

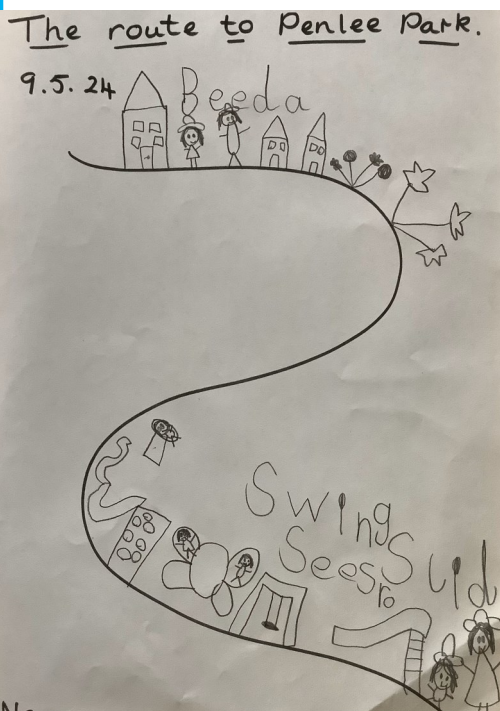
Simon Brown has decided to leave as Headteacher of Alverton Primary School. Over the last year Simon has made many happy memories of staff, pupils, parents and Governors. He has enjoyed helping to drive the school forward ensuring strong values and high aspirations and has taken pleasure in seeing pupils grow and develop into confident and successful learners. The school wishes him well for the future.

Demelza Bolton, the Headteacher of St. Just School, and Rick Gill from TPAT will continue to support the leadership of the school until the end of term. A recruitment process will start immediately for a new Headteacher and we will keep parents and carers posted.

Chris Gould  
TPAT Director of Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our preschool class have been observing the caterpillars growing at a rapid speed. They have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly as part of their minibeast topic.



Yesterday, our Reception children enjoyed a trip to Penlee Park and Penlee House. Part of this experience was to enable the children an opportunity to explore their local area and visit the local park, museum and art gallery. When they returned, they all drew maps of their journey, capturing what they saw as they walked from school to Penlee Park.

Year 2 have had another week of tennis coaching which has given them the opportunity to develop skills and techniques in this sport. There is a family open event at Penzance Tennis Club on Saturday from 9am-3pm.

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Year 5 have been taking part in their swimming sessions and always return from these sessions proud to share their swimming skills and achievements.

Next week, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATS exams. We know how hard the children and Upper Key Stage 2 staff have been working and look forward to supporting them next week as they take their SATS.

Can I remind everyone that 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>

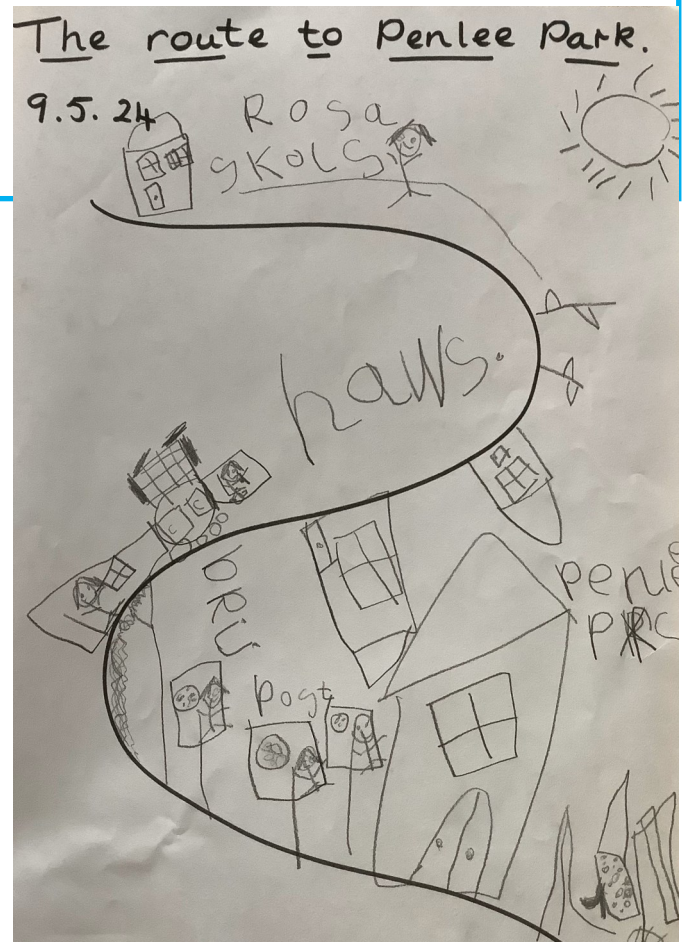
Children can wear a watch, stud earrings and if they have long hair, this needs to be tied back please.

I want to reassure you that my door is always open and if there are any outstanding issues or concerns that you feel have not be resolved, please do arrange with the office to meet with me.

I wish you a lovely weekend in the sunshine and want to thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Simpson  
Acting Deputy Head



### Parent Forum

The Parent Forum due to be held on Tuesday 14th May has been cancelled. Please see the information above about meeting with Mrs Simpson if you have anything to raise with her. She would like to reassure you that her door is always open and if there are any outstanding issues or concerns that you feel have not be resolved, please do arrange with the office to meet with her.

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

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Laura Simpson (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at [lsimpson@alverton.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:lsimpson@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**

**Cancellations**

Year 4/5 Netball club on Monday 13th May and Year 5/6 Mazey Making club on Tuesday 14th May are cancelled next week. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

**Advanced notice of cancellation**

Year 3/4 VR club is cancelled on Thursday 23rd May due to the school show.

