

Dear Families,



Mrs Hatch was excited to welcome our new vicar Rev Jax Tilbury to school on Thursday. Rev Jax was so impressed by the happy learning environment in school, she was also delighted to meet Betty! We are so pleased to have a new vicar at All Saints, I'm sure Rev. Jax will be a much-valued member of our school family.

Roger from Salcombe maritime museum visited Oak class this week to explain how evacuees travelled to Kingsbridge to escape the bombing during WW2. We are going to West Alvington woods to investigate the American soldiers' carvings!

As we approach the most magical time of the year, we wanted to fill you in on the exciting events and dates to mark on your calendars in the run-up to Christmas.

There are some key dates listed below you don't want to miss. A huge thank you in advance to our FOWA for organising these magical events

Looking forward to seeing you all at the exciting Bingo evening organised by the Friends of West Alvington tonight.

Miss Coombe



Friends of West Alvington News and Dates

There are so many exciting events to look forward to over the coming weeks, here are just a few...

Eyes down! Bingo in the newly refurbished Village Hall is not to be missed Today **10th November**. Get ready to bid for your child's artwork during the Art Exhibition which takes place on Friday 6th December in the school hall. Want to get organised for Christmas? Grab a bargain at the West Alvington Christmas Fayre, where you will find many gifts and delicious festive treats to choose from, don't miss out – Friday 8th December. Thank you to the Friends of West Alvington for organising these events for our school.

Little Learners

A FREE tuff tray session focussing on preparing your child for school with support from the Early Years teacher and Nursery Practitioners of our 'Good' provision



★ Little Learners at Chestnut Nursery ★

Join us for a FREE tuff tray session, open to all children aged 2-4, with an emphasis on supporting your little ones transition to preschool and school!

Our Early Years Teacher along with the Nursery practitioners will be on hand to answer all your questions on preparing your little one (and you!) for school life including:

- The application process
- How do I know which school is right for my child?
- What is phonics?
- Early numeracy
- The EYFS Curriculum
- Practical Tips for an easy transition
- How can I support my child's learning?

This is a relaxed and informal play session based on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) with the opportunity to take a look around West Alvington's 'Good' Early Years department if you'd like to.

Thursday 30th November, 10.15am at West Alvington C of E Academy. To book please email westalvington@lpsw.org or phone our office between 9am-1pm

01548 312290

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)
- Wednesday - Hazel & Chestnut Forest School. Please ensure that your child brings their school uniform including their school shoes in their bag.
- Thursday - Hazel class to bring old clothes to change into for our large scale art session.
- Friday - Children in Need - Dress down day £1 donation
- Oak Class will be running the Golden Mile every afternoon to raise money for Children in Need. They will also be baking delicious Betty Biscuits (healthy dog treats) to sell after school on Friday afternoon. Be sure to get yours before they sell out!

Nativity

EYFS and KS1 have started their Nativity rehearsals this week! Details about their part allocation, lines and costumes will be sent home with your child today. If your child does not attend Nursery today, Miss Lees will give this to you the next time your little one is with us. They are already putting on such a show!

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...

Fireworks

Poppies

Remembrance

Dear all,

This week we have been talking about more celebrations: Diwali Festival of Light, Bonfire Night and Remembrance. To illustrate this we have done different craft activities by listening and developing fine motor skills whilst exploring different mediums. The week was ended by giving respect for those that have kept us safe.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes from Miss Lees and Mrs Butterworth





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!



Andrew
For his poppy artwork



Hazel Years R-2

EYFS – Our theme this week has been Remembrance Day! We have been using our fine motor skills to do lots of activities and have shared a few picture books to help us explain why we remember. The whole of EYFS have had lots of fun making various poppy art. Our fine motor focus this term is scissor skills. In maths, we have been focussing on circles and triangles. The children were brilliant at finding real life examples and identifying how many sides and points.

KS1 – As scientists, we have been investigating germs. We have conducted experiments to see how germs spread and how we can reduce the spread. We have ended the week by looking at good and harmful microbes. The children loved creating their own microbes using playdough! As active citizens this week, we have further explored movements and we have started to think about how we can sequence them. The children have also written some beautiful thank you letters to veterans to show them their gratitude.

Home Learning

Spelling - KS1 only

Your child will come home with spellings each Friday for them to learn ready for their test the following Friday. It will include words that they can decode and some red tricky words.

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

This week both Year 1 and Year 2 will come home with maths learning to do.





Reception children:



It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the half term 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.

<p>Star of the Week!</p> 	<p>Star of the Week Finley</p> <p>You have been such a superstar scientist this week Finley. We have been so impressed with your links, observations and creative skills when creating your microbe. You have been fantastic!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">  Attendance Our attendance target is 98% Last week's attendance was 100% Well done Everyone! </p>	

Oak Years 3-6

<p style="text-align: center;">This week in Oak Class..</p> <p>Another super week of learning beginning with our new maths unit, multiplication and division. The children took on the challenge of working out some very tricky maths problems using their reasoning skills and times table knowledge to help them. As linguists, we pinpointed France and other French speaking countries on a map of the world. We asked and answered the question 'How are you?' in French and said 'Hello' and 'Goodbye' in French. As artists, we enjoyed our poppy art with Mrs Thomas on Thursday afternoon, whilst listening to poetry and thinking about our wartime heroes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home Learning</p> <p>Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.</p> <p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Home Learning</u></p> <p>This week, I would like the children to complete a weekend food and exercise diary which links to our RHE Health and Wellbeing learning this term. We have looked at a completed diary to give the children an idea of how to complete this task. Due Thursday 16th November.</p> <p><u>Spellings</u></p> <p>Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. These will be spelling rules or from the Tier 2 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every <u>Friday</u>.</p>	
<p>Star of the Week!</p> 	<p>Star of the Week Ted</p> <p>We are so very proud of your achievements and the commitment and dedication you show in all of our curriculum subjects. Every piece of work you produce is always beautifully presented with such effort and care. Thank you! SUPERSTAR!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> Attendance Our attendance target is 98%  Last week's attendance was 95.8% Let's try and improve next week! </p>	

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 10th November – Bingo FOWA (village Hall 6.30 – 10pm)
Friday 17th November – Children in Need SPOTacular
Friday 17th November – Bring and Buy Sale
w/c 20th November – Bikeability
Wednesday 29th November – Usborne Book Fair 3pm for parents 3.15 for families
Friday 1st December – Christmas Craft Afternoon 1.30 – 3pm
Monday 4th December – Hazel & Chestnut Nativity costume deadline
Tuesday 5th December – Oak Class Bristol Hippodrome Theatre Trip
6th December – Art Exhibition 3.15 – 4.20pm
Thursday 7th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm @ WA Church
Friday 8th December – WA Christmas Market
Monday 11th December – KS2 Carol Service @ WA Church 1.30pm
Tea & Coffee provided by FOWA
Tuesday 12th December – Hazel Theatre trip
Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Meal & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th December – Christmas Party (Village Hall)
Friday 15th December – Last day of term

Forest School Dates

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