

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SATs

This week has been the culmination of months of hard work from our Year 6 pupils (and staff) in preparation for the annual Year 6 SATs week. SATs are the national curriculum assessments which the children take part in at the end of Key Stage 2 and are an important event for our oldest pupils who are assessed in Reading, Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).

Once again, we have been totally impressed by our Year 6 pupils for their hard work, motivation and determination whose approach to their work has been diligent and mature. They have all aimed to do the best that they possibly can and we are very proud of them all.

There are some great things happening this month ...

Moana – coming soon!

Not only have our Year 6 pupils been working hard for their SATs, many of them have also been rehearsing for our fabulous production of Moana. If your child is not in the cast or choir then do please still come along as you are guaranteed a great evening out! Our production is always very professional, complete with sound system and amazing costumes as well as fantastic singing, dancing and acting.

If you would like to see the show and your child is currently at Alverton, their ticket is **free**. Tickets are selling fast so please call in at the office as soon as possible. Adults £4.50, children (not at Alverton) £2.50.

Duck Race

The Duck Race is taking place tomorrow morning at 11am at Wherrytown Boating Lake. If you haven't yet bought a duck, there will probably be some for sale tomorrow morning. Please come along – this is always a lovely family event.

Jubilee Picnic

On Friday 27 May, we will be holding a Jubilee Picnic from 12.15pm to 1.15pm to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like to invite you all to bring a picnic and join us all on the field for lunch – please see the information later in this newsletter. More details will follow.

Best wishes,

Cathryn Wicks
Deputy Head



Alverton Primary School's production of

Tickets now
on sale!

Disney MOANA JR.

Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 6.30pm

Thursday 26th May 2022 at 6.30pm

Tickets

£4.50 adult / £2.50 children over five.

Free tickets for pupils of Alverton School.

Please ask at the office if you have younger children
who would like to attend.

Music and Lyrics by

Lin-Manuel Miranda, Opetia Foa'i and Mark Mancina

Book adapted by **Susan Soon He Stanton**

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by **Ian Weinberger**

Based on the 2016 Disney film *Moana*

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with

Music Theatre International (Europe)

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by **MTI Europe**

www.mtishows.co.uk

Remember – safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Martin Higgs (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at head@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk 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

Covid 19

Please see the link below for updated Covid 19 guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

Clubs

Year 5/6 Football Club for both girls and boys is CANCELLED next **Monday 16th** due to Mr Hammond and Mr Holcroft accompanying the team to their football final in Truro.

There will be no DANCE CLUB on **Friday 20th and Friday 27th May** as Steph is away. Next one will be Friday 10th June.

Menu changes

Monday 16th May

Beef lasagne or Chickpea & potato curry

Thursday 19th May

Beefburgers or hot dog with chips

Veggie burger or veggie hot dog with chips

FOAS Duck Race

Saturday 14th May at 11am

Wherrytown Boating Lake



To raise funds for the school we are holding our first Duck Race in three years on Saturday 14th May starting at 11.00am. Please come and support us. Ducks are £1 each and there may be spare to buy on the day. You will be allocated a number for each duck and there will be a board with all the numbers on at the duck race. Cash prizes for the winner and runners up. Refreshments available.

Please come along to support us and enjoy a lovely, family experience.

Save the date!

FOAS will be holding our first Summer Fair since 2019 on **Friday 1st July** after school on the field so please keep the date free.

Go Active After School provision

Any queries or to book please contact Mr Timmons direct on 07843 126833 or by emailing him on

alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com



Fantastic Footballers

Alverton school's magic football team have done it again. They have made it to the Rosewarne Cup Final by beating St Mewan in the semi-final 3-0. Starting off by making it 1-0 was Jenson who scored a clean strike. The second was won by Thomas G and Jenson on the attack and putting pressure on the two St Mewan defenders. A mistake by one their defenders meant Thomas G could intercept and score to make it 2-0. With ten minutes until the final whistle, Super Sub Leo came on for Jenson. Again Alverton were on the attack with Thomas G running down the left wing then cutting inside and passing to Leo who scores making it 3-0. With four minutes to go St Mewan put pressure on the Alverton defence but it wasn't too much for Cove who made every tackle that came his way and every shot that they made was saved by the Kaiden, the Wall. As soon as the final whistle went, the cheers went up from the players, parents, Coach Hammond and Assistant Manager Harman. To the final, here we come!

