

Dear Parents/carers

What a week! It feels like it has been hotter than the sun at times but I have been very impressed with how well the children adapted to our changes to make things as comfortable as possible. I don't think our field has every been used so much (or that we have ever got through so many ice poles!). I am also very grateful to our lovely staff for making the week a success. I am especially grateful to the KS1 team who navigated a very hot trip to the Minack on Wednesday. We changed our plans as the morning went on but all worked together to make it safe and seamless.

Our Mazey event yesterday on the field was a great success and good practice for tomorrow's parade. We would like to say a huge thank you to Alice and Emma (two of our volunteers) who spent so much time and effort helping and inspiring us with all our Mazey creations and for making our big rocket. We are very grateful to you both.

Today Bodrifty were so lucky to go up to Mounts Bay Academy for a trampolining session! We are lucky to have such strong secondary partnerships that enable us to have these experiences. I have a strong suspicion that I know what my pupil voice survey will be asking us to buy this year! Year 5 Bosigran will have their turn on Monday.

Next week Year 6 are off to London, we would like everyone to wish for sunshine without a heatwave!

Nichola Smith  
Headteacher

## **Our new Year 5/6 teacher**

My name's Andy Walsh, I was a chef for a number of years before becoming a teacher. With a background in producing and directing plays, theatre and music are major passions of mine and I also love learning about History, different cultures and the natural world. After living and working in Bristol for the last decade, my partner and I have decided to raise our family where we grew up, in beautiful Cornwall!



**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)

**Clubs**

Year 5/6 Rounders on **Wednesday 1st July** will be cancelled next week as Mrs Stellon is away.

**All clubs finish next Friday 3rd July.**

New clubs lists will come home in September.

**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.

**Alverton Mazey information**

Thanks to everyone who came along to support our Mazey event on the field.



All the information about the procession on Mazey Day tomorrow has been sent home by email. We are in the 11am parade.

Please come and support us if you can.



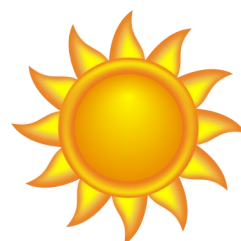
The Lion King - May 2026

## Class photos

All class photos were taken recently and your child should have come home with a slip with all the information about how to buy them if you wish to. To get free postage back to school, please buy them online by **28th June**. Any questions, please contact Hatchbox direct by emailing [photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk](mailto:photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk)

## 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 with a named bottle of sunscreen in their bag. Thanks.



## After school child care

There will be **NO** after school child care on the last day of term **Thursday 23rd July** for any children including Reception. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

## Lost property

The lost property box is nearly full again. Please check if your child is missing anything. Any un-named items left by the end of next week will be stored ready to take to the charity shop at the end of term. **Please name ALL your child's belongings.**

## Bicycle Repair Day - Monday 29th June

We are excited to be hosting a **Bicycle Repair Day** next Monday, 29th June!

A qualified bicycle mechanic will be in school throughout the day, carrying out repairs, maintenance and safety checks to help get bikes back in good working order and ready to ride.

If your child has a bike that needs some attention, drop it off to Miss Field at the side hall doors at drop-off time. The mechanic will aim to complete repairs by the end of the school day wherever possible.

This service is also available for **siblings' bikes and adult bikes** (dependent on numbers), so feel free to bring along any family bicycles that could benefit from a check-up or some maintenance.

This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure bikes are safe, roadworthy and ready for the summer, helping us all stay active, healthy and enjoy cycling with confidence.

If your bike has a specific issue, please let us know when dropping it off. We would also appreciate bikes being clearly labelled with your child's name.

Happy cycling!





