

Dear Parents/carers

This week we started with an assembly all about ways we can support our friends when they are finding things hard. We watched a fantastic video called 'Austin's Butterfly', which shows how a group of children helped Austin improve his picture of a butterfly by giving him advice. We decided that in order to help our friends we could:

Always start with a positive, say things like -

I like how you...

I can see that you've tried hard to...

Give them a specific piece of advice they can use to improve by suggesting -

Have you thought about trying to include...?

It might be better if you changed / added...

Help them -

Offer to do it with them

Give them an example

Show them how to do it

I was so happy to be sent some children from Lanyon, who used the idea to edit their work and produce some incredible poems - well done Lanyon!

Mazey

This year we have been lucky enough to be offered a grant from PK Porthcurno to make our main structure for Mazey day. We will get to work with some artists from the museum to plan and create our work, using it as the inspiration for some smaller pieces. This year, we will be parading the pieces around the field before the event and inviting members of the community, as well as our families, to come and see the pieces in all their glory. We are hoping it will be a wonderful event for the whole community. More information to follow!

Have a great (long) 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

Club cancellation

Year 3/4 Outdoor Adventures will be cancelled on **Wednesday 14th May** as Miss Atkins has training. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

Global Borders are running a surf club after school in June & July for Years 3-6 costing £108. Please see the email that was sent out today. If your child is interested, please contact the office. It will not run unless they have enough interest.

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 6 London trip meeting

If your child is going to London in July, there will be a meeting on **Thursday 8th May at 3.15pm**. There will be lots of information given out and there will be a chance to ask questions. Please come along if you can.

Text and In App messages

Our text service with Teachers2Parents (Eduspot) has now ceased and we are no longer be able to send texts.

We are looking into getting texts with Arbor but this is relatively costly so will only be able to use this for urgent messages and emergencies.

We will be relying on communicating with you via email and In App messages through Arbor. **If you haven't yet downloaded the Arbor App please do so as soon as possible. This means that you will be able to be notified via In App message.**

Wanted for Mazey making!

All our Mazey sculptures which we'll be starting soon need some recycled items. Please could you save the following:

any bottle tops - metal or plastic

old CDs or DVDs

Whole cereal boxes (not flatted or torn)

Book Swap

Just a reminder that the Book Swap in the reception area is for swapping or donating books. Please do bring in a book if your child would like to take one or donate any suitable, good quality books if you no longer need them. This way we will keep a good selection for the children. Thank you.

Tickets now on sale! Last few remaining!

£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

SEND drop in sessions

Wednesday 7th May



Mrs Hughes
SENDCO

9am- 10:30am



Miss Atkins
Autism Champion



Alverton School

These meetings will take place across the year and offer the opportunity to pop into school for a coffee and chat with Mrs Hughes and Miss Atkins about the support your child is receiving or any concerns you might have.



Next drop in session:
Wednesday 2nd July 9am



Just in time for a long weekend the weather appears to have changed dramatically and the sun has made a drastic appearance. Who knows if it will stick around for long (it is still spring after all) but even if it doesn't we all seem much happier for having seen it at all. On a different note I read this recently - Effective parenting involves a blend of nurturing, guidance, and setting boundaries. It's essential to be patient, understanding, and flexible, while also fostering open communication and creating a supportive environment for children to thrive. It's all so easy to say, isn't it? Less simple to put into practice though (and yes, I do speak from experience) and that may be where I can help. I have the time. Plus there is tea and biscuits to be had if that would help - and I have found they often do. Let me help. Let me listen. And let me put the kettle on. Until then, enjoy the extra day and let's see what the weather has in store shall we? Much love, Mrs Daylak xxx

SAVE THE DATE

SAT 7th JUNE 11am

ALVERTON
SCHOOL

DUCK RACE

FOAS

AT THE BOATING LAKE....
MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW.....





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



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 Vryan 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



"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.wcwaaid.co.uk/helpline>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

FUNNY JOKES

ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

Meet Our Expert

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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

Little Foxes

Wolfie

for great interacting with his friends

Little Owls

Freddie

for using his words really well to communicate

Kittiwakes

Aurora

Enthusiasm: for an amazing attitude towards her reading

Curlews

Sol

Enthusiasm: for a positive attitude to school

Puffins

Ruby Si

Perseverance: for working extremely hard in lessons

Owls

Felix

Responsibility: for always giving 100% in everything he does

Kingfishers

Bowen

Perseverance: for working so hard in Maths

Trencrom

Subhanullah

Perseverance: for working extremely hard in his Maths lessons

Lanyon

Jessica E

Enthusiasm: for her fantastic poem in English

Kerris

Samara

Enthusiasm: for a fantastic attitude to her learning

Effy

Enthusiasm: for always giving 100% & making fantastic vocab choices

Bodrifty

Sienna

Enthusiasm: for completing a really good Tim the Ostler diary account

Bosigran

Paloma

Enthusiasm: for amazing vocabulary & imaginative writing in English

Kenidjack

Lamorna

Enthusiasm: for brilliant work across the board

Lunchtime Star

India

for being so kind & helpful to our younger members of the school



Great British Tennis Open Day

SATURDAY 10th MAY
9am - 3pm



PENLEE PARK, PENZANCE, TR18 4HE

COME ALONG TO OUR FUN FAMILY TENNIS OPEN DAY

9-10am 5-8 years old

10-11am 9-12 years old

11-12noon 13-16 years old & Pickleball (all ages)

12-1pm Adult tennis

1-2pm Cardio Tennis & Walking Tennis

PLUS FUN FAMILY GAMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND BBQ!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.PENZANCETENNISCLUB.CO.UK

DIARY DATES

Monday 5th May	Early May Bank Holiday - school & nursery closed
Wednesday 21st-Thursday 22nd May 6.30pm	School show - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang <i>Please see posters for information about tickets</i>
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May	Summer half term holiday
Monday 2nd June	INSET Day - school closed
Tuesday 3rd June 8.30am	School re-opens
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th June	Year 5 camp at Porthpean
Saturday 7th June 11am	FOAS Duck Race Wherrytown Boating Pool - details to follow
Monday 9th June 1.30pm	UKS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 10th June 1.30pm	LKS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 11th June 1.30pm	KS1 Sports Day
Monday 16th June	Class photos (Hatchbox)
Wednesday 18th June 1.30pm	Reception Sports Day
Thursday 26th May am	Alverton Mazey Event - school field
Saturday 28th May	Mazey Day
Tuesday 1st July	Year 6 transition day to Humphry Davy & Mounts Bay

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us for a 5 session online workshop where we will teach you **practical strategies to support your child with their anxiety and worries**



Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025 , please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

To book a place please complete the online form **HERE**
<https://forms.office.com/e/OqRnKmCw1i> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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- Parent support**

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This workshop provides
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strategies to foster
positive behaviour and
communication at
home.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM [HERE](https://forms.office.com/E/BVHDPYUCQA)
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA](https://forms.office.com/E/BVHDPYUCQA)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



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