

What a wonderful start to the term!



This term, Key Stage 1 will be exploring all that the incredible books of Roald Dahl have to offer and have transformed their classrooms into colourful celebrations of all the things that make Roald Dahl so wonderful.

Key Stage 2 will be exploring the magical world of Harry Potter. Lower Key Stage 2 has been transformed into

Diagon Alley complete with Ollivander's Wand Shop, Flourish and Blotts Book Shop and Eeylops Owl Emporium. Upper Key Stage 2 are travelling to Hogwarts itself and the children will

be able to learn in Professor Trelawney's Divination room, the Defence Against the Dark Arts room. As usual, we would like to thank our staff who have worked incredibly hard to prepare the children's classrooms. It's fair to say that some of them have truly enjoyed it!

This week has seen exciting launch days for all the children who, along with the staff, are very much looking forward to this term.

There are some fantastic things planned! To see some great photographs and to keep up with all the things that are going on, we recommend that you follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool. You might spot your child doing something amazing!



Why was Roald revolting?



What can we find in Diagon Alley?



What does Harry Potter teach us about our values?



Quad Kids success

On Thursday four teams from years 3-6 went to Penwith College with Mrs Dennison and Mr Hammond to take part in Quad Kid Athletics. Each pupil had to complete a sprint, a long distance run, a jump and a throw against children from 12 other schools. the competition was high and our children performed extremely well with Yr5/6 achieving 4th place and Yr3/4 came 1st! As a result, both teams will go on to represent the Penwith district at the Cornwall Youth Games in June. Well done to everyone who took part, it was fabulous!



Parent survey

We have been offered a free 12 month trial of a pupil safeguarding programme which the DfE has recommended. Before we can start this trial, we need as many parents as possible to complete an anonymous online survey which should only take 3-4 minutes. Please copy or click on the link below to access this. Thank you very much.

Parent survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/tootootparentsurvey?schoolid=1765>

Parent consultation meeting re: TPAT

If you would like to find out more about the possibility of Alverton School joining the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust, Dr Jennifer Blunden (CEO of TPAT) and Judy Brinson (Business Manager for TPAT) will be available to meet with you and answer any questions which you might have. This meeting will be held here at Alverton School on **Tuesday 9th May at 5pm**. If you are unable to attend this, you are very welcome to attend the meeting at Pensans School on Tuesday 25th April at 5pm.

Clubs

The new clubs list has now come home and should have been returned to you with your child's choices. All clubs start next week. Please check carefully where your child needs to be collected from and collect them **promptly**. Please note that some clubs are only running until half term. **If your child is taking part in a paid club, please ensure that all payments are received by the first club session or they will not be able to take part.**

There are currently a few spaces left for KS1 Ball Games (before half term) and KS1 Woodland Learning (after half term). Please ask at the office.

Music

All music lessons have now restarted except keyboards which begins on Monday 24th April. Please ensure that you pay for keyboards or guitar lessons before the first lesson.

If your child (Year 3 and above) is interested in learning the guitar, keyboards, drums, violin, or a brass or woodwind instrument, please ask at the office. We can give you details of how to find out more and the cost or put your child's name on a waiting list if there is one.



Non uniform day Friday 28th April in aid of East African Playgrounds

Ella Upton, a former pupil of our school, is part of the charity East African Playgrounds and will be travelling with them to Uganda in the summer to build a fantastic playground for a community. At Alverton, improving the children's play and outdoor facilities is very important to us and Ella has met with our Pupil Parliament who have agreed that they would like to support her in helping other children to have these opportunities too. By holding a non-uniform day, which is entirely optional but for which we would like to ask for a donation of £1, our children will be able to help make a difference to the lives of others. Ella will also be leading an assembly next week to talk about the charity and explain what she will be doing in Africa.



Year 5 Porthpean

A reminder that all payments for the London trip in July must be made in full **by 26th May at the latest** (total cost £150). Please pay online at schoolmoney.co.uk.

Summer uniform

Now we are in the summer term, if the weather is warm enough and your child would like to wear summer uniform they are welcome to do so.

Girls: red and white gingham dresses

Red cardigan, v necked jumper or school sweatshirt

Boys: dark grey shorts

White shirt (not polo shirt) (*Reception children can continue wearing red polo shirts*)

Red v necked jumper or school sweatshirt

Footwear should be white or grey socks with black school shoes or closed toe sandals (no crocs).



Year 6 London

A reminder that all payments for the London trip in July should have been made in full by today (total cost £310). Please pay online at schoolmoney.co.uk. There will be a meeting with full information later this term.

Sleep Success workshop

A free workshop for parents of children with additional needs that raises awareness of good sleep practice, strategies for parents and discussion time to share.

Wednesday 26th April from 10am—2pm at the Beach Hut, Hayle Children's Centre.

Booking essential. Please call or email Jessica Chapple on 01736 36602 or email ehsclocality1@cornwall.gov.uk

Scope
About disability

Lost

Grace in Kingfishers has lost one trainer. It is black and pink, size 11. Please check at home and hand in if found.

Lost property

The lost property box is, once again, overflowing. If your child is missing anything please check by Monday afternoon at the latest. All named items have been sorted and returned to their owners. Everything else left unclaimed will be taken to the charity shop.

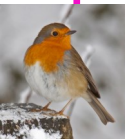
Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on and to see some great photos!



Attendance

To support our work improving school attendance, Mrs Daylak is available to answer any questions you might have regarding attendance, absences and holidays, after school every Tuesday until 4pm. She can be found in Robins classroom.



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	98.8%	4
Robins	99.4%	2
Puffins	95.3%	10
Owls	96.9%	6
Kingfishers	96.0%	9
Trencrom	96.4%	8
Lanyon	96.7%	7
Kerris	100%	1
Bodrifty	93.5%	11
Bosigran	99.2%	3
Kenidjack	98.5%	5
Overall school attendance	97.2%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

April

- 24th Clubs start
- 24th Music lessons start (guitars 20th)
- 26th Swimming starts for Robins, Choughs and Year 5

May

- 1st Bank Holiday – School closed
- 4th-5th Year 3 & 4 camp at Bude
- 8th-12th SATs week for Y6 – **Some music lessons cancelled this week**
- 9th TPAT consultation meeting for parents at 5pm
- 13th FOAS Duck Race at Wherrytown Boating Pool – details to follow
- 16th Class photographs
- 24th & 25th School production of 'The Lion King' – tickets on sale from next week

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – HALF TERM

