

Dear Families,

We've had a great week at West Alvington despite the variable weather! Oak class and Chestnut Nursery enjoyed their time at Forest School building hammocks and exploring the woods with their friends.

This week Mrs Hatch, Mrs Andrews and I attended a special church service to welcome Rev. Jax, our new vicar at West Alvington, she is excited to meet our children and families as she becomes part of our school family.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Miss Coombe

Please see below for news and updates from our classes.

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)
- Morning Sports Club 8-9 each Tuesday
- After school sports club 3.15-4.15 each Tuesday
- Sporty Stars after school club 3.15-4.15 each Thursday – Please book on MCAS
- Thursday – Census Day – please see details below.
- Friday – Harvest Festival at All Saints West Alvington 2pm start.

CENSUS DAY
2023

Census

Please remember to sign your child up for a FREE census day lunch on 5.10.23. Our school funding is based on how many children have a school meal on that date. Additionally, the school with the highest take up of school lunches in the Trust on that day will receive £750 for a special treat for our children! Let's see if Team West Alvington can win the prize!

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



WOW Words!

As well as joining in with assemblies our chestnuts have been busy listening to stories which have seen us making banana porridge fingers, leaf collecting and delighting in the Owl Babies. The WOW words have come from the children primarily. We will also introduce and explore new and exciting words. Some we have been using...

Fluffy

Tap, Tap!

Squidgy



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!

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Andrew



we have been amazed how well he has settled in!

Hazel Years R-2

Highlights from the week:

EYFS – This week, our theme has been *Our friends!* We drew our friends and thought about what they mean to us. We explored the characteristics of what makes a good friend. Our fine motor focus was malleable materials.

KS1 – As scientists, we explored the 5 senses and investigated our sense of taste. We had to categorise food into salty, bitter, sweet and sour. As geographers this week, we explored the concept of aerial view and how it could help us navigate an area.

We were lucky enough to join another author's event this week! We joined the author, Julia Donaldson shared her brand-new book with us, *The Oak Tree*. It was great to be able to interact with this international author.



Home Learning

Spellings – KS1 only

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

Reception – a sound blending book will be put on your child's oxford owl.

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

Oxford Owl Quizzes

Reception – these start this week.

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

Login: School code: jels

It is free to access all the books, and there are also loads of different activities you could try at home too! 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 only – please find your weekly maths home learning on Tapestry.



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Albie

For completing his maths independently and being a superstar!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 93.3%
Last week's attendance was 100%
Let's try and improve next week!

Oak Years 3-6

This week

Oak Class were fortunate that the weather stayed warm and dry for their first Forest School adventure on Wednesday – they couldn't wait to tell me all about it! As scientists they learnt that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. They used observation skills to sort and classify the animals according to their skeleton – endoskeleton, exoskeleton and hydrostatic skeleton.

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.

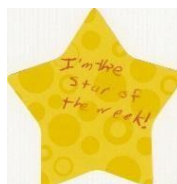
Home Learning

For home learning this week, I have sent home a sheet for handwriting practise and a maths place value sheet for your child to complete. The children have logins for TTRS to practise their times tables and I have also set them individual challenges! Please can Home Learning be completed and handed in by Thursday 5th October – Thank you

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn ready for an assessment the following week.

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Rupert

This young man has wowed us all – not only has he been PE Superstar for two consecutive weeks, he has also been scoring 40/40 in all his times tables too! Add to this his beautiful letter formation and super ideas during our sentence stacking lessons, it is no surprise that you are our Star of the Week! Well done Rupert!

SUPERSTAR :)

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 97.8%

Let's try and improve next week!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th October – Census Day & National Poetry Day

Friday 6th October – Harvest Festival @ WA church 2pm

Tuesday 10th October – Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 11th October – Dress down day for World Mental Health Day (£1 donation to local and young children's mental health services)

Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th October – Parent Consultations

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 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).