

## Parent survey

At this time of year, we complete an annual whole school review to think about our progress and plan our actions for next year. We would be very grateful if you could find five minutes to do this before the closing date of Wednesday 17 June. You can either click on the link or follow the QR code below. Thank you – we really value your opinion.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDVYZ5X>



## Sports Days

The dates for our Sports Days this term are as follows:

LKS2 (Year 3/4)	Monday 8th June
UKS2 (Year 5/6)	Tuesday 9th June
KS1 (Year 1/2)	Wednesday 10th June
Reception	Thursday 11th June
Nursery	Friday 12th June (starts at 1.45pm)

All (except Nursery) start at 1.30pm on the school field. Entry will only be through the side gate next to the Nursery. The bottom field gate remain locked for safeguarding reasons.

**Children should wear their PE kit to school on the day of their Sports Day.**

**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)

**Wanted for Mazey**

For our Mazey creations we would really like your help. If you have any clean, empty 2 or 1.5 litre plastic bottles. We also need the inside cardboard tubes from kitchen rolls. If you have any of these please bring them into school. Thank you.

**Wanted for Reception**

Our Reception children would love some plants to put in their garden. They’d love anything with foliage or flowers (not vegetables, fruit or shrubs).  
Thank you.

**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.**

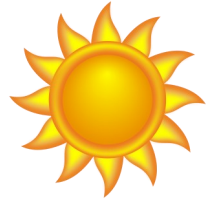
**Donations wanted**

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.

**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.

## 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.

## School lunches

A reminder that if your child would like a school lunch, please make sure you have booked their meal by 8.45am at the latest on the day and preferably the day before. Aspens can only offer tomato pasta to anyone who has not booked.



I was looking for some amazing parent facts for you guys and found these (I know I've already written some but once again they show just how amazing you all are, whether you feel it or not). To begin with, anybody would feel they're doing a great job compared to animals like frogs and toads, who basically lay eggs and then leave them to fend for themselves. And yes, I can hear you out there wondering, at times, if that doesn't sound rather appealing? I was one of those at times, trust me on that. "At the other end of the spectrum, there are species where the young are looked after for many years by their parents. One of the most intense examples in a non-human animal species is the orang-utan, where a female will look after her young for eight years." This is a quote from a website called 'Discover wildlife' which made me smile (or rather smirk)...8 years? Is that all? Sounds great compared to the length of time humans put into the caring for and raising of their children. 8 years sounds like a picnic in the park. It's easy to be kind and nice and gentle for that long. With some grumpy moments in between. That's allowed. We are human after all and our child-rearing years last for a whole lot longer than 8. So, give yourselves a huge pat on the back. Well done. Mighty congratulations to every single one of you. Whether you're mum, dad, carer, aunty, uncle, grandparent...it doesn't matter because it's a collective job, we all help each other and our support is vital. I can support too. You know the drill, you know who I am and how to find me. Come and do just that. I've got more facts to make you feel better about the amazing job you're doing. Much love, Mrs D xxxxx





# Parent Picnic



Wednesday 17th June 2026  
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.





## 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  
advice

0344 411 1444

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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

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0808 2000 247  
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL  
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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.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## BUILDING SCHOOL-READY LANGUAGE SKILLS

Oral language is fundamental to children's learning, literacy, and social and emotional development, with long-term impacts. As language develops rapidly between the ages of three and six, early, evidence-based support is essential. This guide offers practical ways to help the children in your care become confident communicators, including through proven approaches such as the DfE-funded NELI programmes available to settings in England.

### 1 BUILD ORAL LANGUAGE

Support children to use language, not just hear it. Give them the time to talk, respond, ask questions, and share their ideas. Everyday conversations, shared activities, and reading together help children practise both speaking and listening. At nursery or school, programmes such as NELI can help build their vocabulary, storytelling, attention, and listening skills, helping children grow in confidence as communicators.

### 2 SUPPORT LISTENING SKILLS

Help children to listen and follow simple instructions during everyday routines. Break instructions down into short, manageable steps and check their understanding. For example, say, "Please put your coat on," rather than giving them several instructions at once. Strong listening skills support learning, attention, and participation at school.

