

Hello Alverton – and welcome to the first newsletter of the year. I can genuinely say that it has been a delightful start and I feel so lucky to be part of your community. Every morning I have enjoyed seeing countless children bounce into school (often wearing shiny new shoes) ready to learn and full of optimism and excitement. I would also like to thank all the parents who have been so welcoming and friendly at the school gates each day – it is a real privilege to meet you all. Without a doubt, it is going to be a very exciting year for Alverton and I really look forward to getting to know you all and your lovely children.

Simon Brown
Headteacher



School lunches this term

The menu remains the same as last term and can be found on the school website under Parent Pages, What's On this term. Copies are also available from the office. **Sandwiches are now not available.** If your child is Year 3 and above the cost for a meal is now £2.65 per day unless they are eligible for free school meals (please see page 6 for how to apply). Payment is by cash or cheque payable to Chartwells. Please ensure that no more than one week's debt is accrued. You can hand in this into the school office or put in a named envelope for your child to give to their teacher.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our Governing Body. Information about this was emailed yesterday and can also be found on our website at http://www.alverton.org.uk/web/governor_vacancy/661803 If you would like to discuss what this role would entail, please ask at the office who can arrange for Mrs George, our Chair of Governors, to speak with you. Thank you.

Keeping Children Safe at Alverton

Keeping children safe is an essential part of what we all do. Ofsted has praised our “strong culture” of safeguarding and recognises that pupils’ safety and welfare are identified by the whole school community as key priorities.

At Alverton, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Brown, and the Deputy DSL is Mrs Wicks. Other staff (please see the poster below) have received additional training and act as safeguarding officers. Mrs Anna George, supported by Mr Tim Rowland (Online Safety) and Mr Simeon Royle are our designated Safeguarding governors and Mrs George meets regularly with Mr Brown and Mrs Wicks to review our safeguarding practice and procedures.

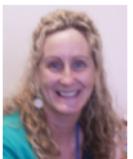
Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is available to read in the Safeguarding section of our website <http://www.alverton.org.uk/web/safeguarding/85998>. Our Safeguarding Parent Guide can be downloaded from there (and is also available in reception) and gives further information and guidance should you be concerned about a child’s safety in any way. We send home a termly safeguarding newsletter and all previous newsletters are also available in the Safeguarding section of the website. We also have a section with lots of information about Online Safety [http://www.alverton.org.uk/web/staying_safe_online - who can help/550827](http://www.alverton.org.uk/web/staying_safe_online_-_who_can_help/550827) and we would encourage you to look at this.




Please remember that keeping children safe is everyone’s responsibility.

Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT ALVERTON SCHOOL

Please remember that safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility here at Alverton School. **If you have any reason whatsoever to be concerned about a child’s welfare or safety you must speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead** (DSL), Deputy DSL or one of the other Safeguarding Officers.

Designated Safeguarding Leads		Pupil Support		Safeguarding Governors		
 Mr Brown Headteacher DSL	 Mrs Wicks Deputy Head Deputy DSL	 Mrs Clemens Pastoral Lead KS2 Lead	 Mrs Hughes SENDCo	 Mrs George Designated Safeguarding Governor	 Mr Rowland Online Safety Governor	 Mr Royle Safeguarding Governor

School Safeguarding Officers				Nursery Safeguarding Officers			
 Mr Dawe Key Stage 1 Lead	 Mrs Daylak Reception Teacher	 Mrs O'Neill HLTA	 Mrs O'Rourke Teacher	 Mrs Simpson Assistant Head Early Years Lead	 Miss Statham Nursery Lead	 Mrs Brown Room Lead	 Miss Stirling Room Lead and SENDCo

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

Outstanding money owed

There are a number of children with outstanding debts from July. These must be paid immediately as no debt can be carried forward to the new school year. Please go onto your Schoolmoney account and check if you owe anything.

Clubs

Please complete and return your child's clubs form asap if they'd like to take part in any. All clubs start from Monday 18th September (not next week) except for Drama Club which will begin on Wednesday 27th September. Many clubs will have waiting lists so if your child has a place and does not attend regularly, their place may be given to someone else. Any clubs which require payment should be paid for before the first session.

