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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents/carers

This week we started off by looking at the celebrations of Chinese New Year and welcomed in the year of the snake. The Chinese say that people born in the year of the snake are humorous, determined and methodical. We put these attributes to the test at Forest School with Trencrom this week, when we tried to light the fire. The children worked very hard to follow instructions to get it done, and had to remain in high spirits throughout! Another determined group we had this week were our cross country runners! They ran their socks off in the rather harsh, chilly conditions at St Ives Rugby club. We even had some that had never done it before ranking quite high - vwell done to all!

Kerris class have an exhibition on at Penlee Museum for the next few weeks. Mrs Clemens took a group down to the grand opening earlier in the week and said it looked fantastic. The exhibition will be on for the next few weeks so please feel free to go and see their wonderful work.

At Alverton we like to celebrate our achievements in class. Children are always coming to see us for Headteacher's awards and we love looking at what they have done - great work is something to be proud of! Over the last few weeks we have made a golden book to record these efforts. When children come to see us, they get their Headteacher's award but also get their name written in the golden book. They have been so proud to have their name written in it and the reasons range from excellent Maths or determination in reading, to creative artwork and teamwork in PE. Well done to all children who have come to see us, it really brightens our day.

One more week to go, fingers crossed this sunny weather continues.

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 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

Club cancellations next week

Year 3-6 Netball on Monday and Year 5/6 Art on Wednesday are **CANCELLED** next week. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

Lost property

Any un-named items in the lost property box will be taken to the charity shop after half term so if you’re missing anything please come and check before next Friday.

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.

Year 5 Porthpean and Year 6 London

Final payments

A reminder that all remaining payments for this year’s residential trips must be paid by the following dates:

Year 5 Porthpean Friday 7th March

Year 6 London Friday 31st March

Please log into Arbor (we no longer use Schoolmoney), check how much you owe and pay by the deadline date.

Any questions, please ask at the office.

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. Across the day, children will take part in age appropriate activities to learn how to be safe online, how to protect themselves and what a scam is. Below is a parents guide to keeping children safe from online scams detailing how you can support online safety at home.

A Parent's Guide to Keeping Children Safe from Online Scams

Safer Internet Day 2025
Tuesday 11 February
saferinternetday.org.uk

What is a Scam?

A scam is a type of fraud. It is a trick or scheme to usually try to get money, valuable items or personal information from someone.

Online scams can be found in email or messaging services, websites, social media platforms or gaming platforms.



What Scams Might Children Encounter Online?

Offers

Some online scams involve offering someone something such as a prize or free gift by clicking on a link or visiting a website. These links may contain malware or a form to gain personal information.



Phishing

Phishing involves a scammer luring someone to share personal information, install malware (disguised as helpful software) or send money by sending messages or creating web pages to impersonate a company or person. Phishing can occur through email, messaging services, phone calls, links in games, social media platforms or fake websites.



Messages

Scammers may contact you through a message or pop-up on a website that you didn't expect. These messages or pop-ups may ask you to send money, provide a link which contains malware or ask for personal information.



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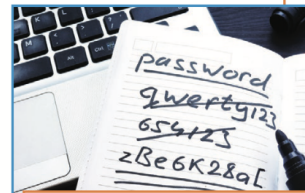
How Do I Protect My Child From Online Scams?

- Teach them to think critically about what they see and read online. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Teach them to use strong passwords for any accounts they may have and to only share these passwords with a trusted adult.
- Remind them not to share personal information online such as in their profiles or when talking to someone online.
- Establish a safe environment and encourage them to speak to a trusted adult before clicking on any links or entering any information online.
- Regularly update privacy settings on all devices, apps, games and websites.
- Install and keep updated antivirus software on all devices.



What is a Strong Password?

A strong password is a password that is hard for a person or computer program to guess. Strong passwords are long, contain special characters, numbers, uppercase and lowercase letters and no memorable words. These passwords should be updated regularly and should not be used across multiple accounts.



How Can I Find Out More Information About Online Scams?

There is plenty of help and advice available if you need more information about online scams or staying safe online.

The UK Safer Internet Centre's ['Guide and Resources Parents and Carers'](#) page offers tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online.

