Alverton School



21/11/25 FRIDAY NEWS N°. 10

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we had a visit from the headteachers from Ludgvan, Gulval and Threemilestone. They were so complimentary of our lovely children. They held doors open, spoke to them, asked them questions and proudly showed off their work. Headteachers are a quietly competitive bunch and I was full of pride of our lovely school. I have also been very proud during my playtime walk-arounds - children are happy, engaged and loving their time!

Someone secretly pressed the green light for Alverton Christmas! Parts have been cast and songs are being sung in preparation. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all for our first event on Monday 1st December. This is our Advent service and will involve turning on the Christmas tree lights.

This week has certainly been a varied one weather wise! We always aim to get the children out as much as possible but always weigh it up with the weather report to make sure they are able to enjoy their time. We are still getting a lot of children saying they do not have coats in school. I understand that as children get older, they are more able to decide whether they will be too hot in a coat or not. I always say to staff that older children can / should decide whether they need a coat in the cold but when it is wet, we are insistent that they do wear one. Please ensure they bring one into school every day. This is the same for Forest school - they should have long sleeves, long trousers and a coat each week.

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

All clubs finish next Friday 28th November except Dance which has one more session on Friday 5th December. Please collect your child at 3.15pm. New club lists will come home at the start of next term.

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.

Payments for Year 6 London

Year 6: The next payment of £70 for the London trip next July is due on **Friday 28th November at the latest.** Please pay online on Arbor.

After school childcare - Friday 19th December

There will be no after school childcare club for any children on the last day of term, Friday 19th December. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

Christmas tree decoration

Our Christmas tree arrives soon and it will look very bare! Please could your child make a lovely decoration over the weekend and bring it in next Thursday or Friday so that it can be put on to the tree. Thank you.

FOAS Christmas card fundraising

Thank you to everyone who bought items to raise funds for FOAS. If you missed the deadline, you can now order from today, 21st November the deadline and is December. The company estimate delivery of items ordered then will be in the last week of term. If you'd like to order something FOAS still get commission so please go online today up until 1st December. Thank you.

Emails via Arbor

You may have noticed that emails from us via Arbor are going straight into your Junk or Spam folder. Apologies but this is an issue Trust-wide with Arbor not with us. If you are able to go into your email provider's settings you should be able to choose to mark all Arbor emails as not Junk/Spam which will hopefully solve the problem.

Termly newsletter for parents of SEND children in Cornwall

Please see the link below:

https://mailchi.mp/cornwall/send-update-autumn-term

Reception visit to the Gardeners' House

Dragonflies!

Tuesday was the second session of Alvertons' Dragonfly project — and the weather was good enough for the reception children to come to us! We walked here along the prom and the sun came out....

15 children came to learn all about habitat by firstly looking at all the tiny living things around the garden in all their habitats (under logs and leaves, under mounds of cut grass...) and then being the little creatures in their habitats.

We were woodlice hiding under the leaf litter! We were tiny slithery slugs climbing through the roots and fungi under the ground. Then we were

tiny baby dragonflies, tucked into the bottom of the pond watching the leeches squiggle by.

Rich who volunteers at The Gardeners House and who has helped devise and run this project taught the children the dragonfly song. If any parents are hearing "I'm a dragonfly, I'm a dragonfly, a dragonfly am I" at home - that's why.

Poor Rich – I decided we should have him sing every time we did something new (a break, a new activity etc) and spent the whole day doing a stage whispered – "RICH – SING!" at him. He sang and sang and sang!

I could see the children having a really lovely time, we were outside all day in sun and rain, they were curious and interested and it was a really really magic day.

Daisy









znere's still time...

Missed the early deadline? Don't worry, the next window for ordering is from TODAY, Friday 21st November, until Monday 1st December.

Delivery is free to school and the company estimates that items will be delivered in the last week of term – just in time for Christmas!



All parents, grandparents, carers and staff are automatically members of the Friends of Alverton School – and we'd love for you to get involved!

Whether you have time to help out, an idea or feedback to share, or just want to stay in the loop, we'd love to hear from you. There's absolutely no commitment – you can take part as much or as little as you like.

We have a friendly WhatsApp group where we share updates and stay connected. If you'd like to be added to the group or simply want to find out more, please get in touch with us at:

Autumn 2 – PE Days

Please note some changes:

Kittiwakes Friday

Curlews Friday

Puffins Monday and Thursday

Owls Tuesday and Wednesday

Kingfishers Wednesday and Thursday

Trencrom Monday and Friday

Lanyon Wednesday and Thursday

Kerris Monday and Tuesday

Bodrifty Wednesday (double session)

Bosigran Thursday (Forest Schools - outdoor learning clothes) and Friday (

PE kit)





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**.

