

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been all about clubs! It was great to see the clubs up and running again, and I had lots of compliments, particularly from the new football coach Ewan, who said they Year 5 & 6 group were amazing! We have been busy behind the scenes booking ourselves onto sports leagues and festivals which will be great for providing enrichment opportunities for our children. Nearer the time we will be asking if there are any parents who may be able to come and support at these matches so that we can maximise the number of children we are able to take.

We have been looking at lunchtimes and how we can better use the spaces now that the field is out of action. We will be trialing an idea in the middle of next week, where KS2 and EYFS / KS1 will be outside at different times. The benefit of this is that we can use one playground purely for sport and on the other one they can have access to other toys. It means there will be less children in one space and more things to do! All children will still get the same amount of outdoor play as before. Once we have trialled it, we will share more information.

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

Advance notice

Drama Club will NOT be on for Year 5 on Thursday 2nd and Thursday 9th October. Only Year 6 should attend on those dates.

Year 6 London meeting

If your child is interested in going to London next July, please come to a meeting on **Wednesday 24th September at 3.15pm** in Kenidjack classroom. You will be given lots of information and can ask any questions you may have.

PE for Lanyon

Next week Lanyon's PE days will be **Monday and Wednesday** not Monday and Thursday.

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.

School lunches

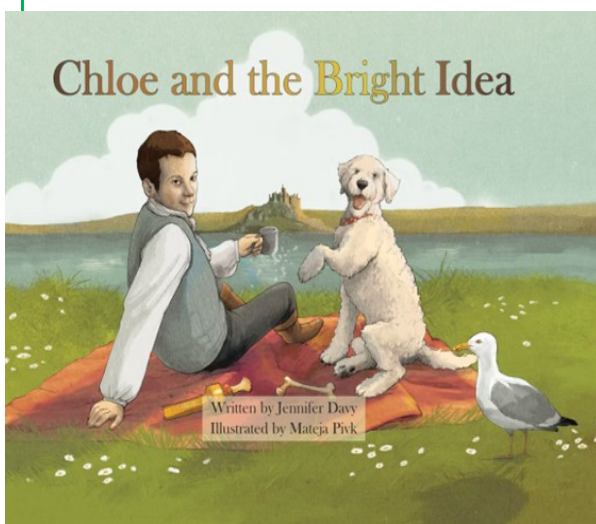
The same menu is continuing until October half term. Please order in advance using the Aspens Select site and before 9am at the latest on the morning your child would like the meal. If you forget to order, Aspens can only offer your child tomato pasta and not a choice of meals.

Individual and family photos

Hatchbox Photographers will be in school on **Monday 22nd September** to take individual and family photos. If you have siblings at our nursery and/or at secondary school and would like them photographed together, please come to reception and queue up in the hall from 8.30am. Children with siblings in the school will be photographed together during the day.

Please ensure your child wears their smartest uniform that day. Children in Puffins, Lanyon and Kenidjack should bring their PE kit in to change into after having their photos taken.

We had a fantastic visit from author Jennifer Davy on Monday who shared her fabulous book *Chloe and the Bright Idea*. The children were really engaged and asked some brilliantly thoughtful questions too! For more information about Jennifer's work head to her website <https://www.chloetales.co.uk/> and if you missed out on a book but would still like one she'll be happy to arrange this if you get in contact.



October Half Term Holiday Club

Woodland Nursery will be running a holiday club during the October half term for children in Reception class and Year 1 only. As spaces are limited, please reach out to Kayla via the FAMLY app or email if you'd like to secure a place for your child.

Time: 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Dates: Wednesday 22nd October - Friday 31st October (please note, Monday 27th October is already fully booked)

Cost: £35, with additional fees for extended hours and cooked lunch.

For more details, don't hesitate to chat with Kayla!