### 3 GROW THEIR VOCABULARY

Talk with children about the world around them, naming objects, actions, and feelings. Use a wide range of words during everyday activities such as shopping, cooking, and playing. Repeating and explaining new words help children understand and use vocabulary more confidently, supporting their comprehension and communication.

### 4 SHARE STORIES TOGETHER

Read storybooks together regularly and talk about characters, events, and illustrations. Ask simple questions such as "What's happening here?" and validate children's responses with positive feedback. Acting out stories together, asking open questions, and giving children the chance to be the storyteller can all support their narrative skills and confidence.

### 5 NAME DIFFERENT FEELINGS

Help children learn to express themselves by talking about different feelings and naming them clearly, such as happy, sad, or angry. Visuals and role play can support their understanding of this. Being able to express their feelings verbally helps children build positive relationships with adults and peers, reduces frustration, and supports their social development as they prepare for school.

### 6 WORK WITH SETTINGS

Strong communication between home and the nursery, school, or early years setting can help children feel more confident and supported. Parents can visit the setting with their child before they start, helping them become familiar with the environment and key adults. Educators can share relevant information with families and colleagues, so each child's needs are understood. Newsletters can also help families continue language learning at home.

### 7 SPOT LANGUAGE NEEDS

Children develop their language and communication skills at different rates, so early conversations between home and settings are important. If parents have concerns, they should speak to their child's nursery, school, or early years setting. Educators can use tools such as LanguageScreen, included in the NELI programmes, to build a profile of a child's speaking and listening skills and help identify suitable support.

### 8 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT

Prioritise language and literacy approaches that are underpinned by robust research evidence. Evidence-based programmes help ensure children receive support that is more likely to make a meaningful difference. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) provides guidance on the strength of evidence behind different strategies, supporting informed decision-making and effective use of school time and resources.

### 9 MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Settings can use evidence-based assessment tools to understand children's language skills and identify where support may be needed. These tools support SEND reforms, and strengthen whole-setting language development, helping children receive support that reflects their individual communication needs.

### 10 TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

Research trials can give schools, early years settings, and families a valuable opportunity to contribute to evidence construction and future policy. Parents may be asked to give consent, share feedback, or support activities at home, while educators help deliver and monitor approaches in practice. The EEF often has trials that settings can join, including whole-class oral language programmes designed to support children's communication development.

### Meet Our Expert

OxEd is a University of Oxford spinout company specialising in early language and literacy assessment and intervention. They are the delivery team for the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme in reception, funded by the Department for Education for schools in England, and for NELI Preschool, which supports nurseries to strengthen children's early language development through evidence-based practice.



See full reference list on our website

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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.

## DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 8th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	LKS2 Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 9th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	UKS2 Sports Day
<b>Wednesday 10th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	KS1 Sports Day
<b>Thursday 11th June</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	Reception Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 16th June</b>	Hatchbox class photos
<b>Wednesday 24th June</b> <b>5pm</b>	New Reception parents meeting
<b>Thursday 25th June</b> <b>9.30am</b>	Alverton Mazey Event <i>School field</i>
<b>Saturday 27th June</b>	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>Friday 17th July</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	FOAS Summer Fair
<b>Thursday 23rd July</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	Year 6 leavers assembly
<b>Thursday 23rd July</b> <b>3.15pm</b>	School closes for Summer holidays at normal time

### Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 9th June

Year 3/4 Football Play Off finals at MBA (after school)





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STREET**



**Cornwall  
Cricket**

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FREE!**

- TAPE BALL CRICKET
- FREE CRICKET COACHING
- NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- WEAR WHAT YOU WANT
- ALL GENDERS WELCOME
- PLAYER LED SESSIONS
- DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS

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HERE!**



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**AGES 8-15 | EVERY MONDAY | 5PM - 6:15PM**

**HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL FIELD, TR18 2TG**

**TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT KELLIE WILLIAMS:**

***KELLIE.WILLIAMS@CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK / 07842 765445***

## **LOST**

Stefan in Puffins lost his new black coat just before half term. It's a black Slazenger slightly puffy but waterproof coat with his name in it. Please check at home and hand in if found. Thanks.

