



Dear Parents/Carers

What an amazing week to be the headteacher at Alverton! The show took place on Wednesday and Thursday this week and the performances of the cast absolutely blew me away. They performed with energy, grace, enthusiasm and a huge amount of talent! Their team spirit back stage warmed my heart and made me incredibly proud. I know I said lots of 'thank yous' afterwards, but I just wanted to reiterated how grateful we are to all of the people who helped and supported throughout the whole production - we really couldn't have done it without them!

Some other exciting news this week was that Miss Hooton came back from maternity leave! She spent time getting to know Curlews (and Kittiwakes) ready to be in after half term. On a sadder note, this means that Mrs Lawrey has had her last day with Curlews this week. We have been so grateful for all of her hard work over the last year and are very lucky to still have her as part of our team in Kerris class.

I can't believe we have reached the end of another term! The sun is looking to shine next week so I wish you all a lovely break and look forward to a jam packed term 6.

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

All clubs continue as normal after half term except Drama Club which has now finished. Year 5/6 Rounders club will start on Thursday 4th June for 5 weeks if your child has been given a place.

If your child was attending one of the following clubs before half term, they have now finished and the next group of children will start:

Tuesdays - Diablo, Field Fun

Thursdays: Gardening, Photography

Fridays - Science

Please check with the office if you are unsure if your child has a place.

Lost property

The lost property box is full again with many un-named items. If you are missing anything, please check by **Friday 5th June**. Any un-named items left after that will be taken to the charity shop.

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!

Our Reception children would be delighted if you have any spare sand toys that they could have for playing in their sand pit. Things like buckets, spades, moulds, small diggers, etc would be gratefully received. Please drop them into the office. Thank you.

UKS2 SPORTING SUCCESS!



Jack has been recognised as a fantastic Waterpolo player and has been selected to attend the prestigious private school in Millfield to undergo intense training at a high level for his age group once a month.

Also, Jacks Football team came runners' up in a the recent R&T St.Ives Cornwall



Lily has been selected to perform in Dublin with the Youth Dance Organisation after a run very successful competitions. Two gold medals in team events, trophy for fourth place in duo dance and first place place in her most recent dance



Alby has won the Judo Cornish Championships for the third time in a row (left) and has most recently won gold for the Best in Britain in his age category (right). Alby's success has resulted in him being selected to represent Britain in the U12 team in Italy and Slovakia.



At the Welsh Wonderland Championships Effy won two gold medals in Gymnastics for the asymmetric bats.



Miller plays for the U12 Penzance Hockey team who won the first round of the Cornwall Championships. As a result the team went to the finals and despite being poorly he played for Cornwall with the Penzance U10 hockey team in Millfield, Somerset. They drew 4 games and lost one which was an amazing result for the Team and PH club.

Miller has also been selected to represent County for Tennis in Newquay.



Immy has qualified for Bicton in the Summer for the South West Show Jumping Championships.

She has also recently started Triathlon - Shooting, running and swimming was awarded the Best Shoot and came 6th overall. came 6th overall.



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

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5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

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AGAINST
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MISERABLY
CALM

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

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VIOLENCE HELPLINE
0808 2000 247
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL
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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

YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.



EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.



CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.



SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.



SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.



Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



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See full reference list on our website

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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.

STARS OF THE WEEK



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| Little Foxes | Delilah | for settling in so well |
| Little Owls | Abbie | for growing confidence & enjoying every day at nursery |
| Kittiwakes | Ryder | Enthusiasm: for working really hard to join in with our routines |
| Curlews | Kobe | Perseverance: for trying so hard with his own work |
| Puffins | Livvy | Responsibility: for ensuring your work reflects your capabilities |
| Owls | Bryher | Enthusiasm: for absolutely phenomenal writing |
| Kingfishers | Joseph | Perseverance: for working really hard on his handwriting this week |
| Trencrom | Rex | Enthusiasm: for his fantastic singing in our school choir |
| Lanyon | Evan | Perseverance: for trying so hard with his handwriting this week |
| Kerris | Marley | Enthusiasm: for always producing the most beautiful work |
| Bodrifty | Lily | Enthusiasm: well done for your infectious enthusiasm performing |
| Bosigran | Betsy | Enthusiasm: for a great week giving effort in absolutely everything |
| Kenidjack | Harry | Enthusiasm: for his helpfulness, enthusiasm & excellent spaghetti bridge building skills |
| Lunchtime Star | Ivey | for her lovely manners and beautiful smile |

