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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been a very busy one in school! Thank you so much to everyone who attended parents evening this week. It was great to see that positive dialogue between teachers and parents and seeing the children so proud in showing off their work.

We have had some great sporting success this week too! We had a netball match that we won 7-0 and a girls football match that we won 2-1! We had a Year 3/4 football tournament that the children thoroughly enjoyed, despite not being overall winners. We also won the hockey league! The children are thrilled with their trophy and couldn't wait to show it off today. Mrs Williams is busy in the background trying to find some other sports for the summer term so that we can continue to offer a broad range across the school. A huge thank you to all the staff for making it happen.

This week we also hosted lots of special visitors. They were all so complimentary about the children and their behaviour around the school. They thought the Ministers were particularly thorough in their questioning! We had a visitor from The Refugee Arts project in to work with a group of children and she said it was the best group she had worked with. High praise indeed and well deserving for our lovely children.

The week has ended with another first for me - Alverton's Got Talent! The children have worked so hard on their acts and they really enjoyed watching each other's offerings.

KS2 will be please to hear that the new balls have arrived! We will be sectioning off part of the playground and putting in a rota so that they can get a proper game going in a dedicated space. We will trial this from Monday and see how it goes. As the field opens up, we will be able to have 2 matches going together. All adult led games will continue to take place.

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 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

Year 3-6 Football club is cancelled on Monday 24th March as Mr Hammond and Mr Holcroft have training.

All clubs finish next Friday 28th March (except Year 3/4 Art - last one on Tuesday 1st April)

Year 6 London

Final payments

A reminder that all remaining payments for this year’s trip to London should be paid in full by **Friday 31st March**.

Please log into Arbor (we no longer use Schoolmoney), check how much you owe and pay by the deadline date.

Any questions, please ask at the office.

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.

Year 5 camp meeting

Friday 28th March at 3.15pm

If your child is going to Porthpean in June please come to a meeting next Friday with Mrs Stellon in Bosigran classroom at 3.15pm. There will be lots of information given out and a chance to ask questions. Please come along if you can.

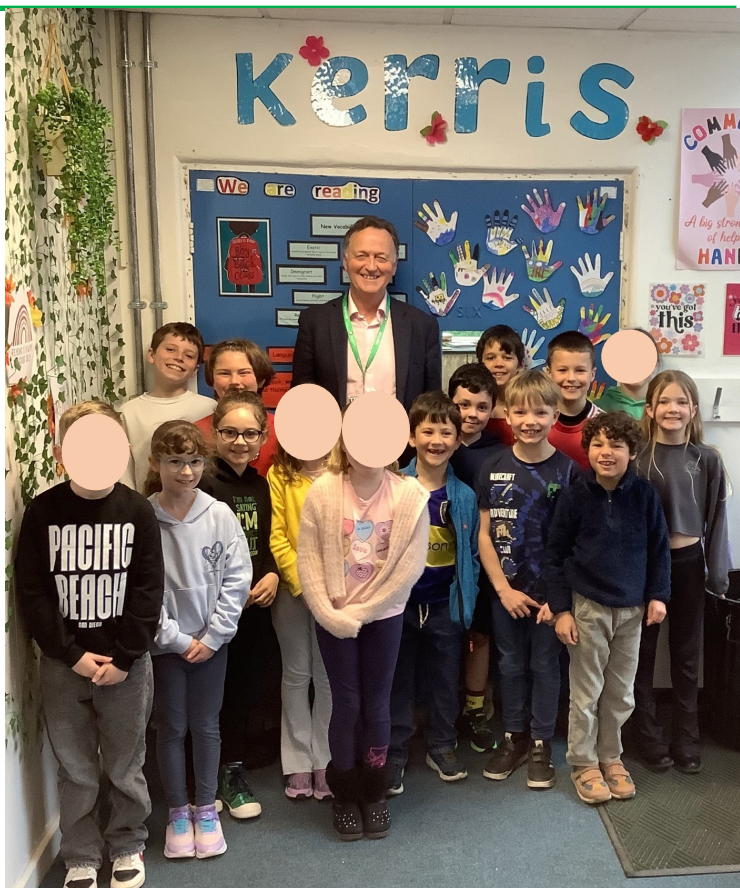
Congratulations to our hockey team!