The team were: Thomas G, Thomas J, Leo, Kaiden, Cove, Alfie O, Kai, Jowan and Jenson

Report by Thomas G

Platinum Jubilee picnic for parents

Information:

Friday 27th of May.

12:15 to 13:15

On the school field

Celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee by eating a picnic lunch on the field .

If you wish to come please bring a picnic blanket and a pack lunch.



Poster by Ruby and Roxy



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

ON YOUR SIDE
NO MATTER WHAT

0800 58 58 58

THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

CAMPAIGN
AGAINST
LIVING
MISERABLY
CALM

"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.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Registering a child as eligible for free school meals (as described below) means that your child receives a free meal every day (though they can, of course, bring a packed lunch should they prefer) but there are additional benefits too. Pupil Premium brings more money into the school to help children achieve and learn. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium also receive other benefits (eg contributions towards Key Stage 2 camps and funding to use for uniform, music lessons, trips etc). At some times, there are further benefits for these children such as food vouchers during holiday times where these are given. Please see the Pupil Premium Provision Map in the Pupil Premium section of our website http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil_premium/172518 or speak to Mrs Gill or Mrs Stacey in the office or contact Mrs Wicks who leads our Pupil Premium provision.

The easiest and quickest way to apply for free school meals is online through the Cornwall Council website but, if you are unable to do this, you can call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits / credits are being claimed:

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

NB All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related free school meals and it is important to apply for these if you think your child may be eligible.

Registering for free school meals / Pupil Premium is confidential. If you think that your child is eligible, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above. Mrs Gill and Mrs Stacey in the office will also be able to help you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Kittiwakes	Tegen	for her kind nature & always trying her best
Curlews	Freya	for making us all smile every day
Puffins	Korben	for his effort in handwriting & his kind nature
Owls	Joshua	for super behaviour on our trip
Kingfishers	Primrose	for super progress in reading
Trencrom	Cody	for working so hard in class, always trying his best & for his fantastic presentation
Lanyon	Sophia	for working really hard to understand time. Really well done
	Noomi	for an excellent piece of descriptive writing
Kerris	Breidis	for settling into class so well & having a positive attitude towards his learning
Bodrifty	Seth	for always being polite, hardworking & a wonderful member of Bodrifty
Bosigran	Hazel	for always being polite, hardworking & just a lovely member of our class
Kenidjack	Jackson	for being the kind, funny, clever, hardworking, enthusiastic, etc every day
Dinnertime	Elsa	for being great help with the younger members of the school
	Kitty-Rose	for being great help with the younger members of the school
	Phoebe	for being great help with the younger members of the school
Outdoor Learning	Charlie O	for helping to dig ALL LUNCHTIME
	Matilda H	for helping to dig ALL LUNCHTIME
	Logan C	for helping to dig ALL LUNCHTIME
	Lily P	for helping to dig ALL LUNCHTIME



No way! It can't be Friday already? And we seem to be zooming closer to half term! Where has it all gone? Covid, lockdown and all that came with it seems to be receding, and I for one don't miss it, I'm too busy getting out and about, preferably in the sea, which is my happy place and one of the positives for me that came about because of our lockdowns. The sea always calms and settles me, no matter how I may be feeling. If you can't find your happy place, or you've lost it temporarily, perhaps I can help. With a cuppa too. And a biscuit, for we need treats, don't we? Well, I know I do. All confidential, unless you want me to do or say something. It's your choice. Always here for you lovelies, always. Take care and enjoy the weekend as much as you can. Mrs Daylak xxx

Diary Dates

14th May	FOAS Duck Race - 11am
25th & 26th May	School production of Moana - 6.30pm
27th May	Jubilee Picnic - 12.15-1.15pm
30th May-3rd June	HALF TERM
6th June	School closed
9th June	LKS2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
13th June	UKS2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
14th June	Reception Sports Day - 1.30pm
15th June	KS1 Sports Day - 1.30pm
22nd June	Alverton Mazey Parade - pm
25th June	Mazey Day (Parade time TBC)