Alverton School

3/10/25 FRIDAY NEWS N°. !

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have been trialling a new routine at lunchtimes. The aim of the change was to enable the children to have more space to play outside, and to be able to stay out for a longer period uninterrupted. The plan this week has been that EYFS and KS1 eat in the hall first, while KS2 have 40 minutes outside. Then we swap around and KS2 are in while EYFS and KS1 play outside. We have had sports organised by our sports leaders on the bottom playground, and then a range of toys to play with on the top playground. For each sitting the children stay in the hall for 20-30 minutes. We have found that outside has been very successful, with children having space to play and there have been less friendship issues. There have also been less accidents as the children have had more space. We have also found that inside, the children have had more time to sit and eat their food, and have had more interactions with their peers. We will continue our trial next week and add in the lunchtime clubs and access to the woods again and then I will be asking for children for feedback.

Over the last 2 weeks, Upper KS2 have been visiting Penlee House as part of their Romans project. The children have had such a great time and learned a lot using their wonderful artefacts. Behvaiour has been noted each time, with our children impressing the experts with their knowledge. Next week it is Kenidjack's turn. I'm sure they will do the school proud!

I am looking forward to seeing you at next week's harvest festival.

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

Clubs

Drama Club will NOT be on for Year 5 next **Thursday 9th October**. Only Year 6 should attend on those dates.

There will be no teacher-led clubs on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th October due to parent consultations.

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.

Flu immunisation - all years (main school)

This is an **opt in** system so if you do not wish your child to be immunised you don't need to do anything. They will not be asked for this on the day if you haven't booked.

If you would like your child immunised this year, please go online by midday on Wednesday 15th October. Your child will not be given the nasal spray without your consent so if you do not wish them to have it done, you do not need to do anything.

Date of Visit: Friday 17th October

School Code: EE142240

Link: https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Tel No.: 01872 221105

Parents Evenings

Booking has now opened for parent consultations (a ten minute face-to-face meeting in school) which are being held in the week beginning Monday 13th October. If you haven't yet booked your appointment time please go online and do so before the booking window closes on 8th October.

You will previously have been given log in details for eschools. If you are unsure what this is, please contact the office and they will arrange for new details to be given to you. It is easy and quick to use:

- Go to the school website http://alverton.org.uk and click onto the and click onto the white log in button (next to the owl icon) in the red bar at the top of the screen.
- Your user name will be your first name.surname (all lower case) eg, john.smith (not your email address)
- If you have forgotten your password, please contact the office.
- Once you have logged in, the Parents Evening icon can be found in the blue bar at the top. Click on that and you'll be taken to your child's class page for you to book.

Parent visits for Reception September 2026

If you have a child who will be going into Reception next September and would like to look around our school, we have visits arranged for the following dates:

Wednesday 15th October at 2pm Thursday 27th November at 2pm Thursday 11th December at 2pm Thursday 8th January at 2pm

Mrs Simpson, our Early Years Lead and Deputy Head will show you around the Reception classrooms, outdoor learning space and the school and can answer any questions you may have.

Harvest Festival (Year 1-6)

We are delighted to invite you to our Harvest
Festival on Thursday 9th October at 9.30am.
Reception parents are welcome but their children
will not be involved.

As part of this we will be supporting the CTIPA foodbank in Penzance with donations from our school community. We will be collecting from next week. They cannot distribute fresh food but anything else will be very gratefully received. Last year you were incredibly generous and we collected an enormous amount of food. This year, our help is needed as much as ever. If you would like to help, please send in your donations with your child from Monday. Thank you.

We will also be serving coffee and cakes after the service and all money donated will be given to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Hope to see you there!