This week our hockey team won the Hockey League. They played lots of other local schools and came out the winners. Here they are with the trophy. Well done to all of them.



Visitor this week

Andrew George, our local MP, came to visit us today to talk to the children of LKS2 about their persuasive letters regarding the unacceptable use of unsustainable palm oil. The children were very excited and asked lots of well-informed questions. We're grateful to Andrew George for taking the time to come and visit our school.



Tickets on sale after Easter:

Tuesday 22 April - Year 5 and 6 Drama Club parents

Monday 28 April - Year 3 and 4 Choir parents

Tuesday 6 May - everyone else

£5 for adults, £2.50 for children aged 4 upwards (Alverton pupils free)

Cash only please.

Please remember to buy your tickets as soon as possible - they sell out very quickly!

Alverton Primary School's
production of



Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 6.30pm

Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 6.30pm

Music and Lyrics by
Richard M Sherman and Robert B Sherman
Music by Special Arrangement with Sony / ATV Publishing
Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams
Based on the MGM Motion Picture
Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick

This amateur production is presented by
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk



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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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 STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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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.

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:

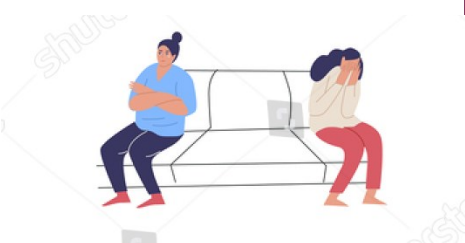
- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

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.

Had the most amazing conversation this week with a parent about the school run! I was blown away by how hard it is for some of us to do the pick up and drop off but it can be a really daunting social challenge. At one point I genuinely considered that it was only me feeling this way but I'm older and wiser now (stop laughing). And I no longer have to do it. There may be some of you out there reading this and wondering what on earth I'm talking about. If you are one of those people I'm going to ask a favour...ready? When you see a parent/carer who may be standing off to one side or a parent/carer who you don't normally chat with, would you mind smiling and chatting to them? Rather than the same people all the time? It's so hard when the same people always talk to the same people before and at the end of each school day and can make those of us struggling to feel good about it feel worse (and of course, nobody means for this to happen) but I wonder if by chatting to different adults we may make somebody feel better. Several thoughts used to run through my head - 'how soon can I leave?/when will this be over?/how confident do I look?/does anybody know how out of my comfort zone I am feeling?' One of the Early Learning Goals in Reception class is 'social and emotional development' and we have lots of strategies to support children develop in this area, but at the end of the day it's not just in my class and in school that this lesson is learned - it can carry on for much longer than that. For me, if I'm honest, I'm still learning - wish me luck! If you need me, you know where I am. Mrs D xxx



Change of INSET day 2025-26

One of our INSET days next school year has changed. The new term dates were sent out by email last week and can be found on the school website under Parent Pages, Term Dates.

DIARY DATES	
Monday 24th March	Swimming for Puffins (Group 2)
Friday 28th March	All clubs finish
Friday 4th April 3.15pm	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)
Tuesday 22nd April 8.30am	School re-opens for Summer term



Great Big Clothes Sale

A 'pay what
you can'
event

&
Coffee
Morning



Sat 22rd March
10.30am – 12 noon

All
welcome



St Thomas'
Church, Heamoor,
TR18 3JD



Rosudgeon Cricket Club

Indoor hardball training



Juniors
10-15 Years

Free to all

Any questions
please call Andrew
07971570871

Humphry Davy School

Friday 21st March 2025

Friday 28th March 2025

Friday 4th April 2025

6.30pm



All abilities welcome