

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your support at the fun-filled Bingo event organised by the Friends of West Alvington last week, it was such a successful evening! A special thank you to our families who made the event such a success by singing, serving drinks and helping to set up and clear away.

As you know, fundraising plays a crucial role in supporting our school and enhancing the learning experience for our children. With that in mind, we have some exciting money-raising events taking place in the run-up to Christmas

We kindly request your support in making these events a great success. Whether it's volunteering your time, contributing prizes, or simply attending and cheering us on, your involvement means the world to us.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you soon at our upcoming events!

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...

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)
- As the weather is getting colder, please make sure that your child brings a warm waterproof coat each day.
- It is Bikeability week next! KS2 are to come in PE kit each day (Monday to Thursday).
- The road will be closed from Monday, as well as Monday being West Alvington's new bin day.

Nativity

EYFS and KS1 are continuing with their Nativity rehearsals. Please ensure to practice any lines that your child might have to support them.

**Was your child born between
1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?**

**How to Apply for a Primary
School Place in Devon**

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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County Council 

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...

Sparkle

Measure

Spots

Dear all,

The children have had a week of various activities and building on their friendships. It has been wonderful to watch them working things out together or simply giving a helping hand to each other. We have been practising our cutting skills and manipulating different medium. There is always a learning outcome in all their play and a privilege to witness.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

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!



Emily

For her exceptional diva lamps



Hazel Years R-2

EYFS – Our theme this week has been Autumn! 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 engaged in an exciting Autumn session making a stick man and exploring seasonal changes. Our fine motor focus this term is scissor skills. In maths, we have been focussing the numbers 4 and 5. We have been exploring how we can represent and write our numerals.

KS1 – As scientists, we have continued to explore germs. We have conducted an experiment to test how hygiene can affect the growth of germs. We have placed bread slices into 5 different bags with unwashed hands, hand sanitised hands, hands washed with soap, with no touching and rubbing on surfaces before placing the bread in. We can't wait to see how quickly the germs will grow over the next week. As artists, we have experimented with using a range of tools on a large scale. It was a fantastic afternoon of learning and we got very messy! As global citizens, we have researched how Muslims, Jews and Christians show that they belong to a faith.



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: jels8

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 end of unit booklets to have a go at!



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.

Star of the Week!



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Emma

The progress that you have made in phonics is wonderful! You have shown so much enthusiasm and determination to form your letter correctly, use Fred talk and pinch your Fred fingers accurately!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 98.9%
Let's try and get even better next week!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class..

The weeks are simply flying past, Christmas will soon be here! This week, we have been welcoming visitors into school. Mandy from All Saint's Church introduced the children to the 4 weeks of advent beginning with Candle 1, the candle of Hope and the story of Abram and Sarai. We love welcoming Mandy into school every week. We also welcomed an RSPCA Inspector who talked to the children about animal welfare, the importance of kindness to animals and the responsibilities of owning a pet.



As artists, we created a fact file about our focus artist this term, Stephen Thomas. We enjoyed exploring his paintings of our beautiful local area. As writers, we are preparing our drafts inspired by the book *Rose Blanche*. We are looking forward to our next unit in English where we will learn the story of *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs.

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

This week, I would like the children to create a Reading River to celebrate the delivery of our wonderful new class books. There is already a waiting list for books wanting to be read by Oak Class! I will be sending home a Reading River example for the children to use. I have also set Times Tables challenges on TTRS for them to complete. Home Learning due 23rd November.

Spellings

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 Friday.

Star of the Week!



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Albie

You deserve recognition for your kindness and generosity of spirit Albie! You always go above and beyond to help your classmates and show such patience and care to others. I am also super impressed by your amazing vocabulary which inspires others during our English Sentence Stacking Lessons AND your fantastic achievements in maths – incredible! Well done! SUPERSTAR!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 92.2%

Let's try to improve next week

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th November – Children in Need SPOTacular

Friday 17th November – Bring and Buy Sale

w/c 20th November – Bikeability (Reception & KS2)

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

Wednesday 6th December – Art Exhibition 3.15 – 4.20pm

Thursday 7th December – Hazel Planetarium Trip. Children to be dropped at Charleton Village Hall @ 9.15am

Thursday 7th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm @ WA Church

Friday 8th December – Christingle

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

Wednesday 24th January – Hazel Trip

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 29th November – Oak & Chestnut

Monday 11th December – Hazel & Chestnut (Please note this is an amended date)

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