

7/6/24

FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to this term and our Mazey Day costumes and big and small images are well underway and looking amazing. We also have hired a class set of samba drums and percussion instruments and Miss Williams has been teaching samba drumming to lots of year groups.

I have had the pleasure of accompanying Bosigran on their trip to St Just to the Kurt Jackson Foundation Gallery where they took part in a workshop. Some of our Year 6 children went on their surf trip today and enjoyed a day of surfing, team games and sea swimming.

Please can you be considerate of our Alverton neighbours as it has been reported to us that some vehicles have been damaged by pupils leaning against vehicles or bags scratching vehicles as they pass them. Thank you for your consideration.

This week the fire service needed to access an area around the school and found that parent parking obstructed their fire engine from accessing where they needed to get to. They have asked us to alert you to the following information:

### **Can a fire engine get past your parked car in an emergency?**

When parking, please ensure you have left enough room for a fire engine to pass.

A fire engine measures 2.6m (8ft6in) wide 10m long (32ft 6in).

If you do not leave enough room, we will be delayed in getting to the emergency and lives may be at risk because you parked inconsiderately.

Lets work together to make Cornwall safe.

We look forward to hosting our sports day afternoons next week and welcoming you to these events.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Simpson  
Acting Deputy Headteacher



**Remember – safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility**

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Laura Simpson (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at [lsimpson@alverton.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:lsimpson@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)

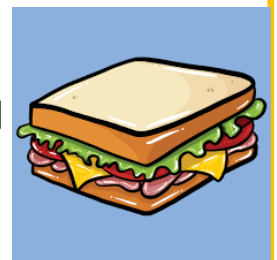
**FOAS Summer Fair  
Save the Date!**

We’re delighted to let you know that FOAS now have enough volunteers to run the Summer Fair which will be held on **Friday 12th July at 3.15pm**. If you haven’t yet offered to help, they would still be very grateful for your assistance. Please just let the office know.  
Many thanks.

**School lunches till the end of term**

As well as two choices of hot meal, jacket potatoes and tomato pasta, Chartwells will be offering sandwiches as part of school lunches from now until the end of term. The choice will be ham, cheese or tuna and your child can order this daily.

The current menu will be in place next term and will run until October half term.



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**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.

## Sports Days

Here are the dates for the upcoming Sports Days. All start at 1.30pm. Entrance will be through the side gate by the nursery onto the field.

**The bottom field gate will remain locked until 3pm.**

Monday 10th June UKS2 (Years 5 & 6)

Tuesday 11th June - LKS2 (Years 3 & 4)

Wednesday 12th June - KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Thursday 13th June - EYFS (Reception)

**Children should wear their PE kit to school on the day of their Sports Day as well as on their normal PPA day.**

## Clubs

Cancellation - there will be no Year 3/4 Computing club on **Wednesday 12th June** as Mrs Stellon is away on camp. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

If your child is taking part in the next VR club and you haven't yet paid, please ensure payment is made before the first club or they won't be able to attend.

Year 1-6 Spanish club will start again on Monday 10th for 4 weeks. There are still places available so if your child would like to join, please contact Kidslingo direct and pay them.

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-central-west-cornwall/>

All clubs will finish on 5th July.



## 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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0808 802 6666

ChildLine

0800 1111



0300 123 3393

www.mind.org.uk



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**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.

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0808 2000 247  
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL  
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MEAN  
AT RISK

#YOUARENOTALONE

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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 PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MATURE CONTENT

18  
CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

### VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

### SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

### ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

### DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

### LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

### SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

### PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

### PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

### Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRcon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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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.

## 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](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

-  Little Foxes
-  Little Owls
-  Kittiwakes
-  Curlews
-  Puffins
-  Owls
-  Kingfishers
-  Trencom
-  Lanyon
-  Kerris
-  Bodrifty
-  Bosigran
-  Kenidjack
-  Lunchtime Star

## TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY



The sun has arrived but I haven't had the time to enjoy it - does anybody else feel the same? Is your life so busy and packed that you don't have time for yourself? It's crucial that we do make time for ourselves but how is that ever possible? Well, one way is to come and have a cuppa with me. I can and will make time for you (and to be honest) a break for me would be lovely too so it's win-win. Never think I don't mean it, never think I don't want to listen; I'm always happy to help. My very best wishes for a superb weekend - Mrs Daylak xxxxx



## DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 10th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	UKS2 Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 11th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	LKS2 Sports Day
<b>Wednesday 12th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	KS1 Sports Day
<b>Wednesday 12th-Friday 14th June</b>	Year 5 camp
<b>Thursday 13th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	Reception Sports Day
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	Year 6 surfing (group 2)
<b>Tuesday 25th June</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	New Reception parents meeting
<b>Thursday 27th June</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Alverton Mazey Parade
<b>Saturday 29th June</b>	Mazey Day <i>Parade time TBC</i>
<b>Tuesday 2nd July</b>	Year 6 transition day at Humphry Davy & Mounts Bay
<b>Wednesday 3rd-Friday 5th July</b>	Year 6 London
<b>Friday 12th July</b> <b>3.15pm</b>	FOAS Summer Fair
<b>Tuesday 23rd July</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>Tuesday 23rd July</b>	School closes at 3.15pm for the Summer holidays
<b>Wednesday 24th July</b>	INSET Day - school closed



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