

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been action packed and a lot of fun! Our Year 6 drama group had the most wonderful time performing at the Hall for Cornwall on Monday. They got to perform a medley of songs from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang on the big stage and absolutely blew everyone away. It was a very late night but very much worth it. We got to see some huge talent across our trust and definitely showed off our own talents!

Today our nursery and EYFS children had their beach trips. We altered our plans because of the heat but the children still had an amazing time digging, rock-pooling and playing with their friends on the beach. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers that made this such a lovely trip.

One more full week to go, with the week starting off with our transition mornings. Our new teachers will be joining us to get to know the children and handover all important information. Next week also has a huge music focus. On Wednesday we have Will Keating himself coming in to perform and do workshops with all children from nursery to Year 6. This was very kindly paid for by one of our families and we are very grateful! On Friday we have a performance from the Sax Band, who will also be waiting around to do a performance at our summer fayre. You will have a letter coming about this very soon, so please make sure you read and respond.

Have a great (sunny) 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

Outstanding money owed

At present there are a sizeable number of debts owing for breakfast club, after school child care, trips and swimming. TPAT cannot allow any debt to be carried over to September and certainly none for anyone leaving the school. Please ensure that any money owed for any outstanding amounts are paid by **Tuesday 22nd July** at the latest. Please check your Arbor account to see if you owe anything. All debts for lunches must also be paid on Aspens Select by the 22nd July.

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.

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.



Year 6s from Drama Club perform Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Hall for Cornwall!

Music lessons in September

If your child (from Year 2 upwards) would like to have music lessons in September, there are spaces available for guitar, keyboard, singing and violin. Drum lessons have a waiting list which you are welcome to join. Lessons take place during the school day, usually in the afternoon. For more information and costs, please contact the Cornwall Music Service Trust for guitars, keyboards, singing and drums. [CMST - Cornwall Music Service Trust](#)

For violin lessons, please contact Emma Stansfield by emailing violastansfield@gmail.com

After school childcare club

As per our emails, there will be no after school childcare club on the last day of term, **Tuesday 22nd July**. Please collect your child/children at 3.15pm.

Clubs

All clubs have now finished except Year 3/4 Art on Tuesday (last one). Please collect your child from school at 3.15pm unless they are booked into after school child care.

New clubs lists will come home in September.

School lunches from September

The same menu will continue in September until October half term although there will not be the option to have a packed lunch. Please order in advance using the Aspens Select site.

Children moving up from Year 2 into Year 3 will no longer receive a free meal unless they are eligible for pupil premium funding.

Lost property

All the un-named lost property remaining in the lost property box on 22nd July will be taken to the charity shop so please come and check the box before then if you are missing something. All named items will be returned to your child. The box can be found outside the side hall door.



Summer Fair

Friday 18th July
2:30 to 4:30

Wristbands £2.50

available from the office
for access to all activities
including.....

Bouncy Castle, hook a duck,
glitter tattoos, splat the rat,
beat the goalie, and more!

Also available (please bring cash!)
cakes, ice lollies, hot dogs,
tombola, raffle and more!

With a special
performance
from the
Alverton School
Band....

**The Purple
Strawberries**

Friends of Alverton School



NEWS

Next Summer Fair

Friday 18th of July 2:30 - 4:30

We are collecting small prizes for the tombola! This could be unwanted (new) gifts or toiletries, chocolates, drinks, books, biscuits, toys... Please hand them into the office.

Tombola & cakes

Next week, we will also be asking for cake donations for our cake stall! All contributions – big or small, baked or bought – are gratefully received and all proceeds go to Alverton School.

Don't forget to buy your wristbands from the office. £2.50 per child for access to all activities.

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Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets have come home in book bags, along with a list of the amazing prizes up for grabs. Please return your ticket stubs with contact details and cash payment to the office. Need more tickets? They are available from the office.

A big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered! We're still looking for extra hands to help – especially for the bouncy castle and clear-up after the event. If you can help, please contact friendsofalvertonschool@gmail.com.

Volunteer

Bring cash!

Don't forget to bring cash on the day for refreshments, cake and ice lollies!