CORNWALL



MUSICAL  
IN A WEEK

2026

Disney's  
**BEAUTY**  
AND THE  
**BEAST**

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**Monday 27th to Friday 31st July**

**Ages 9 to 18 years**

**9am to 5pm each day**

**The Burrell Theatre at Truro School**

**Performances: Friday 31st July @ 4pm & 6:30pm**

**To book, contact [tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk)**

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Cornwall

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Mon 17th to Fri 21st August  
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Tues - Nature Science from Slime to FIZZY cornflour Gloop!  
Weds - Design & Create your own cafe business, with  
Shop fronts, menus, 3D Cakes & more!

Thurs - Make your own Toys & Games, Bead  
rollercoasters, Marble Runs, wearable wings & More!  
Fri - Star in your own Art Exhibition, with Self Portraits,  
3D Art Gallery, Plasticine Landscapes & More!

A space for your child to develop new  
creative skills & grow in confidence,  
while having fun & making new friends!

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# KIDS MTB CLUB



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RIDE SMART, RIDE SAFE!



**GROW & IMPROVE**  
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**EXPERT  
COACHES**



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FOCUSED**



**SAFE &  
SUPPORTIVE**

## INFORMATION:



TEL 07444 104049



FACEBOOK "KERNOW MTB ACADEMY"

## MONDAY

### ST. AUSTELL (THE HOUSE)

- ~ NEET GROUP - 1-3PM (AGES 13-17)
- ~ SUPPORT HUB - 3:30-5:30PM
- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 6-9PM (AGES 11-14)

### TRURO (ZEBS)

- ~ SPEAK UP - 15TH - 5-7PM (AGES 12-25)

### TRURO (PENAIR SCHOOL)

- ~ LETS MOVE DANCE SESSIONS  
4:30-6:30 PM (AGES 8-16)

### NEWQUAY YOUTH CENTRE

- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 6-9PM (AGES 12-18)

### PENZANCE (LESCUDJACK CENTRE)

- ~ SUPPORT HUB-3:30-5:30PM (AGES 11-25)

### HELSTON

- ~ STREET WORK - 4-6PM
- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 6-8PM (AGES 11-13)

## TUESDAY

### ST AGNES MMI (PYP)

- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 5-6:45PM (AGES 8-12)
- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 7-8:30PM (AGES 13-18)

### ST. ENODER (INDIAN QUEENS REC)

- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 6-8PM (AGES 8-16)

### REDRUTH (THE LADDER)

- ~ SUPPORT HUB - 3:30 - 5:30PM  
(AGES 11-25)
- ~ SUPPER CLUB - 5:30 - 7:30PM  
(AGES 11+)

### NEWQUAY YOUTH CENTRE

- ~ WELLBEING SUPPORT GROUP -  
1:30-3:30PM (AGES 16-25)



## WEDNESDAY

### REDRUTH (THE LADDER)

- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 4-6PM (AGES 11-13)
- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 6-8PM (AGES 14+)

### PORTHTOWAN VILLAGE HALL (PYP)

- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 5-6:45PM (AGES 8-12)
- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 7-8:30PM (AGES 13-18)

### TRURO (ZEBS)

- ~ SUPPORT HUB - 3:30 - 5:30PM  
(AGES 11-25)

### TRURO (TRURO LIFEHOUSE)

- ~ IN YOUR CORNER BOXING - 6-7PM  
(AGES 8-12)
- ~ IN YOUR CORNER BOXING - 7-8PM  
(AGES 12-16)

### BODMIN (BERRYFIELDS)

- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 6-7:30PM  
(AGES 8-12)
- ~ YOUTH CLUB - 7:45-9PM  
(AGES 12-17)

### LISKEARD LIBRARY

- ~ SUPPORT HUB - 3-5PM (AGES 11-25)