

Dear Families,

We've had a great week at West Alvington

The children loved their PE sessions with Mr S from Premier Sport this week. They made the most of the sunshine to join in with the early morning Wakey Shakey, lunch club and after-school sports club! This term, KS2 are focusing on the skills of Handball and KS1 are learning the rules of football.

This year we will no longer be sending weekly class newsletters. Instead, we will be sending a weekly bulletin with a round up of all the news and events from across the school. You will be able to check the bulletin for dates, home learning information and importantly, who is Star of the Week!

Please could any parents or carers let the school office know if they might be able to spare an hour after school to help supervise a club being run by external coaches. If you would be available to support as this would mean we would be able to further enrich our club offer.

Best Wishes,

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every **Tuesday** (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day)
- Hot weather continues to be forecast next week please send children to school with suncream, sun hat and a water bottle.
- Monday – Hazel Meet the teacher 2.45pm (for new families and reception)
- Thursday – Phonics information meeting 3.15pm (for new families and reception)

West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery

Autumn term
Friday 15th September 2023

Dear all,

Welcome back to nursery everybody! It is so good to see you all again. Your children have been very excited and happy to back.

We hope to give you some upcoming information for this coming term and keep you informed but first some day to day requirements.

Please ensure they have a bag with sufficient change of clothes for all eventualities (we only have limited spares), waterproofs and wellies, a drink and afternoon snack (we provide a fruit snack in the morning and milk if desired) If they have a spare pair of wellies that could be left at nursery it would help with impromptu local walks (again, we do have limited sizes, spares).

We have lots of linked learning with the other classes, enabling a thread that runs throughout the whole school's learning curriculum.



This half term is 'All About Me' where we will talk about our likes and dislikes, our families and friends and the wider community.

This often leads on to your child's individual passions which will be incorporated in our continuous play so keep a look out at their work on our display boards. As we are looking at ourselves and families, please could you send in pictures of your child as a baby and any likenesses to family members so we can explore what a family tree would look like.



We will be taking the opportunity to do lots of exploring in the fields and woods surrounding West Alvington and take in the wonders that surround us and come up with some wonderful creations and experiences. Also, we plan to go to the library and local visits to venues in Kingsbridge.



We have been joining in with Hazel Class which maintains those bonds with their friends who have continued their journey onto their next steps on the learning ladder.

We will be down in the woods for our first bi-weekly Forest School session on Wednesday 27th September.



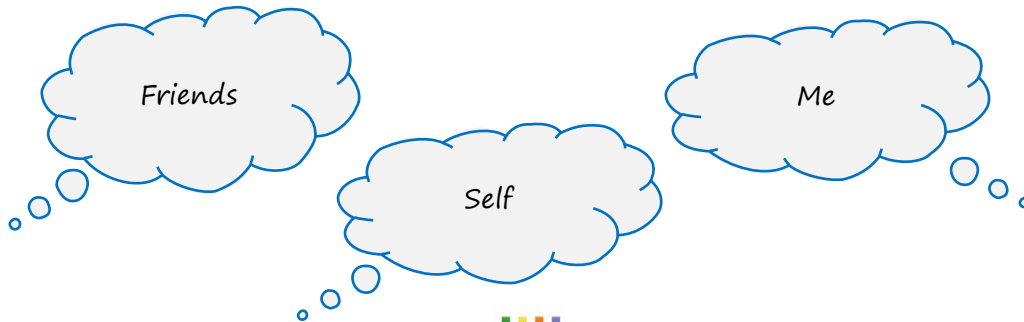
We hope you all have a good weekend with family and friends.

Best Wishes from Miss Lees and Mrs Butterworth



Wow Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



Tapestry Tuesdays!

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night.

We can't wait to see!

Hazel Years R-2

EYFS – This week, our theme has been *All about me!* We created self-portraits, practiced our name writing and thought about our feelings and what they mean. Our fine motor focus was cutting!

KS1 – As historians, we began to think about the concept of past and present. As designers, we designed a menu for our school dinners which will be entered into the whole school trust competition!

Home Learning

- **Spellings – KS1 only**

We are changing the way we do our spellings. Your child will have a set of words to learn for the month which will challenge them and extend their vocabulary. We will also be focussing on these at school. Your child will still be tested on these each Friday.

- **Reading**

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

- **RWinc book bag book, reading record and library book due in: Thursday**
- **New books : Friday**
- **KS1:** Each week your child will be set a quiz to complete which will correspond with what they have been learning at school! The full set of books have also been set for your child – the books allocated will be the colour of the group your child is in. These will be different to the book bag books they bring home. Please read these as and when.
- **Quiz completed by: Thursday**
- **New Quiz: Friday**
- It is free to access all the books, and there are also loads of different activities you could try at home too!
- Login: School code: jel8
- If you misplace their individual login details, please catch either me or Miss Elliott and we can get these for you.
- **Maths**
- Please explore Numbots and have a go at a few games – I wonder what your score will be!



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



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Roxy

For working so hard, getting on with your science work and being an all-round SUPERSTAR!

Well done Roxy – you are amazing!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 100%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6



As geographers, Oak Class embarked on their first field trip of the year to begin to sketch our local area to create an up to date and accurate OS map depicting the landscape's human and physical features.

Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read.

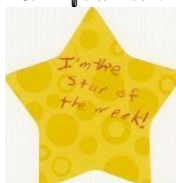
Home Learning

For home learning this week, I have sent home a sheet for your child to investigate how to make a 3D map as well as some maths revision.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. These will come from the Tier 2 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every **Friday**.

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Clarry

What an amazing start to the year you have had! I have been so impressed with your commitment and attitude to learning (and your jokes are funny too!)

Well done Clarry!

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Dates for your Diary

Week beginning 18th September: Chestnut - Photos for family tree

Monday 18th September - Hazel class meet the teacher 2.45pm-3.15pm

Thursday 21st September - Phonics information evening 3.15pm

Thursday 5th October - Harvest Festival @ WA church 2pm

Thursday 5th October - National Poetry Day

Tuesday 10th October - Flu Immunisations

Friday 20th October 2023 - Last day of half-term

23rd - 27th October - Half term

Monday 30th October 2023 - Back to School

Monday 30th October - School photos (individual and family)

Thursday 7th December - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performances AM & PM

Monday 11th December - Carol Service @ WA Church 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December - Hazel Theatre trip

Friday 15th December - Last day of term

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 27th September - Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 11th October - Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 1st November - Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 15th November - Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 29th November - Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 13th December - Hazel & Chestnut

(Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am).