Thank you



Penzance
HELICOPTERS

Summer Fair 2025 Raffle Prizes



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TENNIS CLUB

THE CORNISH DELICATESSEN

A scenic helicopter ride for two with **Penzance Helicopters**

£25 voucher to spend at **Mackerel Sky**

£25 voucher to spend at **The Cornish Delicatessen**

£20 voucher to spend at **Newlyn Fermentary**

Pilates taster pack at **Stronger Studio**

Family ticket to a show at **Penlee Park Theatre**

Tickets to a show at **The Minack Theatre**

£20 voucher to spend at **The Honey Pot**

£25 voucher to spend at **The Granary**

£20 voucher to spend at **Happy Dais Vintage**

£25 voucher to spend at **EbbFlow**

Bay Discovery, wildlife watching boat trip (1x adult and 1x child)
with **Marine Discovery Penzance**

Martin Dempsey Cornish Crab Sculpture from **Sea Moor Cornwall**

1 free month of group tennis coaching at **Penzance Tennis Club**

3x Family Swim vouchers for **Penzance Leisure Centre**

2x geothermal pool tickets at **Jubilee Pool**

Lunch for two at **The Tinnars Arms**

£40 voucher to spend at **RGB Building Supplies**

Cream tea for two at **Rosemergy Barn**

1hr personal training session in Muay Thai at **Teylu Muay Thai Gym**

30 minutes sports massage at **Ocean Revive Sports Massage**

A pair of earrings from **The Old Farmhouse Jewellery**

£25 voucher to spend at **Join**

£25 voucher to spend at **45 Queen Street**

Merch from **Penzance & Newlyn Rugby Club**

A bottle of **Pol Roger Champagne**



LEISURE CENTRE



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Mackerel Sky
SEAFOOD BAR



STRONGER STUDIO



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 Vervan 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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advice

0344 411 1444

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NO MATTER WHAT**

☎ **0800 58 58 58** 🌐 **THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT**

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"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>

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



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 3 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	Marlowe	for always being helpful and doing amazing tidying up
Little Owls	The Whole Class	for our lovely trip to the beach & their excellent behaviour
Kittiwakes	Ivey	All values: for being utterly perfect & trying her absolute best
Curlews	Leo	All values: for being a teachers dream every moment of the day
Puffins	Ivy-Ella	All values: for trying her best in everything she does
Owls	Joy	Kindness: for loving her friends very much
Kingfishers	Alora	All the values: for being an amazing member of Kingfishers class
Trencrom	Freya	Kindness: for being so kind & thoughtful towards others
	Isla M	Kindness: for always offering to help adults & friends
Lanyon	Layton	Enthusiasm: for always being so enthusiastic about all his learning
	Marley	Responsibility: for always being so helpful in the classroom
Kerris	Ruby	All values: for being completely & utterly wonderful every day
Bodriftly	Oscar	For good responses in class discussions this week
Bosigran	Austin	Responsibility: for a successful Year 6 & for being fantastic in London
	Noah PM	Responsibility: for fantastic work in DT this week
Kenidjack	Harris	Responsibility: for a brilliant Year 6 in all ways
Lunchtime Star	Tanner	for his beaming smile & beautiful manners
	Toby	for great entertainment & rocking his moves to the music

Nearly there and lots of changes afoot. All children will be changing class, some will even be changing schools and this is in no way an easy task for them or for you. Are you worried about it? Is your child worrying? It can cause all sorts of issues, ranging from sleepless nights to anxiety to tears. All are normal but none are easy to cope with and the summer holidays may change from a few weeks of relaxing and unwinding ready for the new school year to a time of stress and worries. I truly hope none of these apply to you but if you are at all worried I have some links here with some solid advice. Firstly may I say that my family in no way went unscathed and I often found summer holidays more of a worry than my daughter - I'd be the one losing sleep or my appetite (yup, it was that severe at times, I could graduate with a first class honours degree in worrying) and trying to hide it was even harder. So, my advice, for what it's worth, is just be there and take your cues from your child. Listen and hear them. Watch them carefully, you know them better than anybody else and will spot anything out of the ordinary perhaps even before they do. Here are some links - [School Readiness for Reception / Starting Secondary School](#). For anybody in the middle, there is always the teacher, ether the current one or the next one. And I'm here too. And it will be fine in the end. Mrs D xxx