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Football friendly

On 5th February Alverton boys football team faced Nancledra in a friendly match since the two teams are in fierce preparation for important cup matches to come. It was always going to be a tough game since the pitch was drenched in mud but both teams put up a good fight. After both teams warmed up, the contest commenced. Alverton got a breakthrough and slammed it in the back of the net. After play resumed Nancledra got the possibility of a goal and placed it in the bottom corner. A few minutes later Nancledra did an illegal tackle and Alverton won a penalty which Jack G slotted in the bottom left corner with his powerful kick; by now Alverton were 2-1 up with 5 minutes left in the first half. By the second half, Nancledra had won a penalty but unfortunately missed it. Off the back of that, the visiting team wanted a goal to tie the game and with their luck they got it but Alverton wasn't going to give up so they kept the fight going. Ten minutes on Alverton broke away from the opposing team's defence and scored the winning goal to make it 3-2. The team were: Brae, Jack G, Harris, Noah G, Joey, Jacob, Jackson, Benjamin, Jai and Charlie. *Report by Harris, Jacob and Joey.*



Kerris Class have recently taken part in a project with St Michael's Mount and Penlee Gallery. On Tuesday, they were invited to a private viewing to see the part they played in their latest exhibition 'The Shape of Things: Our place in a changing climate'. Their work looks fantastic - the exhibition will be there for the next three months so please head down and take a look!



**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER
EASTER!**

**Alverton Primary School's
production of**



Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 6.30pm

Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 6.30pm

Music and Lyrics by
Richard M Sherman and Robert B Sherman
Music by Special Arrangement with Sony / ATV Publishing
Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams
Based on the MGM Motion Picture
Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick

This amateur production is presented by
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk



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



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**FEBRUARY
2024**

9am - 10am
Alverton School

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



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.

citizens
advice

0344 411 1444

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NO MATTER WHAT

0800 58 58 58

THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

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CAMPAIGN
AGAINST
LIVING
MISERABLY
CALM

"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

WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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#WakeUpWednesday

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.

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 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:

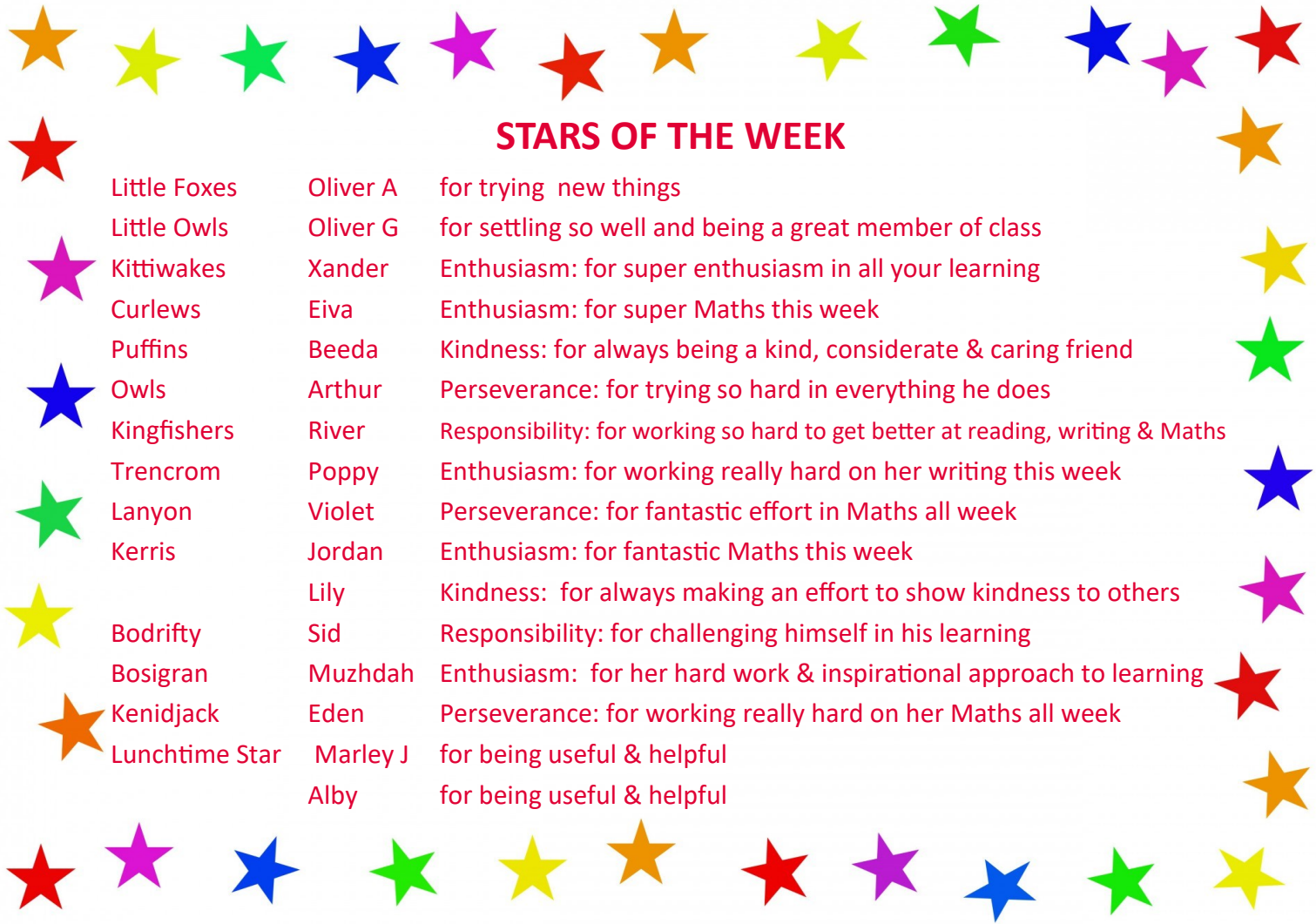
- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