Here we are then, the final term is half way through and a week without school looms. The time of great change is growing larger as staff and children ready themselves for the summer and the final few weeks. Though, to be honest, the next half term is 8 weeks long which is a challenge for sure. It will be filled with the lovely things, longer days, lighter evenings, Mazey, parades, meeting the teacher for next year, reports, sports days, picnics, sunshine and excitement. So, brace yourselves, the children are going to be very excited and very tired. How are you? Are you okay? Are you coping with all of this? Are you ready for the summer holidays? They are long and great from the eyes of most children, but not all. Some will find the gap too long. Others will struggle with the lack of routine that comes with being in school. I too find it a challenge as I'm a big fan of routines. If you need childcare that will take time to organise. Finding ways to entertain young minds is always a challenge, and doing all of this without spending silly money is a challenge too. Don't be too hard on yourselves, take it easy, know that you need a break as well as the children so make some time and space for yourselves too. And if the weeks to come worry you, talk. Don't keep it to yourselves. We all know change is afoot. We know too that some children (and adults) cope well, even thrive with new things, but not all of us take change in our stride. So if you're worried, talk. Talk to class teachers, talk to me, talk to each other. But know that it will all be fine. We will help and support and it will be okay. It may be bumpy to start, then it will get more natural and settle and you will all be fine. You know where I am. Love, Mrs Daylak xxx



DIARY DATES

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Summer half term holiday
Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th June	Year 5 camp at Porthpean
Monday 8th June 1.30pm	LKS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 9th June 1.30pm	UKS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 10th June 1.30pm	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 11th June 1.30pm	Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 16th June	Hatchbox class photos
Thursday 25th June 9.30am	Alverton Mazey Event School field
Saturday 27th June	Mazey Day
Tuesday 30th June	Year 6 transition day at MBA & HDS
Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July	Year 6 London trip
Friday 17th July 2.30pm	FOAS Summer Fair
Thursday 23rd July 1.30pm	Year 6 leavers assembly

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 3/4 Football Tournament at MBA (after school)





BOOK CLUB ON THE PROM

JOIN US ON THURSDAY 28TH MAY FROM
10AM TO 12PM, FOR STORY TELLING AND
MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK.
ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS NEW
BOOKS FOR KS1 AT ALVERTON SCHOOL.
GUEST APPEARANCE FROM MARY POPPINS



@roos_ontheprom



LITTLE ARTISTS HALF TERM

AT THE EXCHANGE GALLERY, PENZANCE

BOOK
NOW!



Little Artists ↙
Wednesday 27th May
10:00 ~~FULL~~ 11:00 or 11:30-12:30
for 2-10yr olds - £10

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4:30PM – 7:30PM



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TO GIVE IT A GO!

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Saturday 20th June

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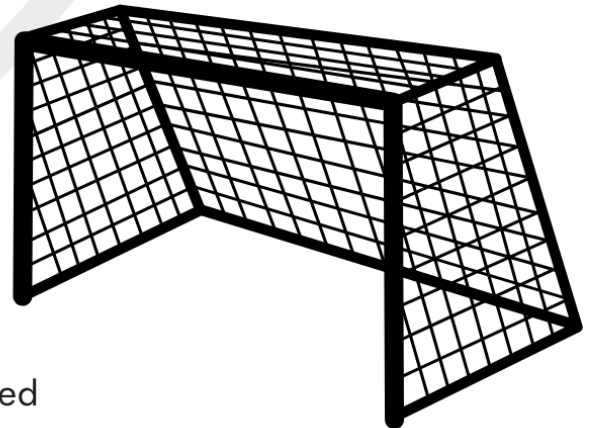
MBFDC FOOTBALL CAMPS



MAY HALF TERM

All children welcome to attend 
Have fun, score goals & play football!

**TUES 26TH & THURS 28TH
MAY 2026**



- ✓ UEFA/FA Qualified Staff & DBS Checked
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun activities, matches & tournaments
- ✓ Penalty shootouts, prizes & more!

TIMES / AGES:

School Years 2 - 8
U7s - U13s
10am - 3pm
£18 (1 day), £33 (2 days)

PLAYERS NEED:

Packed lunch & drinks
Wet weather clothing & spares!
Football boots & shin pads
Indoor Footwear (in case of poor weather!)

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH

Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Online Registration Link
www.mbfdc.co.uk

Visit the MBFDC website for further details

