

Dear Families,

Oak class enjoyed meeting the author of one of their favourite books this week, during a virtual workshop with the author Hannah Gold and illustrator Levi Pinfold! We heard about their childhoods and how they were inspired to do the jobs they do.



Our oldest children enjoyed their life skills trip this week where they were joined by friends from Charleton and Thurlestone to learn from the fire service, police, lifeguards, first aid trainers, BT and local council. They looked at different skills to keep themselves safe.



A great big thank you for all of your support in getting us to **100%** attendance for our census day last week. As a reward for this amazing effort our children have been gifted £750 by our Trust. We are planning a special surprise for everyone!

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)
- An introduction to phonics – Tuesday 17th October @ 9am in the hall. This is for reception families and new starters in KS1.
- Please book a parent's consultation for next week if you haven't already. We are looking forward to celebrating your child's achievements.



Clubs

Tuesday – Sports club – 4.15pm finish

Wednesday – Art club – 4.00pm finish

Thursday – Sporty Stars club – 4.15pm finish

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!

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

Harvest

Spark

Flint



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

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!



Emily

For her amazing listening skills and concentration at Forest School. Resulting in her being able to independently create a spark using a flint. Well done Emily!

Hazel Years R-2

EYFS – This week, our theme has been Autumn and Harvest! We have explored a variety of autumnal loose parts, seasonal changes and different fruit and vegetables. Our fine motor focus was pinching. In maths, we have been investigating patterns – how we can create and continue them.

KS1 – As historians, we looked at family trees and compared old and new toys. As artists, we explored the concept of shade and tone. We added white and black to base colours to see how colours can change. In maths, we have started our new unit of addition and subtraction recapping on the fundamentals of part-part wholes.

Home Learning

History – KS1 only

Your child will have come home with a family tree to complete.
Due in: Monday 16th October

Reading

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

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 children:

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.

I can't wait to see!

Please also find their home learning task on Tapestry.

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Grace

I am so proud of you this week for your incredible maths learning. You have been so determined to show your workings in another way to prove your answer. You are really on your way to a mastery of maths! Well done.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 94.4%
Let's try to improve next week!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class

As mathematicians, the children began a new unit, addition and subtraction, choosing from a variety of methods, including mental calculations, using objects, diagrams and drawings and written column addition and subtraction. As historians, we learnt about rationing in WW2 and its effects on the community and families. The children were tasked with writing a menu for a family of three using their weekly rationing allowance. Oak Class had a virtual visitor on Thursday morning – Hannah Gold, one of our favourite authors!



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 detailing what your child will be learning in our addition and subtraction unit, specific to their year group. To support this learning, there are addition and subtraction questions for them to complete. Due Thursday 19th October.

Spellings

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

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Oliver

Mrs Andrews and I have been so impressed with your wonderful literary skills and creative ideas during our sentence stacking lessons. You have also shown enormous resilience and determination in maths where, once guided, you were quick to resolve any misconceptions. It's so wonderful to hear from mum how much you love coming to school every day – it shines through all you do! Thank you, Oliver, SUPERSTAR!

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Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 96.7%
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Dates for your Diary

- Monday 16th October – Year 6 Ambassadors Nature Trail meeting @ AST
- Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th October – Parent Consultations
- Friday 20th October 2023 – Last day of half-term
- 23rd – 27th October – Half term
- Monday 30th October – Back to School
- Monday 30th October – School photos (individual and family)
- Friday 17th November – Children in Need SPOTacular
- w/c 20th November – Bikeability
- Wednesday 29th November – Usborne Book Fair 3pm for parents 3.15 for families
- Monday 4th December – Hazel & Chestnut Nativity costume deadline
- Tuesday 5th December – Oak Class Bristol Hippodrome Theatre Trip
- Thursday 7th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performances AM & PM
- Monday 11th December – KS2 Carol Service @ WA Church 1.30pm
- Tuesday 12th December – Hazel Theatre trip
- Friday 15th December – Last day of term

Forest School Dates

- Wednesday 1st November – Hazel & Chestnut
 - Wednesday 15th November – Hazel & Chestnut
 - Wednesday 29th November – Oak & Chestnut
 - Wednesday 15th December – Hazel & Chestnut
- (Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am).