

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been a wonderful week of sport! We have now had 4 out of 5 of our sports days and all of the children were an absolute credit. Whether helping or taking part, they gave it their all and represented the school brilliantly. Thank you so much to all those who were able to come and create such a lovely atmosphere. We are looking forward to seeing EYFS compete next week. On Thursday this week, a group from Year 3/4 were invited to the first ever TPAT sports festival. The focus of the afternoon was centred around the Olympic ideals of excellence, respect and friendship and the children demonstrated these throughout the afternoon. They took part in a wide range of activities including hockey, football and dodgeball; their attitude and behaviour was exemplary and they did the school proud. It was a great afternoon! A special well done to Amy and Lottie who both won medals for their enthusiasm and attitude!

In the background we have started our Mazey day project with PK Porthcurno. We have taken a recycling theme and are creating images from materials recycled from around the school. We have even been able to repurpose some of last year's creations! You will receive a letter about the organisation of the event soon.

Have a great weekend!

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](mailto: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](mailto:multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Parent Survey

Just a reminder that if you'd like to complete the parent survey, the closing date is **Wednesday 18th June**. Please either follow the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D7XVDN6>



## 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.

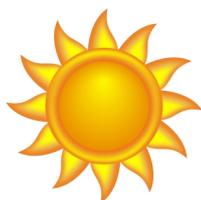
## Class photos

Hatchbox Photography will be in on **Monday 16th June** to take main school class photos. You will be sent information about how to order them after they have visited. Please can your child wear their smartest school uniform. Puffins should wear their uniform to school, not their PE kit, and bring their PE kit with them.

## Car parking

Recently some of our staff have been unable to park in the car parks, even just after 8am. Please ensure that when dropping your child off to school by car, you do not park in either of the school car parks. These are reserved for staff cars and nursery parents who are dropping off at the nursery building.

## Sun hats and water bottles



Don't forget that your child needs a filled, named water bottle with them every day and if the weather is hot and sunny, please ensure they have a sun hat and have had sunscreen applied before school. Thanks.

## Cancellation of clubs

Outdoor Adventure club is cancelled on **Wednesday 25th June** as Miss Atkins is on a trip with her class. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

## School lunches

Aspens have changed the menu on Thursday 19th June. **If you have already booked your child's lunch on the Select site, your booking will have been cancelled so you need to log in and re-book for the new menu.**



**DIVE**  
**INTO THE DEEP BLUE**

19th June

**Ocean Catch Fish Finger Bap & Wedges**  
with Sweetcorn

**Mermaid's Delight**  
**Fishless Finger Bap & Wedges,**  
with Sweetcorn

And

**Sandy Lemon**  
**Shortbread Biscuit**

FOOD FESTIVAL  
by Aspens



# 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

**Wednesday 2nd**

**JULY 2024**

9am - 10am  
Alverton School

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



# NEWS

## DUCK RACE



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the **Duck Race** on Saturday, an Alverton tradition that has been going for over 20 years .... Congratulations to our prize winners!

## TOGETHER WE RAISED

# £550

... every pound of which will go directly back into the school to benefit the children. Recently, FOAS funds have helped to buy forest school equipment and smart new sports kit. Keep an eye out for those in coming months!

## SUMMER FAIR

Next up is the...



### The Summer Fair - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

We need your help!

- Could you **donate** a raffle prize or a tombola prize? Big or small, all donations appreciated!
- Could you spare a **couple of hours** to help out on the day? We still need helpers for the bouncy castle, refreshments stall and more...
- Do you have a **gas BBQ** we could borrow for the day?



You can contact us at:  
[friendsofalvertonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofalvertonschool@gmail.com)

## Thank 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**.



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 & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

### EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

### PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

### REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

### DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

### UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES

Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.

### PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.

### ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.

## Meet Our Expert

Brandon O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brandon guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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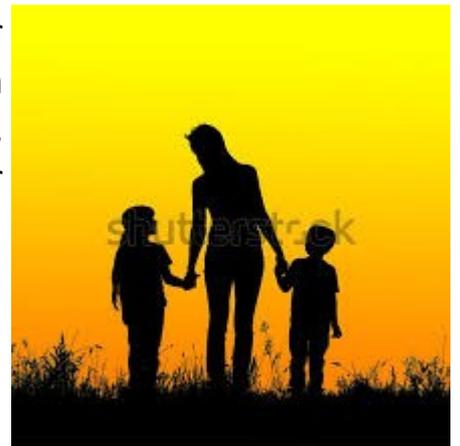
There is a lot of help and advice available to help you keep your children safe online. Have a look at the Online Safety section of our website for lots of useful information and links [http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online\\_safety\\_for\\_families/246722](http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online_safety_for_families/246722). Your child's teacher will also always be happy to talk to you about online safety.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Little Foxes	Ally	for her amazing enthusiasm & confidence at Sports Day
Little Owls	The Whole Class	for doing so well at Sports Day
Kittiwakes	Dougie	Respect: for always showing respect to our classroom & our resources
Curlews	Rex	Enthusiasm: for being excited, interested & focused in all our learning
Puffins	Kobe	Responsibility: for following our school rules
Owls	Joni	Perseverance: for pushing herself to do tricky things on Sports Day
Kingfishers	Jasper	Enthusiasm: for his determination to improve his Maths
Trencrom	Xavi	Enthusiasm: for continuing to work hard in all his lessons
Lanyon	Tegen	Enthusiasm: for a fantastic performance on Sports Day
Kerris	Lily	Enthusiasm: for always being ready to learn with a big smile
Bodrifty	Elsie-Rae	Enthusiasm: for being a fantastic, all-round student
Bosigran	Eve	Enthusiasm: for always coming in with a smile & being super helpful
Kenidjack	Joey	Enthusiasm: for being a Maze star
Lunchtime Star	Jacob H	for always offering to help & doing it with a smile

'There's no such thing as a perfect parent/carer. One day all's calm, the next it's chaos.' Sounds a bit like my life as a teacher to be honest but it is definitely true of your role. I know I go on about this but it's because I feel strongly that the job is a tough one and I speak from experience when I felt as though everybody around me was doing it better than me. With hindsight of course that isn't true, and I really want to make sure you all know that. Below is lovely link that should take you straight to a page on the NSPCC website (can't guarantee my IT skills though). It has quotes from parents that may sound familiar to us all plus simple suggestions for how to cope - and of course you guys have me as a coping method too if you ever need me. Short grey hair, huge earrings, often covered in bits of play dough, lego, glue, paint and other unspeakable things left over from hanging out with small children. Anyhow, take care, you know I'm here, you know I'll listen, no matter how big or small your worry....much love, Mrs Daylak xxxx

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/parent-feeling-lonely/>



## DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 16th June</b>	<b>Class photos (Hatchbox)</b>
<b>Wednesday 18th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Reception Sports Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 25th June</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>New Reception Parents Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 26th May</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Alverton Mazey Event - school field</b>
<b>Saturday 28th May</b>	<b>Mazey Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 1st July</b>	<b>Year 6 transition day to Humphry Davy &amp; Mounts Bay</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th July</b>	<b>Year 6 London</b>
<b>Friday 18th July</b>	<b>FOAS Summer Fair</b>
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b> <b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Last day of Summer term</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd July</b>	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
<b>Thursday 24th July-Friday 29th August</b>	<b>Summer holidays</b>
<b>Monday 1st September</b>	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd September</b> <b>8.30am</b>	<b>School opens for Autumn term</b>



# CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL



## SATURDAY

Years 4, 5 & 6

Saturday 21st June 2025 | 10.00 - 12.30

### MUSIC SCHOOL OF ROCK

Unleash your inner rockstar in this high-energy jam session! Ever wanted to be in a band? Now's your chance. Whether you are a total beginner or already play, join us as we plug in, turn it up, and learn 'Seven Nation Army' together. Let's make some noise and rock the school!

### CAPE ACTIVE SUMMER SPORTS

Get outside, get moving, and get competitive in this action-packed sports sampler. Whether you're serving aces in tennis, sprinting to victory in athletics, or hitting sixes in cricket, there's something here for every kind of athlete.

### SCIENCE PHYSICS MAGNETISM AND FORCE

Step into the world of invisible powers! Discover how magnets can move things without even touching them, then put your skills to the test by designing your own magnetic maze. Race through challenges, dodge obstacles, and master the force - it's like magic, only physics.

