

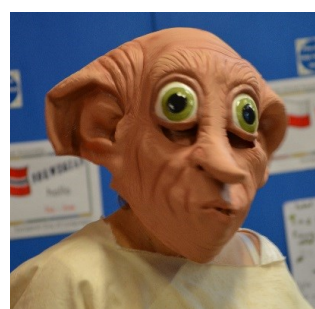
Harry Potter Book Night – or in Alverton’s case, Harry Potter Book Day – gave fans of all ages the chance to celebrate JK Rowling’s wonderful novels and pass the magic on to young readers who haven’t yet discovered these unforgettable books.



On Thursday, Alverton School was packed with a whole host of Harry Potter characters – young and old – who enjoyed an entertaining day full of Quidditch, Potions and wand making! We held a competitive and very exciting House assembly won by a formidable team from Gryffindor and hosted by Harry Potter himself. Professor Snape stalked the corridors and an unlucky few even found themselves taught by a Dementor for the day.



The enthusiasm with which the whole school embraced this event reminded us all yet again of the power of reading and a great story. It has inspired the children to go out and read the books and discover this magical world for themselves.



Look out for details about the Alverton Book Oscars on World Book Day which will be our next celebration of reading on 3rd March.



As one parent commented: “Fantastic-armous!!”.

Parking

One of the residents in Toltuff Road has expressed concern over inconsiderate parking in that road. If you have to park in an adjacent road to school, please be considerate to the residents and do not park over driveways, on pavements, etc. Please use the Free Church car park and walk to school if at all possible.



Ducklings Nursery

Does your child currently attend our Ducklings Nursery in the mornings? If you would like to increase their hours so that they also attend sometimes in the afternoon, please see Mrs Quick or Miss Caddick in the Nursery as it would be great preparation for their transition into full-time education.



Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who donated old clothing for Bag2school. We raised **£96** for FOAS funds. Another collection will be arranged soon - details to follow.

Martial Arts Club

Do you know anyone who is qualified to teach any of the Martial Arts? We are keen to start a club as part of our Breakfast Club provision and are looking for someone to lead this one morning each week between 8 o'clock and 8.30. If you know anyone who might be interested, please give Mr Higgs a ring on 01736 364087 or have a word with Mrs Gill or Mrs France in the office.

Parents Evenings

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 7th March** from 3.30—6.30 pm and we are really looking forward to meeting you again and discussing your child's progress.

This year, we are going to use a new system for booking appointments through our eschools facility on our school website.

You will previously have been sent log in details for eschools. If you are unsure what this is, please ask at the office and they will arrange for new details to be sent to you. These details will be needed in order to go online and book the appointment slot that suits you best when **the booking period opens on the 8th February**.

If you usually have a review meeting with Mrs Burlton and your child's class teacher, you will be sent an appointment time as normal and you don't need to use the eschools system. Ducklings Nursery parents will also not need to use this.

There may be a few teething problems but we hope that this new system will be more efficient and straightforward.

Headlice information session

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent survey about headlice. We have arranged for a school nurse to come into school on **Tuesday 9th February** at 2.45pm to give a short talk on headlice and how to get rid of them.

The overwhelming majority of parents wished to have spot checks. Should you wish for your child not to be included, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Menu change

Chinese New Year

Tuesday 9th February

Sweet & Sour Chicken

or

Vegetable Stir Fry

with

Egg noodles, steamed rice & stir fried vegetables

Sticky bananas in honey sauce

or

Fresh fruit platter

or

Frozen mango yoghurt



Special Educational Needs Annual Report

Every year, we are required to publish an annual report on our Special Educational Needs provision. This is available to download from our website and has been sent along with this newsletter for your information.

Year 3/4 camp at Bude

A reminder that the total payment for Year 3/4 camp (£80 total) is due by **12th February**. Thank you to everyone who has paid so far.

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Don't forget you can go online to pay: schoolmoney.co.uk

School lunch money

Due to the high numbers of children having school lunches, it would be very helpful to the kitchen staff for all lunch money to be paid **before** lunchtime so that they can concentrate on serving the food. Please ensure that your child's lunch money is in a **named envelope** which is either handed into the school office or your child gives it to their class teacher or teaching assistant at morning registration.

If possible, **please send in the correct amount** as change is not always available in the office or in the kitchen. You are welcome to pay weekly and/or in advance and if you require a receipt, please come in and see the kitchen staff at morning drop off time. Thank you.

Cancellation of clubs

There will be NO Science Club or Band on **Wednesday 10th February** due to staff training.

FOAS Valentine Disco

Thursday 11th February

Reception and KS1: 6-7pm

KS2: 7.15-8.15pm

£1.50 per child to include a drink and biscuit.

Helpers still needed for both discos particularly from 7.15pm. If you can spare some time, please let the office know.



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Photo consent

We have a number of missing forms for giving your consent for photos and your child's work to be displayed on our website, on Twitter, in the press, etc. If we don't have a completed one for your child, please ensure that you fill the one in that will be coming home. It is really important that we have a note of your wishes.

Swimming

Thank you to everyone who has paid in part or full for swimming this term. **A reminder that if you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible.** You can pay some or all of the amounts online at schoolmoney.co.uk. If you wish to pay weekly please ensure your payment is in by Wednesday each week. Your money contributes to the cost of the coach travel, pool hire and swimming teachers.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Joss	for persevering and succeeding in the end
Choughs	Kitty	for being such a lovely addition to our class
Puffins	Freya	for her fabulous enthusiasm for our sharing assembly
Owls	Ruan	for his focus and effort in Maths this week
Kingfishers	Maisie	for trying so hard to improve her reading
Trencrom	Joel	for a great improvement to his attitude towards learning
Lanyon	Eve	for always working to the best of her ability & consistently showing good behaviour
Kerris	Anya	for her determination to improve her number and times tables knowledge
Bodrifty	Kalle	for his fantastic Maths work this week, always showing total commitment
Bosigran	Ellie	for her fantastic attitude to all her learning
Kenidjack	Zac	for working so very hard and making great progress
Dinnertime	Kyah	for always being cheerful and having lovely manners



Free to a Good Home


We have two very large concrete planters available if anyone would like them. Please see Mrs Gill or Mrs France in the office.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on.



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	97.1%	2
Robins	94.3%	8
Puffins	93.2%	11
Owls	96.5%	3
Kingfishers	93.6%	10
Trencrom	96.3%	5
Lanyon	94.2%	9
Kerris	95.3%	6
Bodrifty 	97.9%	1
Bosigran	94.4%	7
Kenidjack	96.4%	4
Overall school attendance	95.5%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

DIARY DATES

February

- 11th FOAS Valentine Disco
- 12th Sharing assembly for Choughs & Robins at 2.45pm
- 12th **School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break**

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February – HALF TERM

PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

- 26th Bosigran sharing assembly - **POSTPONED**

March

- 3rd St. Piran's concert – details to follow
- 3rd World Book Day
- 4th St. Piran's dance – details to follow
- 4th Sharing assembly for Trencrom at 2.45pm