DIARY DATES

Friday 18th July 2.30-4.30pm	FOAS Summer Fair <i>Please buy child's wristbands in advance</i>
Tuesday 22nd July 1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 22nd July 3.15pm	Last day of Summer term <i>No after school child care club</i>
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

Humphry Davy School are running Time2Move sessions again during the summer holidays. To sign up please follow this link:

<https://playwaze.com/humphry-davy-school/4r399obbm919xd/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/115908-B&timeZone=Europe/London>

Plymouth Argyle will be running activity sessions at Humphry Davy School on:

24th and 25th July 2025

19th, 20th and 21st August 2025

The sessions are open to children from age 7 to 16 years.

During the sessions, children will be able to take part in a variety of activities such as:

- Football
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Netball
- Arts and Crafts

Sessions run from 10am to 2pm.

Each day the fantastic team in the Humphry Davy School Kitchen will be providing lunch and fruit for all children that attend. Please make sure you write on the registration forms if your child has any special dietary requirements and we will liaise with the team to make sure they can still enjoy a hot meal. If you would prefer to send your child with a packed lunch that is absolutely fine.

Each day please send your child/children wearing comfortable clothes and shoes to be able to run around in, a refillable water bottle, any medication they may need clearly marked and a coat in case the weather allows us to go outside for activities.

Summer reading tips!



from  HarperCollinsPublishers

Summer is the perfect opportunity to get your family reading. With the break from school routines, kids have time to explore books at their own pace and let their imagination take over. But how do you inspire them to pick up a book instead of a screen? This guide is packed with summer reading activities that cater to all families, exploring books and reading opportunities at home as well as at community resources like libraries. **Let's make this summer one filled with stories, laughter, and discovery.**

Build a Summer Reading Nook

Transform a corner of your home (or garden!) into a cosy reading space. Add cushions, fairy lights, and a stack of books to create an inviting atmosphere where your child will love to curl up with their favourite stories.

Why it works: A special space dedicated to reading makes it feel like an activity to look forward to, rather than a chore.

Create a Summer Book Bingo!

Draw up a bingo card with prompts like "Read a book set in a magical world," "Finish a story in one day," or "Read under the stars." Each time your child completes a reading challenge, they can tick it off.

Top Tip: Include a mix of genres to encourage diverse reading.

Host a family book club

Choose a book the whole family can enjoy, then set aside time each week to discuss it. Books like *Harry Potter*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, or *Paddington* are great for all ages.

Why it works: Sharing stories together not only strengthens family bonds but also helps children see the value of reading as a shared experience.



Why does reading in summer matter?

Research consistently shows that reading for pleasure has a direct impact on children's wellbeing and academic success. It boosts creativity, increases vocabulary, and even improves empathy.

Books are a wonderful way to keep children's minds active and entertained over those long summer days.

Incorporating fun reading activities maintains reading progress and stimulates imagination.

To find out more go to collins.co.uk/BookSquadParents

Visit Your Local Library

Libraries are a treasure trove of free books. Many also run summer programmes that include storytelling sessions, reading challenges, and fun workshops.

Top Tip: Encourage your child to pick their own books. Feeling in charge of their reading choices increases their enthusiasm. There are also some great non-fiction reads and children's activity books that you can try!



Utilise Free Digital Resources

Platforms like Book Squad offer a wealth of free downloadable activities, book recommendations, and storytelling prompts.

Great Finds: The 'Draw-Along Challenge' and 'First Line Challenge' from Book Squad are perfect bite-sized activities for fostering imagination while reading.

Swap Books in the Community

Organise a book exchange in your neighbourhood or at your child's school. This is a simple way to keep variety in their reading material.

Fun Twist: Create a 'mystery book box' where kids pick a wrapped book, not knowing what it is until they get home.

Create a Summer Reading Journal

Provide your child with a notebook where they can write short reviews, draw pictures of characters, and jot down new words they've learned.

Bonus Tip: Use prompts like 'What was the most exciting part?' or 'Which character would you like to meet?'

Get creative

After finishing a story, invite your child to draw their favourite scene, write an alternative ending, or film them talking about it to create a 'book trailer' on your phone.

