th June 9.30am	Alverton Mazey Event <i>School field</i>
Saturday 27th June	Mazey Day
Tuesday 30th June	Year 6 transition day at MBA & HDS
Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July	Year 6 London trip
Thursday 9th July	Reception Sports Day (re-scheduled)
Friday 17th July 2.30pm	FOAS Summer Fair
Thursday 23rd July 1.30pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Thursday 23rd July 3.15pm	School closes for Summer holidays at normal time
Friday 24th July	INSET Day– school closed
Monday 27th July-Monday 31st August	Summer school holidays

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 16th June

Year 4 Multiskills at Penwith College (1-2.45pm)



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JUNE 26



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SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 10.30 - 1.30

Join us for a fun-filled screen printing workshop where you'll design and make your very own vibrant parade flag—perfect for celebrating the magic of Golowan and beyond.

This year's theme is "Forever Flying High" – we'll be taking inspiration from birds in flight. Think choughs, seabirds, starlings, and sweeping skies, brought to life through bold colour, pattern, and print.

All ages welcome – bring the whole family!

Step into our gorgeous, light-filled studio in the heart of Penzance, and enjoy a relaxed, creative session.

Guided by an experienced tutor, you'll learn simple screen printing and stencilling techniques to create a striking fabric banner you can proudly wave at festivals year after year!

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KEMENETH PRINT STUDIO MAKE A BEAUTIFUL MAZEY DAY FLORAL HEAD DRESS - DROP IN



THURS 25TH 12 - 7 / SAT 28TH JUNE 9 - 11

Get into the spirit of Golowan with a drop-in headdress making session running leading up to the festival—and on the morning itself. Wearing a floral headdress on Mazey Day is such a beautiful local tradition, and we're here to help you make your best one yet.

There's something magical about the build-up to Golowan—come and be part of it. Enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, get creative, and soak up some pre-festival joy before the real fun begins. Come make memories, meet others, and step into the celebrations feeling amazing.

Join us to make a **STUNNING** floral headdress to wear with pride throughout the celebrations. We will support and guide you at every step, whether you go bold and bright or soft and wild, we'll help you create something that feels completely you.

All ages welcome, all materials and refreshments provided.

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