

28/3/25 FRIDAY NEWS N°. 26

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been another great one, with lots of enrichment across the school. We had a workshop for Years 4 & 5 on Tuesday from a group called 'Green up your Act'. The children took part in environmental workshops where they learned about sustainable living and then created art works using recycled materials.

Tuesday was also a great day for our cross country finalists! They travelled up to Newquay to run in the regional finals, and they all ran their hearts out! A very special well done to Joshua in year 5, who came second in his race.

On Thursday we took a group to Songfest 2025. The group had spent time learning 8 different Celtic songs and they went on stage and performed them along with other local primary schools. They were absolutely brilliant - the atmosphere was great and they sang beautifully. A big thank you to Miss Williams for working with the children and helping them perform at their best.

The week ended with Kerris class having a trip to the Kurt Jackson Gallery in St Just. We saw some inspirational art and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Thursday we had a visit from the local police before school. They came to see the situation regarding the traffic. They reiterated that any concerns over dangerous driving and parking needs to be reported on 101. They have also said that civil enforcement officers will be visiting more regularly to monitor the situation. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Have a lovely weekend

Nichola Smith Headteacher

New menu after Easter

Aspens new menu for next term which will start after Easter is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the school website under Parent Pages, What's on this term. This will run into the Autumn term up until October half term. You should be able to choose these meals on the Aspens Select system soon.

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

All clubs have now finished except Year 3/4 Art - last one on Tuesday 1st April.

Next term's club list will come home soon.

Year 6 London

Final payments

A reminder that all remaining payments for this year's trip to London should be paid in full by Monday 31st March.

Please log into Arbor (we no longer use Schoolmoney), check how much you owe and pay by the deadline date.

Any questions, please ask at the office.

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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.

Thank you!

Last Friday we had a talent show and the children wore their own clothes to school



in aid of Red Nose Day. Thank you to everyone who donated. We raised a fantastic £321.06.

Tickets on sale after Easter:

Tuesday 22 April - Year 5 and 6 Drama Club parents

Monday 28 April - Year 3 and 4 Choir parents

Tuesday 6 May - everyone else

£5 for adults, £2.50 for children aged 4 upwards (Alverton pupils free) Cash only please.

Please remember to buy your tickets as soon as possible - they sell out very quickly!

Alverton Primary School's production of



Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 6.30pm Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 6.30pm

Music and Lyrics by
Richard M Sherman and Robert B Sherman
Music by Special Arrangement with Sony / ATV Publishing
Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams
Based on the MGM Motion Picture
Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick

This amateur production is presented by
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

Songfest 2025

The Year 5 Alverton Songfest Choir performed in St John's Hall yesterday amidst the massed ranks of many local schools which filled the stage. To a packed audience our children with others from local schools did a performance of 8 songs which they had to learn off by heart with the theme being the seven Celtic nations (Spain, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, Brittany and Cornwall). Having put in many weeks of practice, our children were fantastic and relished the



whole experience.

Thanks to the many parents and families that attended and to Miss Williams and the staff who helped them practice and supported them.

Cross Country Finals

This week seven of our children went to represent the school and Penwith at the Cornwall Cross Country Finals at Newquay. We are so proud of them for their commitment and determination and how well they did. Well done to you all.

A special congratulations to Joshua in Year 5 who came second out of all the Year 5 boys and won a silver medal.



Dads Make Stories Magic

Dads Make Stories Magic is a collaborative campaign from BookTrust in partnership with Farshore and HarperCollins Children's Books.

Sharing books is a great way for dads and their children to spend time together and has fantastic benefits for both of you - but research shows that fewer dads than mums are reaping these rewards, so we want to make sure no one misses out on the magic.



https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/dads-make-stories-magic/

Those seasoned veterans of my weekly words will know that I get more and more excited round about now, the days get longer and warmer, the daffodils are everywhere, buds appear left, right and centre, sunshine can be seen in the sky every so often and the Easter holidays loom. I love, love, love this holiday more than any other - more than Christmas (too busy and expensive), half term (too short) and summer (too long). This next break is two whole weeks long and, in my opinion, at the very best time of year. It is, in the words of Goldilocks, "just right". Oh, did I mention chocolate? Another fabulous reason to celebrate this season - egg (of the chocolate variety) hunts (yup, they still happen in my house and long may that tradition continue) and lighter evenings offering a taste of all the



warm weather (fingers crossed) to come. Some of you will love this season and holiday as much as me, some of you less so, some of you may have worries or niggles or grumbles. All are fine but if you would feel better by sharing any concerns with me, anything that is worrying or bothering you or even keeping you awake at night, do come along and chat. I will listen for sure. I also have chocolate here for anybody who would like some so pop in, say hi and have some with me. Or we can share a cuppa. Or both. Take care, Mrs D xxxx



SOP PER RULE BROKEN

Wear a superhero cape / pyjamas
Crazy hair or hair accessories
Wear sunglasses / a bow tie
Wear a temporary tattoo
Paint your nails
Wear bright/ odd socks
Wear make-up or face paint
Bring a cuddly toy in to class
Wear your uniform backwards
Wear Non-uniform or fancy dress
Chocolate or sweets for break or in a lunchbox





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**.

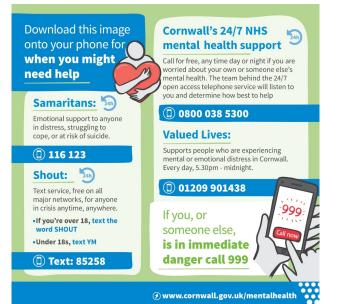








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- www.nspcc.org.uk



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.



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WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid 01736 367539

https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline



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 Simpson 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.



Lost property

The lost property box is full again. If your child is missing something please check before 4th April. All un-named items will be sent to the charity shop at the end of term.

| DIARY DATES | |
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| Friday 28th March | All clubs finish |
| Tuesday 1st April | Break the Rules Day in aid of FOAS See poster for information |
| Friday 4th April 3.15pm | School closes for Easter holidays (normal time) |
| Tuesday 22nd April 8.30am | School re-opens for Summer term |





Calling all Super Heroes

Come on our hockey hero camp and work on your super powers **Meet other 'Supers'**

Eggciting Hero Crafts



Hockey Skills and Games Healthy Hero Snacks



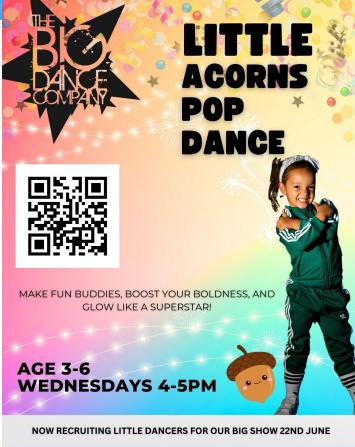
Thursday 10th April

10am—12noon

£10 per child inc snacks and crafts

Info and Booking: pzhchockeyheroes@outlook.com





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