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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday with your families.

Tonight is the first FOAS Bingo night and we hope to see you there. Information about this event was sent home earlier this week.

All our children have thrown themselves into their new topics.

Mrs Simpson: In Reception, the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the Billy Goats Gruff story and even got to meet the Troll as part of their character hot seat activity. They thought of a range of vocabulary to describe the troll and have each written a list of these words to go with their imaginative troll illustrations.

Mr Dawe: Key Stage 1 have launched their summer term 'Our Cornwall' topic with class visits to Penlee House Gallery and Museum for a 'Penzance Through the Ages' workshop. The children participated in a number of activities teaching them how Penzance has changed between the Stone Age and the present. The gallery were very complimentary about how well behaved the children were during their visit and we all learned a lot!

Miss Rudge: In Lower Key Stage 2, we have started our new topic exploring the local area of West Penwith and its links to the wider world and understanding its heritage and history and geographical location; we are looking forward to getting out and about in the local area. We have also started our Science topic of light, investigating what is a light source and what is not.

Mrs O'Rourke: In Upper Key Stage 2 we have hit the ground running as Year 6 only have two more weeks until their SATs and they are working very hard. Year 5 have had great fun doing "The Highwayman" in English enjoying the chance to hot seat the main characters who have been acted out by Mrs Ashurst and Mrs O'Rourke.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Cathryn Wicks
Head of School

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

Clubs

All clubs start from next Monday. Please check your child has a place before sending them to the club. Many clubs have been oversubscribed this term so if your child no longer wants a place please let the office know. If a club requires payment please ensure full payment is made before the start of the first session or your child will be unable to start and their place will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

After school childcare

If your child needs after school child care **we have limited spaces so it must be booked in advance with the office** by emailing alverton@tpacademytrust.org or calling 01736 364087 before 3pm on the day of the booking required.

The cost is £6 for one hour or £12 for two and care finishes at 5.15pm.

Tuesdays and Thursdays this term are now fully booked.

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.

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.

Important

Please can you ensure that your child has a **named, filled water bottle** in school every day (water not squash or juice please). On sunny days please can you apply **suncream** to your child before school and send them in with a **named sun hat**.

PE kits should be in school ALL week and only be taken home so that it can be worn on PPA days and on a Friday for washing.

Coats are still needed on days when the weather is cooler. Thank you for your support.

Tickets for Matilda will be on sale on Monday. Last year, we sold out and so it is essential that you call in at the office asap if you would like to come along. Thank you.

Alverton Primary School
presents

TICKETS ON
SALE FROM
MONDAY!



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 6.30pm
Thursday 25th May 2023 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.

Book by
Dennis Kelly

Music and Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.* is presented through special
arrangement with, and all authorized materials are supplied by,

Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com



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**.



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Line

0808 802 6666



0800 1111

0300 123 3393
www.mind.org.uk
mind
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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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VIOLENCE HELPLINE
0808 2000 247
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL
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MEAN
AT RISK

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gov.uk/adviceand-support

WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who Geralt from The Witcher is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iDn and Techradar.



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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

<p>★ Kittiwakes</p> <p>★ Curlews</p> <p>★ Puffins</p> <p>★ Owls</p> <p>★ Kingfishers</p> <p>★ Trenchrom</p> <p>★ Lanyon</p> <p>★ Kerris</p> <p>★ Bodrifty</p> <p>★ Bosigran</p> <p>★ Kenidjack</p> <p>★ Lunchtime Star</p>	<p>Alora</p> <p>Marley</p> <p>Isla W</p> <p>Olympia</p> <p>Ted</p> <p>Hollie</p> <p>Ashton</p> <p>Juni</p> <p>Reece</p> <p>Angus</p> <p>Katie M</p> <p>Eden C</p>	<p>for her super enthusiasm & involvement in carpet time</p> <p>for being so lovely & settling into Curlews so well</p> <p>for following instructions brilliantly in PE</p> <p>for working so hard on her handwriting & making super improvements</p> <p>for his enthusiasm & knowledge about prehistoric Cornwall</p> <p>for being such a kind & well mannered young lady</p> <p>for having a great first week back, working hard in Maths & English</p> <p>for her beautiful poetry writing this week</p> <p>for always working hard & making such fantastic progress in Maths</p> <p>for always giving 100% & making good progress in all areas</p> <p>for working incredibly hard, being incredibly nice & playing incredible football</p> <p>for always being polite & well mannered</p>
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A very warm welcome back to you all, and I sincerely hope your Easter break was a good one. I have heard from the children in my class about some of the lovely things they have been doing and the rest of the children in other years seem to be happy too, so all appears to be going well for them. It can be hard though, can't it, coming back to school sometimes after a break? Some children are really keen, others less so, some parents are delighted to have their children back with us, others less so; we're all different, adults and children alike. Should you or your child(ren) be feeling odd about the return or if it raises other worries or concerns, please come and chat, please don't worry without talking to somebody, and of course, I m happy if that somebody is me. Sometimes that's all it takes, telling somebody else. And I am always happy to be that somebody else. Have a lovely weekend and I shall look forward to hearing the weekend news on Monday. Best wishes, Mrs Daylak (Curlews class teacher) xxxxx



DIARY DATES

Monday 24th April	Clubs start
Wednesday 26th April	Swimming starts for Year 4, Group 1
Thursday 27th-Friday 28th April	Year 4 camp at Bude
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - school closed

FREE Kids Activity Club

Encouraging Years 4/5/6 children to be more active!

Do you have a child that wants to try something new and get more active?

Activity for children should be FUN!

In partnership with DT Coaching, Healthy Cornwall are delivering a range of fun, different and exciting activities every week during term.

These include – Multi-Sports, Archery, Kin Ball, NERF Battles, Laser Tag, Ultimate Frisbee, and much more!

Times /Venues

- Redruth School, Wednesdays, 17:00-18:00
- St Meriadoc CE Junior School, Fridays, 15.45-16.45
- Humphry Davy, Thursdays, 17:00-18:00

Contact Healthy Cornwall to book your place. Details below

Booking is essential



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COMPETITION 2023

For children aged 4-11 OR 12-16 who live in Cornwall

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Work with professional directors, choreographers,
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