# Parent Picnic

POSTPONED UNTIL  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY

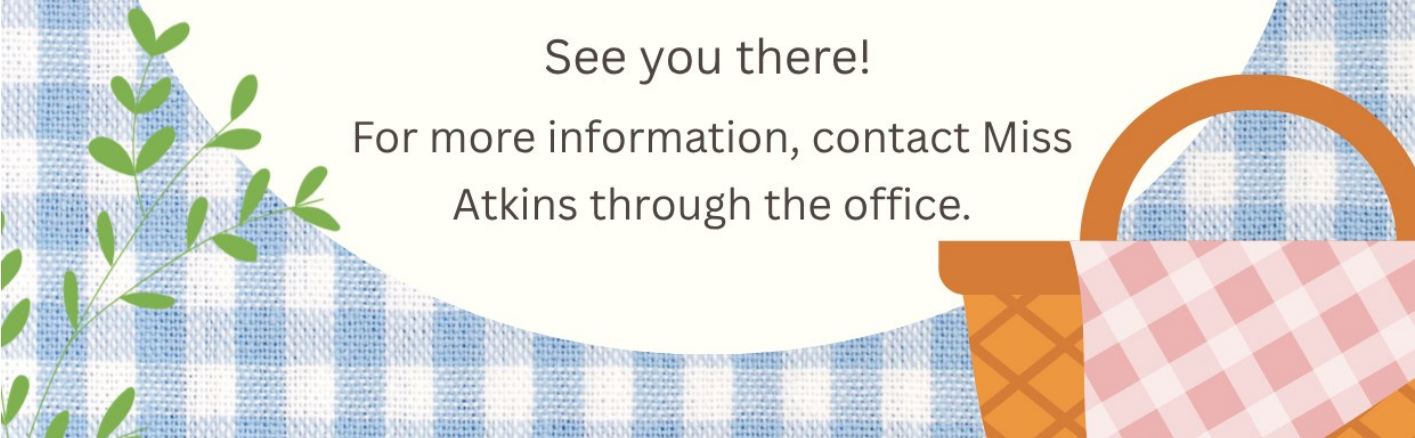
9am-10am on the school field

Bring a flask and enjoy a cuppa with Miss Atkins, Mrs Hughes and other parents from our school. A good time to make new friends and connections.

Everyone welcome!

See you there!

For more information, contact Miss Atkins through the office.





Friday  
17th July  
2:30 to 4:30

# Summer Fair

Included with your wristband...

- 🏀 Sports
- 💧 Sponge soaker
- 🎨 Crafts ✨ Glitter tattoos
- 🏰 Bouncy castle
- 🌊 Giant bubbles
- 🐭 Splat the rat
- ☀️ Cyanotype workshop

Wristbands  
**£3**  
from the office

**Cash stalls**  
cakes, ice lollies,  
hot dogs,  
tombola,  
raffle

Raffle  
with  
fantastic  
prizes!



Summer Fair  
Shout-out

**We need you!**

▼ We are looking for more volunteers for the FOAS Summer Fair. Could you help run a stall? We need helpers for glitter tattoos, face paints, football dartboard, bouncy castle, selling cakes and refreshments, and more...

▼ We are now collecting prizes for the unmissable Alverton summer raffle!

▼ Nearer the time we will be asking for donations of tombola prizes, books and cakes. Watch this space!

▼ If you can help, we'd love to hear from you at [friendsofalvertonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofalvertonschool@gmail.com).

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2:30 to 4:30



## 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  
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MISERABLY  
CALM

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123

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MEAN  
AT RISK

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gov.uk/domestic-violence

WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

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

# What Educators Need to Know about INVOICE FRAUD

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

## COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY

Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight late payments may be a key sign. Fraudsters often apply pressure to rush decisions and stop checks. Take a moment to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.

## CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS

Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.

## DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES

Be wary of invoice details that don't match authentic, previously issued invoices, such as amounts, reference numbers or contact names. Fraudsters often alter small details to avoid detection. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.

## MINOR EMAIL CHANGES

Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.

## UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS

Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not recognise can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will be paid without question. Check records and confirm with the supplier before processing any unfamiliar request.

## UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE

Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual supplier communications may indicate fraud. Criminals often copy legitimate messages but may not match the usual tone or style. The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) means errors are no longer as common or obvious. Be cautious and verify the request if anything seems out of place.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### VERIFY BANK DETAILS

Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.

### CROSS-CHECK INVOICES

Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier in question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.

### DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This adds an extra layer of control and reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.

### REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY

If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 159 or their official number and report it to Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter fraud alerts, see DfE counter fraud guidance. You can find the invoice fraud leaflet on the National Crime Agency website.