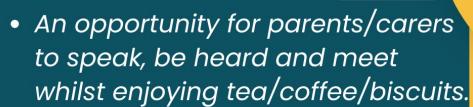








With Lauren Ladd from Parent Carers Cornwall



- Q&A session at the end
 - Learn more about language and neurodiversity
 - Share your worries with others
 - Access support networks

Wednesday 8th
OCTOBER 2025

9am - 10am Alverton School

For more information, please contact
Miss Atkins

October Half Term Holiday Club

Woodland Nursery will be running a holiday club during the October half term for children in Reception class and Year 1 only. As spaces are limited, please reach out to Kayla via the FAMLY app or email if you'd like to secure a place for your child.

Time: 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Dates: Wednesday 22nd October - Friday 31st October (please note,

Monday 27th October is already fully booked)

Cost: £35, with additional fees for extended hours and cooked lunch.

For more details, don't hesitate to chat with Kayla!

Email: woodlandnursery@alverton.tpacademytrust.org

Phone: 01736 351135

Sometimes all it takes is a kind word, a smile, a simple "hi, how are you?" and all can be made better in the world of adults. It really is that simple. And drop off and pick up are the best times to do this. They can be such lovely sociable times, but they can also be quite stressful. When I was the parent doing it I really didn't enjoy it at all - I wasn't comfortable with the other parents and carers, didn't have the same social network that they had, I was usually terrified that I was parenting the 'wrong' way (whatever that maybe) and that nobody liked me. The worst times were when my one and only buddy wasn't there to chat with and I would either have to summon



immense reserves of bravery from the bottoms of my feet and talk to others or stand alone and wait for the children to go in so I could leave as fast as was humanly possible. When somebody noticed me, smiled and included me in the chat it was lovely. Sometimes they suggested going to the park after school and that made me feel so happy and included. The school gate can be a really lonely place, but you can make it so much nicer. I'll also smile while I make tea and offer biscuits, come and find me if you need someone to talk to. Much love, Mrs Daylak xxxxx



Join the FOAS committee!

Don't let the official-sounding name fool you – the Friends of Alverton School committee is really just a friendly group of parents who come together to plan fun events throughout the school year and help support our school.

We work closely with teachers and staff to decide how best to spend the funds we raise — whether that's on new equipment, special experiences for the children, or improvements around the school.

We'd love to welcome some new faces to the FOAS committee! It's not a huge commitment — just the occasional meeting, a few emails and a good excuse for a chat with fellow parents.

Interested? Curious? Or just want to find out more?

We'd love to hear from you!





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**.

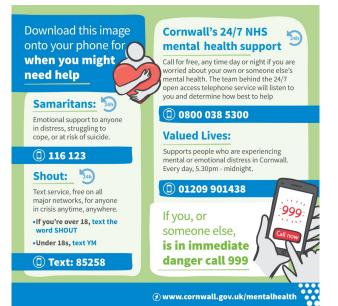








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Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

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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WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid 01736 367539

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



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.



Puffins Respect: for being ready, respectful & safe Dougie

Owls Perseverance: for putting such a huge amount of effort into everything Cody

Kingfishers Enthusiasm; for always showing she is ready to learn Beeda

Trencrom Perseverance: for always trying her best & being ready to learn Scarlett

Enthusiasm: for always showing beautiful listening skills Lanyon **Paige**

Wilbur Perseverance: for working so hard this week Kerris

Bodrifty Enthusiasm: for fantastic enthusiasm for all he does Jack Enthusiasm: for working extremely hard in all her lessons **Bosigran** Senara

Kenidjack Enthusiasm: for an absolutely brilliant Roman soldier complaint letter Oscar



DIARY DATES	
Thursday 9th October	Harvest Festival in the hall
9.30am	Followed by coffee & cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th October	Parents evening meetings - clubs cancelled
3.30-6pm	Please book online
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st October	INSET Days - school closed
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 31st October	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 3rd November 8.45am	School opens
Friday 28th November	Clubs finish
Monday 1st December	Advent Service
9.30am	Followed by coffee & mince pies









Believe Academy FREE Open Day!

Saturday 18th October

Dance and singing workshops from 9am-3pm

Held @ Mounts bay school.

Open to everyone all ages and abilities welcome.











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