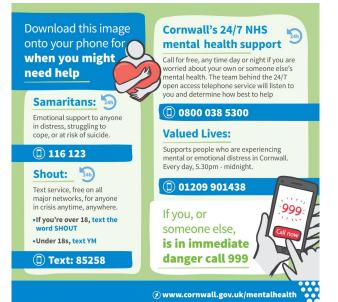








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Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

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.







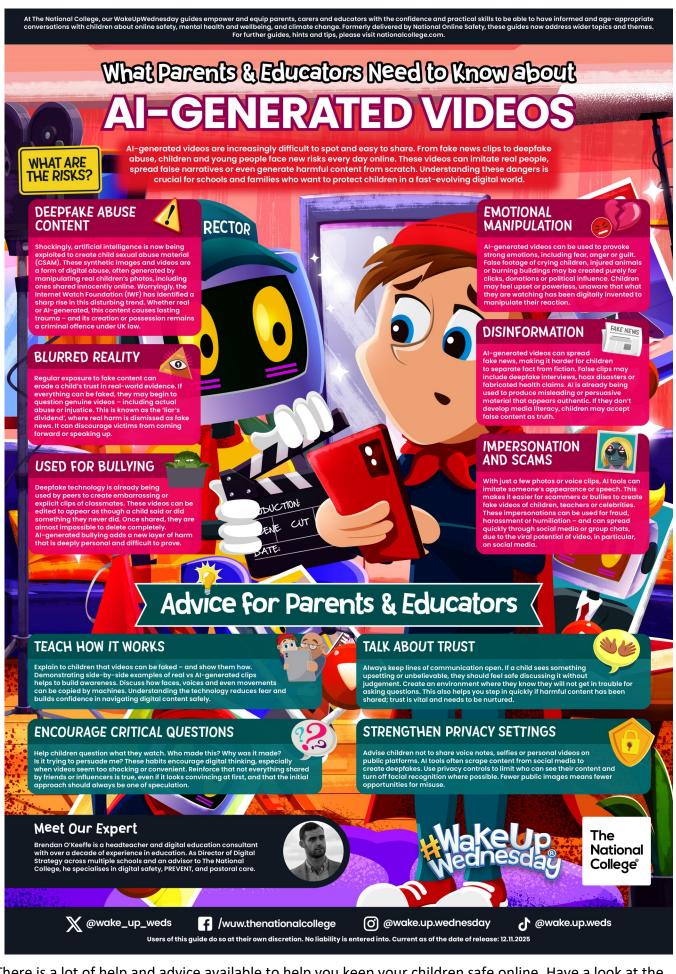
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE 0808 2000 247 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid 01736 367539

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



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.



Well one day it was mild, balmy and still pretty warm, the next it was winter. I suddenly had to dig out gloves, scarves, tights and boots and shove my shorts to the bottom of my drawers. That was a bit of a shock to the system I can tell you. Reading recently about parenting in the winter I found some very sensible information such as keeping children warm and dry with layers and wrapping up to go outside, as well as eating healthily but even more importantly I discovered advice about boosting everyone's morale by staying connected with loved ones and making time for self-care to avoid the winter blues. My favourite self-care usually involves family and friends and this works all year round. In the winter I add a roaring fire, a comfy sofa, a good book or film and my pyjamas. Parenting young children and creating time for self-care is so much harder than it may sound, but maybe you can use these dark nights to your advantage and have an early night yourselves? Snuggle into those pjs at the same time as the children, read their bed time story them maybe try to read your own. Sometimes it will work, others it may not but I do recommend you give it a go, there's nothing better than curling up in a warm place with

something lovely to read. And a cuppa. Hot chocolate is my personal choice. And biscuits. With chocolate on. My favourite. Put the screens away and relax. Good luck, but do come and say hi if you fancy sampling my hot chocolate making skills (pretty good may I say) and my biscuit finding technique (second to none). Stay cosy. Mrs Daylak xxx



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DIARY DATES				
Friday 28th November	Clubs finish			
Monday 1st December	Advent Service			
9.30am	Followed by coffee & mince pies			
Tuesday 9th December 9.30am and 2pm	Reception Christmas performances			
Wednesday 10th December 2pm and 6pm	KS1 Christmas performances			
Thursday 11th - Friday 12th December	Year 4 Christmas sleepover at St Ives			
Friday 12th December 2pm	Nursery Nativity			
Wednesday 17th December 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at Chapel Street Methodist Chapel			
Friday 19th December	Pupils Christmas lunch			
Friday 19th December 3.15pm	School closes for Christmas holidays (normal time)			
Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January	School closed for Christmas holidays			
Monday 5th January 8.30am	School opens for Spring term			
Monday 26th January	INSET Day - school closed			