**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.

## Congratulations

Alby in Kerris class went to the British Judo Council's Open Nationals on Sunday in Kettering and completed in the under 34kgs. Weighing in at one of the lightest in a group of 15 boys Alby won all his fights coming away with the gold medal making him the Open Nationals champion. Well done Alby!



## Help for FOAS (Friends of Alverton School)

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.

Well the picture says it all....the sun is finally here and it's making me feel so much better about absolutely everything. I can see that others are feeling the same as well which is great for those who are feeling positive and happy about life in general, but for those of you who may not be, I'm still here. And if tea is too hot (I can drink it no matter what the temperature) I can find a glass of refreshing water. And biscuits. Tissues too if needed. Hugs galore of course. Much love, enjoy the sunshine, Mrs Daylak



The last few tickets for Frozen are now on sale at the office. We sell out every year and there will be none available on the door so please buy them soon. Thank you.

Alverton Primary School's  
production of

Disney  
**FROZEN** JR.

TICKETS NOW  
ON SALE!  
LAST FEW!

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)

**Calling all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents!**

**Please can you help?**

**Thursday 16th May** is School Census Day and one of the things which is measured is Universal Free School Meals (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children who have school dinners on that day. This makes a big difference to our funding so we would like to ask for your help.

**We need as many children as possible in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have school dinners next Thursday.** Even if your child brings a packed lunch please could you encourage them to have a school dinner just on that day?

Thursday's menu will be butter chicken curry with rice or macaroni cheese followed by chocolate shortbread.

With the increasing costs at the moment, our school budget needs all the help it can get and we would be hugely grateful for your support.

Thank you very much.





## 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

0344 411 1444

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NO MATTER WHAT

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"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

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NATIONAL DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE HELPLINE  
0808 2000 247  
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL  
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FIND SUPPORT AT:  
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 HELLDIVERS 2



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

### PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

### VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

### FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

### LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

### SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

### CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

### KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

### MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRcon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



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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.



## 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.

**MAY HALF TERM 2024 HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
**AT ALVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are delighted to announce that DT Coaching will be offering a Holiday Camp at [Alverton Primary School](#) this May Half Term, exclusively for students of Alverton Primary School! For those children that enrol on to the Camp, they will have a day full of fun sporting activities, including the opportunity to participate in an array of different alternative activities, such as...

- ☆ **Laser Tag**
- ☆ **Virtual Reality**
- ☆ **Ultimate Dodgeball**
- ☆ **Nerf Wars**
- ☆ **Archery & Crossbow**
- ☆ **Kinball**

**DT Coaching are offering this Holiday Camp for just two days...**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**9.00am – 3.00pm**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**9.00am – 3.00pm**

**FOR JUST £25.00 PER DAY!**

As always, every activity and provision provided by DT Coaching will be led by our highly & fully qualified DT Coaching staff members, with all the required and necessary DBS checks and safeguarding/first aid qualifications. Further details of the Camps can be found below:

**Location for Drop Off/Pick Up -**

**Main School Reception**

**What to Bring -**

**Packed lunch, snacks, plenty of water & suitable clothes/a coat in case of bad weather**

**How to Book** – Bookings can be made one of two ways:

**Option 1:** please complete the Parental Consent Form attached overleaf for each child and return it/them to the school office before... [Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024](#).

**Option 2:** bookings can be made online by visiting: [www.dtcoaching.co.uk/clubs](http://www.dtcoaching.co.uk/clubs). This will take you through to the online booking system, Playwaze. Online bookings will close 24 hours beforehand.

**Payment** –












**Option 1:** Please attach full cash payment of £25.00 or £50.00 to the completed Parental Consent Form when handing these into the school office.

**Option 2:** Payment will need to be made upon booking via the online system.

**Contact Details** – If you have any queries or questions about the Holiday Camps, please do not hesitate to get in contact with our Holiday Club Coordinator, Adam Hall, on:

**Email:** [adam@dtcoaching.co.uk](mailto:adam@dtcoaching.co.uk)

## STARS OF THE WEEK

    	<p>Little Foxes Little Owls Kittiwakes Curlews Puffins Owls Kingfishers Trencrom Lanyon Kerris Bodrifty Bosigran Kenidjack Lunchtime Star</p>	<p>Greyson Vinnie Harry Mathew Oscar Elliot Kendra Afia Jack Alby Anthony Riley Jack Isaac A</p>	<p>for being extremely kind &amp; thoughtful for always being really happy &amp; cheeky for being a daily delight &amp; joining in with class activities wonderfully for superb listening &amp; always doing what we ask of him for always sharing your wonderful thoughts &amp; ideas for always having super knowledge during our History learning for her superb attitude to all her learning for working really hard this week in every lesson, particularly in Maths for his excellent attitude towards all of his work for always being so kind to everyone - you are a true gentleman Alby we are so proud of Anthony for being so courageous &amp; brave for always being a good friend &amp; trying his hardest for an inspiring Winston-style Dunkirk speech for always being so polite &amp; well mannered</p>	     
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## DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May</b>	SATs week
<b>Wednesday 22nd &amp; Thursday 23rd May</b> 6.30pm	School show - Frozen
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	Class photos
<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

# JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS

**Create a play in a day!**

**Work with professional directors, choreographers,  
a musical director and makers to turn Jason's  
valiant journey into a play on the Minack stage!**

**June 22nd 10am  
Ages 7-11  
Performance 5pm  
Free to participants**



**For more information or to book visit  
[Minack.com](http://Minack.com) or email [education@minack.com](mailto:education@minack.com)**