## Meet Our Expert

Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education. Having led the function there for many years, he now focuses on continual improvement, communication, and innovation. He proudly oversaw the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having worked in counter fraud for 16 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2010.



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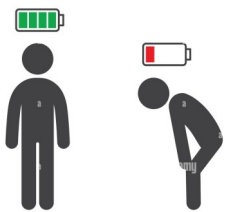
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There is a lot of help and advice available to help you keep your children safe online. Have a look at the Online Safety section of our website for lots of useful information and links [http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online\\_safety\\_for\\_families/246722](http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online_safety_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	Huxley	for always being kind & amazing dance moves
	Little Owls	Jackson	for being so brave & proud of yourself in the parade
	Kittiwakes	Lyra	Enthusiasm: for showing endless enthusiasm towards all learning
	Curlews	Efa	Enthusiasm: for the most incredibly positive attitude to school life
	Puffins	Aliya	Respect: for always being kind & helpful, especially on our trip
	Owls	Kara	Responsibility: for trying very hard to do the right thing
	Kingfishers	Zac	Responsibility: for his very best behaviour on the Minack trip
	Trencrom	Amiya	Responsibility: for always being helpful for friends & adults
	Lanyon	Evelyn	Responsibility: for always being responsible around the class
	Kerris	Dahlia	Enthusiasm: for always having a positive attitude in class
	Bodrifty	Seb	Responsibility: for always having lovely lunchtime manners
	Bosigran	Presley	Responsibility: for always being a kind & supportive friend
	Kenidjack	Kendra	Responsibility: for being a kind & caring member of our class
	Lunchtime Star	Leo	Enthusiasm: for always putting 100% effort into everything
		Riley	Responsibility: for continuing to do his best in lessons
		Jensen	Perseverance: for showing determination & maturity
		Jemima	Responsibility: for an excellent mature approach to school
		Charlie C	for always being such a great help



So last week I wrote about having some peace and quiet in your life.....and how important it all is....and I got quite a lot! A whole weekend in fact and if I'm honest I loved every moment of it. And then the family came home and I loved every moment of that too. Perhaps because I was refreshed? A little less grumpy? Who knows but my point is that yes, I think I really needed to recharge my social battery (a term I have only ever heard in the past few years as teenage children come and go at home - it's amazing how much I learn from the younger generation as they visit). But my point is, can you manage a moment to yourselves? Even just a cuppa? All it takes is five minutes peace and a fresher outlook and recharged batteries are good to go. I needed that time last week because this week something pretty hideous happened (I haven't spoken about it to many folk). It was a near miss that didn't quite miss but didn't have the severe consequences it could have had. Without that break I may not have coped as well as I have if I'm honest. I may have struggled to be there for those loved ones that needed me. So, find a moment in each day to be you, not parent, not grandparent, not partner, not even friend. Be there for you. Then you can be there for others when they need you. Especially the children in your world, because trust me when I say they will always need you, maybe less often, but they will always need you in some way xxxxx Always here for you, especially now I'm recharged and revitalised. Tea anyone? Mrs Dayak xxx



## DIARY DATES

<b>Saturday 27th June</b> 11am parade	Mazey Day
<b>Tuesday 30th June</b>	Year 6 transition day at MBA & HDS
<b>Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July</b>	Year 6 London trip
<b>Wednesday 8th July</b> 1.30pm	KS1 Sports Day (re-scheduled)
<b>Thursday 9th July</b> 1.30pm	Reception Sports Day (re-scheduled)
<b>Friday 17th July</b> 2.30pm	FOAS Summer Fair
<b>Thursday 23rd July</b> 1.30pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
<b>Thursday 23rd July</b> 3.15pm	School closes for Summer holidays at normal time
<b>Friday 24th July</b>	INSET Day– school closed
<b>Monday 27th July-Monday 31st August</b>	Summer school holidays
<b>Tuesday 1st September</b>	INSET Day - School & Nursery closed
<b>Wednesday 2nd September</b> 8.30am	School opens for Autumn term

### LOST

Riley in Year 6 has lost his black Gelert coat. It is named. Please check at home and hand in if found. Thanks.

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**17-22  
AUGUST**

MONDAY - SATURDAY

UNDER 9s (5-8)  
10:00AM - 1:00PM

10+ (9-12 & 13+)  
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