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

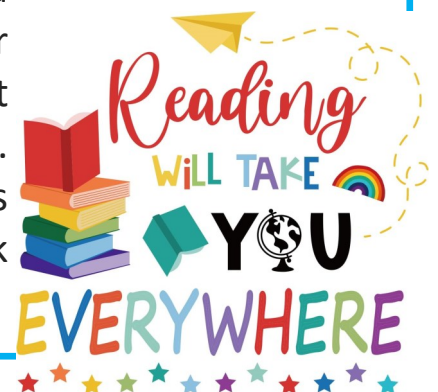
Give what you can if you would like to.

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.

Library books

There are still lots of library books that have not been returned. Please check at home and have a good search for any that might belong to school. The library needs them back! Thank you.



Miss Mason's Magical Moments

Hello everyone! You might know me already but I thought I should introduce myself properly in. My name is Miss Mason and I will be here each week to bring you news that is near and dear to my heart, the environment and educating others about it. Talking about the world and the environment can be quite scary and sometimes overwhelming; it is my mission as Outdoor Lead each week to bring you some joyful news about what we have been doing in school, showcasing that every person makes a huge difference to the impact of a better future. There will also be news of what your children have been up to in their outdoor learning experience as well as some ramblings from me about what I've noticed in and around school. I cannot wait to share all the exciting experiences we will be having along the way. For now, as we are all settling back into the routines I only ask that children have at school some wellies and a raincoat (both named please). Miss Mason xx



Welcome back to you all and I sincerely hope you've had a good summer break, although the weather wasn't kind so I suspect it hasn't been easy for some of you. I'm still shocked that the first Saturday was constant rain and that it didn't really get very warm for the whole of the six weeks. However, some of you will still be saddened to send your children back to school, others less so. We're all different and all responses are fine. Personally I'm feeling a bit of both, though I am very much looking forward to seeing you around and about and really don't mind if it's because I simply happen to be passing or if you need to chat, both are good. You know where I am, you know that I'm here for you though I'm part-time now so am here on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays if you do need me. For any reason. Take care and enjoy the weekend. Mrs Daylak xxxx



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

ON YOUR SIDE
NO MATTER WHAT

0800 58 58 58

THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

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 & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+
16+ 18+

Age varies by platform

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

Rhodi Smith is Head of Digital Learning at Thomas's Kensington, London. Recognised in the EdTech 50 UK Awards Yearbook 2023/22 for his efforts in the digital transformation at Cubitt Town Primary School and Tower Hamlets, he is also a Google for Education Certified Trainer and guest lecturer at University College London on the integration of technology across the curriculum.



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Source: <https://www.iwi.org.uk/media/23j3nc2/distribution-of-captures-of-live-streamed-child-sexual-abuse-final.pdf>

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 | Lamorna | for being so kind to all of our new friends |
| | Little Owls | Rex | for his confidence & kindness towards his friends |
| | Puffins | Joni | for a fabulous start to Year 1 |
| | Owls | Neve | for a great start to Year 1 |
| | Kingfishers | Tyler | for a great start to Year 2 |
| | Trencrom | Henry | for a great start to Year 3 & helping his classmates |
| | Lanyon | India | for an amazing start to Year 4 & for her excellent writing in English |
| | Kerris | Izzy | for making a super start to Year 4 & already working her socks off |
| | Bodriftly | Jacob | for having such a fantastic start to Year 5. |
| | Bosigran | Joey | for a fantastic start to Year 5 & always being ready to help |
| | Kenidjack | Erin | for a great start to Year 6 |
| | Lunchtime Star | Arthur S | for his lovely manners & healthy packed lunch |

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th September	All clubs start (except Drama)
Friday 13th October 9.30am	Harvest Festival <i>Followed by coffee and cake in aid of the Foodbank</i>
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th October 3.30-6pm	Parent consultations <i>No teacher led or hall based clubs</i>
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October	INSET Days - school closed

Global Boarders After School Surf Club

Global Boarders are offering an after school club on Mondays for Year 3-6 children from Alverton. There would be 6 sessions lasting 90 minutes and the cost would be £108. You would need to transport your child to and from Gwithian beach. If you are interested in this club, please contact Global Boarders direct as soon as possible:

