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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful week we have had! I was lucky enough to join Years 1 and 2 on a trip to the Minack to see Wind in the Willows followed by a picnic at the beach. The show was so good and the children had a wonderful day. The behaviour of the children was great throughout, a great representation of our school. A huge thank you to staff for organising and the parent helpers who were able to join us on the day.

On the same day, Years 5 and 6 took part in our first ever intra school swimming gala. The children took part in a variety of races showing off their skills in terms on distance and strokes and had a great time! The crowd were great at cheering the children on - overall a great event. Thanks so much to Mrs Williams for organising it, we will definitely be adding it as an annual sporting event!

Our Mazey Day parade on Thursday was a huge success. The school looked cool in blue, and paraded their wonderful creations with pride. The main octopus image looked fantastic! This was funded by PK Pothcurno as part of the Herds project. You can find out more information about it here: [The HERDS – Our Journey | PK Porthcurno](#). Big thanks go to Alice and Mae for helping the children create something so wonderful. I am very much looking forward to the parade tomorrow and hope to see many of you there.

Have a great Mazey weekend!

Nichola Smith
Headteacher

Alverton Mazey information

All the information about the procession on Mazey Day tomorrow has been sent home by email. We are in the 3pm parade.

Please come and support us if you can.



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 Rounders on **Wednesday 2nd July** will be cancelled next week as Mrs Stellon is away.

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. Thanks.

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.

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 **29th June**. Any questions, please contact Hatchbox direct by emailing HatchBoxPhoto@hotmail.com

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang photos

If you'd like to order some photos of the show, (we also have a few of the choir) there is a folder at the office with order forms. Photos are £1.25 each, cash only with the order please. **Deadline for ordering is next Thursday 3rd July in the morning** as we are taking them that day for printing.





PARENT CAFE

With the Autism Support Team

An opportunity for parents/carers to speak, be heard and meet whilst enjoying tea/coffee/biscuits.

- ✓ Learn more about autism
- ✓ Share your worries with others
- ✓ Access support networks



Wednesday 2nd

JULY 2024

9am – 10am
Alverton School

**For more information, please contact
Miss Atkins**

Bodrifty visit to The Gardeners' House

On Tuesday Bodrifty was the first ever school group to visit The Gardeners House in Morrab Gardens since they opened! Daisy, from the Gardeners House, said "They very kindly came to help us try lots of different activities, try out our spaces and have fun in The Gardens...we had a really lovely day!"



Daisy also said "On Mazey Day The Gardeners' House, in Morrab Gardens next to Morrab Library, will be a quiet space – come have a look at our sensory garden and have a sit down and fill your water bottles – a good space if your children (or you) are finding it all a bit too hectic!"



NEWS

Summer Fair
Three weeks to go
Friday 18th of July 2:30 - 4:30



We have more raffle prizes to announce!

New!

Raffle Prizes

£25 voucher to eat at **Mackerel Sky**
£25 voucher to spend at **The Cornish Delicatessen**
£20 voucher for **Newlyn Fermentary**
Pilates taster pack at **Stronger Studio**, Penzance
Family ticket to a show at **Penlee Park Theatre**

Plus...

A scenic helicopter ride with **Penzance Helicopters**
Tickets to a show at the **Minack Theatre**
£20 to spend at **The Honey Pot**
A hamper from **The Granary**
£20 voucher to spend at **Happy Dais Vintage**, Penzance
£25 voucher to spend at **EbbFlow**, Penzance
...and even more to be announced soon!

Look out for raffle tickets in book bags soon
and full list of prizes



Can you spare some time at the Summer Fair?
We're looking for help with the following stalls and activities:
Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Welly Wanging and the refreshments stall.

Or do you have a creative idea for the day?

Every bit of help makes a difference. We would love to hear from you.
Please get in touch with us at:

@ friendsofalvertonschool@gmail.com



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.

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24/7 CONFIDENTIAL
FREEPHONE**

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MEAN
AT RISK**

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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 NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of 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 understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on 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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Little Foxes	Arthur	for fantastic joining in during the Mazey Parade & always giving things a go
Little Owls	Finley	for showing resilience & coming into nursery with a smile
Kittiwakes	Cleo	Enthusiasm: for showing amazing enthusiasm towards all her learning
Curlews	Alfie	Enthusiasm: for a positive attitude to school
Puffins	Arlo	Enthusiasm: for wearing a huge smile & dancing during the Mazey parade
Owls	Luna	Enthusiasm: for her enthusiasm about everything we do
Kingfishers	Harrison	Perseverance: for trying so hard in his recount writing
Trencrom	Sebastian	Perseverance: for working extremely hard this week on his tests
Lanyon	Izzy	Enthusiasm: for always approaching every task with a smile on her face
Kerris	Bethany	Enthusiasm: for coming in and being ready to learn
Bodripty	Jacob	Enthusiasm: for fantastic effort in the swimming gala
	Violet	Enthusiasm: for amazing enthusiasm for nature on our trip to Morrab Gardens
Bosigran	Analise	Responsibility: for always working hard & showing a positive attitude
Kenidjack	Layla	Responsibility: for following the school values every day
Lunchtime Star	Ottilie	for playing with & nurturing our younger members of the school
	Darcy	for playing with & nurturing our younger members of the school
	Nikolas	for a super healthy packed lunch

The fair is in town, the paper and bamboo creations have been made and paraded around the field, the blue clothes out in force. It's that weekend that you will either love or hate (a bit like marmite). Yes, it's Mazey. There are many definitions of this time of year - fun, expensive, crowded, sunny, colourful, noisy, vibrant, stressful. Whichever word or words fits for you, all is fine, come and enjoy if you and yours like it, come and enjoy if you and yours want to, stay at home if it's not your thing. Don't feel the pressure, if it doesn't suit, don't do it. If it sounds like fun, brace yourselves and have a get out clause ready; you may need it. Nobody knows you and your family like you do so the decision is yours; you're the adults so you can call the shots. And if you do go and it is all too much for you or the children, cut and run is my advice because it really doesn't suit everybody. I may see you there, I may not. I'll be at school as usual next week so I may see you there too. Much love, Mrs D xxx

DIARY DATES

Monday 30th June	Year 3 Beach Day
Tuesday 1st July	Year 6 transition day to Humphry Davy & Mounts Bay
Tuesday 1st July	Year 4 Eden trip
Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th July	Year 6 London
Friday 18th July 2.30-4.30pm	FOAS Summer Fair
Tuesday 22nd July 1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 22nd July 3.15pm	Last day of Summer term
Wednesday 23rd July	INSET Day - school closed
Thursday 24th July-Friday 29th August	Summer holidays
Monday 1st September	INSET Day - school closed
Tuesday 2nd September 8.30am	School opens for Autumn term

Lost Property

The lost property box (outside the side hall door) is overflowing again. We will be clearing it out soon and any un-named items will be sent to the charity shop. If your child is missing anything, please check the box as soon as possible.

Anything named will be given back to your child. **Please name all items of clothing so that less gets given away.**