Email: woodlandnursery@alverton.tpacademytrust.org

Phone: 01736 351135

Is anybody else out there suddenly missing summer? One day it was still sunny and warm with lovely blue skies and then the next day autumn had arrived with no messing and no looking back. It's suddenly damp, windy and getting dark. Most of you know by now how hard I find this time of year, though I am better than I used to be. I have to work hard not to be sad and gloomy to stay smiling when the alarm goes off and it's still dark. And I'm a grown up (sort of). Small children find it hard too, don't they? Some wake up ridiculously early, others could sleep the day away and it's hard as a parent/carer to find the right balance between enough sleep, not getting up too early, going to bed to get enough sleep and getting it just right for their little bodies and brains. New teachers, new classes, new routines, all make children more tired than ever, and you guys have to try to make the best of things when the going gets tough. But you are tough cookies and you can do all that you need to do. One of the things you can do is come and chat with me over a nice cuppa. I'm here. Always. Much love, Mrs Daylak
xxxx





NEWS



Wow! Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Summer Fair and helped make it such a success.

Every wristband, raffle ticket, ice lolly, hot dog, cold drink, cake and tombola ticket bought helped us reach the amazing total of £2,800!

A huge shout-out goes to our amazing parent volunteers who gave their time and energy to keep everything running smoothly. And finally, a big thank you to the school band for providing such brilliant entertainment!

Watch this space for an update in coming weeks on how FOAS funds are helping our school...



Summer Fair 2025



Thank you!



How to get involved

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

Whether you have time to help out, an idea 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:

@ 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.

**citizens
advice**

0344 411 1444

**ON YOUR SIDE
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**

**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.wcwaaid.co.uk/helpline>

New school year, new school worries?

Drop into Hayle Family hub, for coffee morning hosted by Early Help Penwith. Children welcome.

Wednesday 1st October 9:30-11:30 Hayle Family Hub

Meet with other parents/carers and have a chat with our friendly guest professionals from:

Senior Inclusion officer in Educational Welfare - supporting children when accessing education is tricky.

Sendiass - supporting SEND children in school.

PINS - supporting neurodiverse children in school.

SEND System Navigator - support in understanding the system to ensuring SEN needs are met.

Plus, Early Help Family Workers for advice and signposting.



No need to book, please just pop in on the day ☺

SNAP STREAK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>



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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	Tristan	for fantastic playing alongside his friends
Little Owls	Sonny	for settling in so well & always having a smile on his face
Puffins	Erikk	Perseverance: for never giving up & giving everything a go
Owls	Ruby	Responsibility: for trying her absolute best to follow our school rules
Kingfishers	Tilly	Kindness: for her kindness to her classmates
Trencrom	Rosie	Enthusiasm: for fantastic writing & being super focused
Lanyon	Toni-Rose	Enthusiasm: for always following the school rules & trying her best
Kerris	River	Enthusiasm: for incredible work in Maths this week
Bodrifty	Kitto	Enthusiasm: for a fantastic start to Year 5
Bosigran	Millie J	Enthusiasm: for always working hard & doing it with a lovely smile
Kenidjack	Sid	Enthusiasm: for his enthusiasm & always wanting to challenge himself
Lunchtime Star	Matilda J	for always being a lovely helpful & kind friend
Breakfast Club Star	Wilbur M	for beautiful manners & a cheeky smile
	Morvah	for being such a kind friend & helping to tidy up
	Ruby Se	for being such a kind friend & helping to tidy up
	Evie H	for being such a kind friend & helping to tidy up

DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd September	Hatchbox individual & family photos (main school)
Thursday 9th October 9.30am	Harvest Festival in the hall <i>Followed by coffee & cake in aid of the Foodbank</i>
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th October 3.30-6pm	Parents evening meetings - clubs cancelled <i>Please book online. Letter to follow</i>
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st October	INSET Days - school closed
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 31st October	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 3rd November 8.45am	School opens

The
deadline for
applications is
15 January
2026

Starting school

September 2026

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2021 and
31 August 2022



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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The
deadline for
applications is
31 October
2025

Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

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Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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STARTS THURSDAY
18TH SEPT. 2025

LIMITLESS JUNIORS



LIFE TO THE FULL - JOHN 10:10

THURSDAYS

5:10PM- 6:30PM

FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 3 -6

(TERM TIME ONLY)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - FREE ENTRY - SUPPER PROVIDED
AT DISCOVERY CHURCH, 62 MORRAB ROAD, PENZANCE. TR18 4EP