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.

STARS OF THE WEEK



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| Little Foxes | Oliver A | for trying new things |
| Little Owls | Oliver G | for settling so well and being a great member of class |
| Kittiwakes | Xander | Enthusiasm: for super enthusiasm in all your learning |
| Curlews | Eiva | Enthusiasm: for super Maths this week |
| Puffins | Beeda | Kindness: for always being a kind, considerate & caring friend |
| Owls | Arthur | Perseverance: for trying so hard in everything he does |
| Kingfishers | River | Responsibility: for working so hard to get better at reading, writing & Maths |
| Trencrom | Poppy | Enthusiasm: for working really hard on her writing this week |
| Lanyon | Violet | Perseverance: for fantastic effort in Maths all week |
| Kerris | Jordan | Enthusiasm: for fantastic Maths this week |
| | Lily | Kindness: for always making an effort to show kindness to others |
| Bodrifty | Sid | Responsibility: for challenging himself in his learning |
| Bosigran | Muzhdah | Enthusiasm: for her hard work & inspirational approach to learning |
| Kenidjack | Eden | Perseverance: for working really hard on her Maths all week |
| Lunchtime Star | Marley J | for being useful & helpful |
| | Alby | for being useful & helpful |

Not only is the sun shining more, it's raining less and.....drum roll...it is, without a shadow of doubt, my favourite time of year....it's getting lighter at night and in the morning. I don't go to and fro between school in the dark. Hoorah for that. Do the lighter days lighten you too? Do they make you smile more? Or will you miss the opportunity to go home, light fires, put heating and pjs on and snuggle up on the sofa? Do you ever even get time to do any of these things? Are you wondering what on earth I'm thinking of even suggesting them? Well, this is for anybody and everybody, mums, dads, carers, grandparents. Looking after and raising children isn't easy. To all those grandparents out there who are supporting your grown up children as they raise your grandchildren too...well done and thank you, what would we do without your help? Want to chat? Come and see me. Mrs D xxx



DIARY DATES

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	Spring half term holiday
Wednesday 5th March	St Piran's parade - Year 6
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day

Stage Struck Theatre Company, Penzance

Originally
Produced by
Disney Theatrical
Productions

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman
& Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

Music by
Alan Menken



Disney
**BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST**

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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March 7th - 9th 2025

The Centre, Newlyn

7.30pm. on 7th & 8th. 6.30pm on 9th

2.00pm 8th & 9th

Adults (evenings) £12.50 (matinees) £11
Children (aged 16 or under) (evenings) £8 (matinees) £7
Family Tickets & Group rates available

<https://the-centre-newlyn.square.site/>



Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
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