

Early Years Foundation Stage Garden

Have you seen how amazing our EYFS garden is starting to look?

The children will soon enjoy playing outside in a sand and water extravaganza complete with bridge, stream and stepping stones. There will be so many fantastic things for them to do - crossing the bridge while making sure the troll doesn't grab them, following the trickle of water as it meanders through the garden, playing Pooh sticks, jumping over stepping stones and anything else they may care to imagine.

The garden has been sourced from reclaimed and recycled materials and several people have very generously donated these to us. There is an amazing contrast of colours and materials and the Early Years staff and children can hardly wait to get out there. Weather permitting, it should be ready after half-term.

Our very grateful thanks and admiration go to Alan Pocock and Jason who are working in all weathers to create this fabulous space.

As Mrs Hall said: "It's just beautiful!"

Did you know that the Friends of Alverton School (FOAS) has given the school £3000 towards the EYFS garden?
The money you raise through events like the Christmas Fair really do contribute to the fantastic opportunities your children have.



Lower Key Stage 2 Survival Day

Our intrepid explorers in Years 3 and 4 had a great day on Wednesday orienteering, making dens, building fires, learning First Aid and much more. Thank you to all the children for taking part so enthusiastically and with such excellent behaviour and to all the staff from Alverton and from Cornwall Outdoors who worked hard all day to make this such an enjoyable and memorable experience.



Dogs at the school gate

We are so grateful to everyone who is now walking to school to drop off and pick up their children and we are very fortunate that all the dogs who walk with you are so well-behaved and friendly.

Unfortunately, not every child likes dogs and some are scared of them. To keep all of our children (and dogs!) happy and safe, please could you wait on the pavement at the other side of the road from the school gate with your dog?

Thank you - we really appreciate your help.

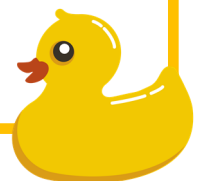


Ducklings Nursery

Our Ducklings Nursery is an absolutely lovely place with a woodland to play in and incredible staff who will make sure that your child is nurtured and has the most positive and enjoyable start possible to their school life.

Did you know that if your child's birthday is between 1st September 2012 and 31st December 2012 they are entitled to fifteen FREE FUNDED hours in the afternoon in our Ducklings Nursery?

Please see Mrs Gill or Mrs France in the office, or Miss Caddick, Mrs Quick or Mrs Roberts in the nursery for more details.



Parents Evenings

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held on Monday 7th March, Tuesday 8th March and Wednesday 9th 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.

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 1st February.

If you usually have a termly review meeting during the school day 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.

A great haircut for a great cause

We are very proud of Leo in Choughs Class who had his first ever haircut at the weekend in order to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West. Not only that, but Leo donated his hair to the Little Princess Trust who provide wigs made of real hair to children who are undergoing chemotherapy.

If you would like to donate any money for the Children's Hospice, Mrs Gill is collecting it in the school office.

We are all very proud of him for being such a thoughtful boy and think his new look is amazing!



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.

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

Bosigran Sharing Assembly

Please note that Bosigran's Sharing Assembly will now take place in the Summer Term.

The children (and Mrs Harman and Mr Chalwin!) are very much looking forward to their assembly but want to wait until they have finished their SATs revision in order to devote enough time to it.

We are sure that all Bosigran parents will understand and applaud their attitude to their learning!

Cancellation of clubs

NO Drama club on **Tuesday 26th January**.
NO Jewellery club or Art Club on **Thursday 28th January**.

Advanced notice - Non uniform day

We are going to have a special Harry Potter day on **Thursday 4th February** when we are going to ask all the children to dress up! More details to follow soon.

Harry Potter

FOAS Valentine Disco

Help wanted please! Volunteers needed to help at the FOAS Disco on Thursday 11th February from 6-7pm in particular but also from 7.15-8.15pm. If you can spare some time, please let the office know.



Minack Youth Theatre

Audition for 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' are taking place on Sunday 24th January at the Minack Theatre. Booking is essential: 01736 811905 or email box@minack.com More information on flyers in the reception area.

Reminder! Bag2school collection Wednesday 3rd February

Bags for collecting clothes have gone home this week with a letter. Please start collecting so that we can raise money for the school. Please don't bring them before 3rd February as we can't store them. Thank you.



LOST

Brandon in Kerris lost his green wellies size 1 on Survival Day (Weds). They are named. Please check & hand in if found.

Twitter

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




STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Rowan	for super effort in Phonics lessons - trying really hard to write neatly & spell too
Choughs	Poppy	for her super attitude to learning
Puffins	Bailey B	for amazing effort in English and Maths this week
Owls	Ned	for his fantastic writing on Bendigo this week
Kingfishers	Oscar	for great writing about Bendigo this week
Trencrom	Teirnan	for really challenging himself in Maths this week and choosing the hardest work
Lanyon	Jorja	for writing an amazing descriptive opening paragraph to her adventure story
Kerris	Theo P	for his caring and thoughtful attitude on Survival Day
Bodrifty	Thomas	for his amazing start to life at Alverton & his wonderful attitude to learning
Bosigran	Esther	for her fantastic effort in all areas
Kenidjack	Jude	for his hard working and helpful attitude to school life
Dinnertime	Esme	for her lovely manners



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	95.8%	3
Robins	97.4%	2
Puffins	91.4%	7
Owls	90.4%	8
Kingfishers	89.1%	11
Trencrom	91.7%	6
Lanyon	90.3%	9
Kerris 	99.3%	1
Bodrifty	92.8%	5
Bosigran	87.4%	10
Kenidjack	95.4%	4
Overall school attendance	92.9%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

DIARY DATES

February

- 4th Harry Potter Day - non uniform
- 5th Sharing assembly for Puffins at 2.45pm
- 11th FOAS Valentine Disco – details to follow
- 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