Why it works: This activity brings the book to life and allows kids to express their understanding creatively.

Read Everyday Texts

Reading doesn't have to mean books. Make use of everyday opportunities like reading recipes, road signs, menus, or even the back of cereal boxes together.

Why it works: It reinforces the idea that reading is everywhere—not just in books.

Tell Stories Together

Try making up your own stories. You can take turns adding to a plot or use storytelling prompts like 'What would happen if animals could talk?'

Why it works: Storytelling boosts creative thinking while building your child's vocabulary.



Quick fire ideas!



Use Audiobooks: For long journeys, audiobooks can be a lifesaver. There are a number of platforms offering access to audiobooks, or apps from your local library often offer free options.

Why it works: Audiobooks encourage children to visualise the story without needing a physical book. They can also be played during those hidden moments, like travelling, cooking, or chores.

Read Aloud Daily: Pick an engaging story and read it aloud with plenty of expression. Try character voices to add excitement. Bonus points for reading outside in the summer sun!

Top Tips: For the best advice on how to read aloud, check out these top tips from leading voice actors.

Theme Your Reading: Dedicate different weeks of the summer to fun themes like "Adventure Week," "Animal Tales," or "Space Explorers." Match the books you read to the theme and supplement with activities or crafts.

Level it up: Find other ways to support the theme with everyday activities, dress up, or events/visits in your local community.

Attend Storytelling Events: Keep an eye out for storytelling sessions held at schools, libraries, book shops, or community centres.

Why it works: Hearing stories read by animated storytellers can captivate children and spark their interest.

Make Reading Part of the Routine: Set aside 20 minutes every day as "Reading Time." Whether it's before bedtime or after lunch, a daily habit helps embed reading into your child's life.

Why it works: Daily storytime can improve wellbeing, while supporting emotional and social development. Check out our **Dad's Reading Campaign** for some ideas.

Celebrate Reading Achievements: At the end of summer, reward your child with a fun outing or certificate to celebrate all the stories they've explored.

Why this works: Positive reinforcement encourages kids to view reading as rewarding.

Encourage a Lifelong Love of Reading

Summer reading isn't just about filling up time during the holidays, it's an investment in your child's future. By making reading fun and accessible, you provide them with skills and memories that will last a lifetime.



If you're looking for more summer inspiration, check out the wealth of resources from **Book Squad**. From activity ideas to book recommendations, it's a one-stop hub for parents and carers who want to make reading enjoyable for their children. **Encourage your kids to dive into books this summer and spark a love for reading that lasts a lifetime!**



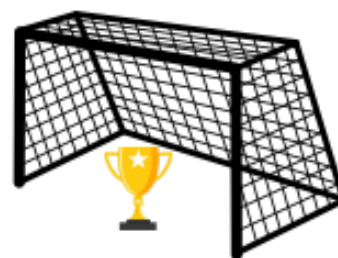


MBFDC FOOTBALL CAMPS



SUMMER 2025

All children welcome from any school or club, come & have some fun!



DATES | TUES, WEDS & THURSDAYS:

WK 1 - 29TH, 30TH, 31ST JULY

WK 2 - 5TH, 6TH, 7TH AUG

WK 3 - 12TH, 13TH, 14TH AUG

WK 4 - 19TH, 20TH, 21ST AUG

PLAYERS NEED:

Packed lunch, drinks, sun cream

Clothing for all weather(s) & spares

Football boots/trainers/shin pads

- ✓ UEFA/FA Qualified Staff & DBS Checked
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun activities, matches & tournaments
- ✓ Penalty shootouts, prizes & more!

SOCCER TOTS:

10am - 12pm (3 - 6 yrs)

School Year(s) Reception & Year 1

1 day £7, 2 days £12, 3 days £18,

6 days £35, 12 days £70 (Super Saver!)

SOCCER PROS:

10am - 3pm (7 - 13 yrs)

School Year(s) 2 - 8

1 day £18, 2 days £33, 3 days £45,

6 days £90, 12 days £180 (Super Saver!)

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH

Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Online Registration Link
www.mbfdc.co.uk

Please visit the MBFDC website for further info
& to register online!