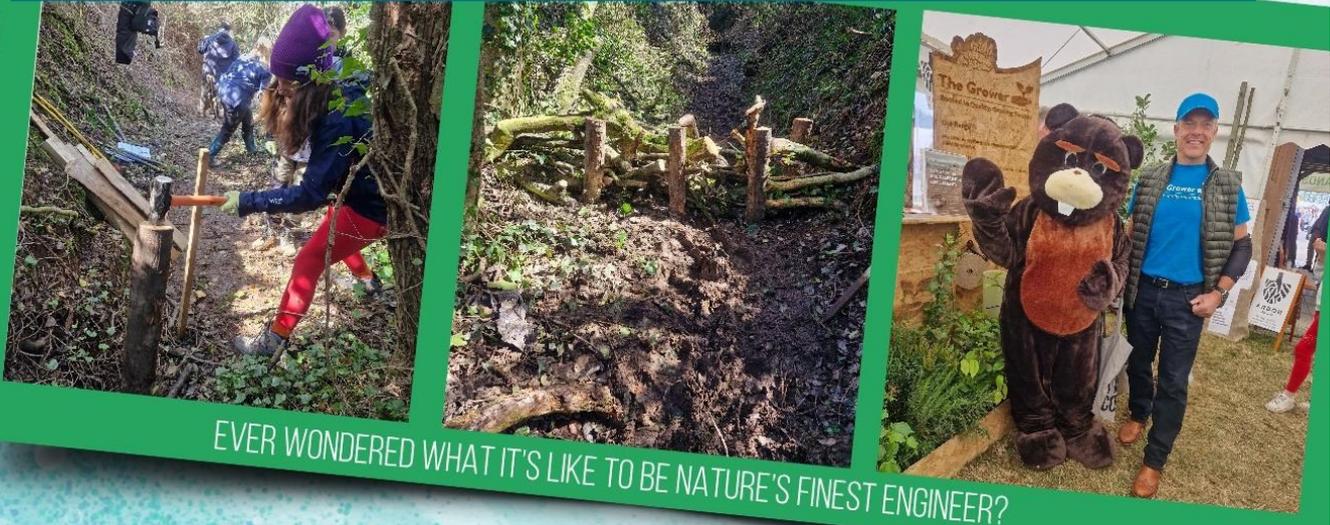
### GEOGRAPHY BUG BOXES

Love nature? Become a mini environmental hero by designing and building your very own bug boxes. Learn about local ecosystems and how tiny creatures keep our planet ticking, then give them a stylish new home. A hands-on, creative adventure for curious minds and green thumbs alike.





# BECOME A HUMAN BEAVER



EVER WONDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE NATURE'S FINEST ENGINEER?

## BUILD A TRICKLE DAM

07 JULY 2025 | 10AM - 3PM

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This activity is funded by the Future is Green project at Truro and Penwith College, which is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

# THE MORRAB LIBRARY

## CHILDREN'S SHORT STORY



# COMPETITION 2025

Closing date Friday 11th July 2025.

For 4-16 year olds who live in Cornwall.

Free to enter.



More information and entry guidelines  
on our website:  
[morrablibrary.org.uk/shortstory2025](http://morrablibrary.org.uk/shortstory2025)  
or scan the QR code.

Instagram: @morrablibrary

# PENHALIGON'S FRIENDS FAMILY FUN DAY

11am - 3pm  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>  
June 25

Rayle Farm,  
Bridge, Redruth.  
TR16 4QP

£3 entry  
per person.  
Free entry for under 2's!



- ✓ FREE forest school activities for children!
- ✓ FREE storytelling with children's author Alasdair Hoswell!
- ✓ LIVE music throughout the day, supported by Cornwall's REWIND Radio Crew!
- ✓ Bouncy castles, laser tag and lots of fun activities for children.
- ✓ Great selection of food and drink vendors on site.
- ✓ Lots of craft and other stalls.
- ✓ HUGE raffle with great prizes to be won!

FIND OUT MORE!



[www.penthaligonsfriends.org.uk](http://www.penthaligonsfriends.org.uk)



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