

Dear Families,

This week Oak Class went in search of the mysterious messages from WWII troops carved into trees in West Alvington Woods. They were thrilled to eventually find the messages! What a fantastic way to bring their learning about WWII to life!

We were also treated to a visit from Beccy from Cats Protection who talked to us about how to keep a cat healthy and happy, cat body language and how, as a charity, they help cats across the UK.

We have so much to look forward to over the next few weeks including Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and a Christmas Party in Village Hall. Please note that we have changed the date for our Christmas Dinner to **Thursday 14th December** to accommodate some of the trips and visits happening across our hub of schools.

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 Wednesday 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.

Some important information for next week-

- Monday – Nativity costume deadline
- Tuesday – Oak Class Bristol Hippodrome Theatre Trip
- Tuesday – No afterschool sports club
- Wednesday – Art Exhibition (no art club)
- Wednesday – Deadline for Christmas hats (see note)
- Thursday – EYFS & KS1 to be dropped at Charleton Village Hall @ 9.15am

- Thursday – Nativity Performance 2pm @ Church
- Thursday – Glow in the Dark Dodgeball in the Village Hall
- Friday – Christmas Market

Note:

For our Carol Service on Monday 11th December 2023, we would like the children to wear either a Santa hat, an Elf hat or a Reindeer hat. Could you please bring them by Wednesday next week (6th December)? If you could name them or put them in a named bag.

Nativity

EYFS and KS1 are continuing with their Nativity rehearsals. Please ensure to practice any lines that your child might have to make this the best Nativity yet!

**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.

Devon
County Council 

Family Information

Action for Children- funded webinars for parents and carers

Action for children – Devon Childrens Centres are offering a selection of webinars and online events. The latest of which are listed below:

- Help me – I'm a Parent! – Tantrums & Meltdowns – Monday 15th January 2024 (1 – 2pm)
- Help me – I'm a Parent! – PLAY – Wednesday 21st February 2024 (1 – 2pm)

To book please visit: [Devon Digital Webinars | Eventbrite](#)

Digi Dads Connect – digital drop in session for male carers

We also offer monthly male carer drop in's called Digi Dads connect! This is a safe and supportive digital session for males with child caring responsibilities to meet and share.

Book onto a Digi Dads Connect drop in session here: [Devon Digital Services – Digi Dad's Connect \(office365.com\)](#)

There is one date left this year on the 11th December.

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

Dear all,

This week we have been learning about healthy packed lunches. We were able to create what we thought was a good packed lunch using our play food. Reception joined us for our EYFS collaboration afternoon to make a very delicious, but healthy carrot cake. This helped them build on their skills of working as a team and expanded their knowledge of using vegetables in sweet foods.

We have also been working on our fine motor skills and tool manipulation.





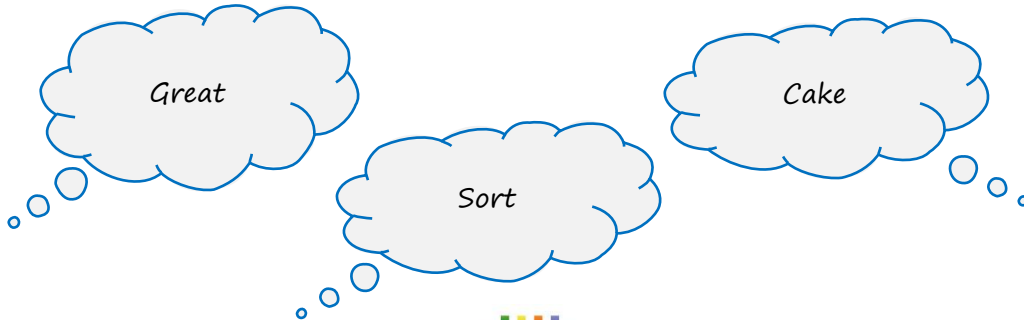
Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

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!

Star of the Week!



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Sonny

For being a superstar with his listening and impeccable behaviour on the cinema visit.



Hazel Years R-2

EYFS – Our theme this week has been fruit and veg. The children have been busy exploring a variety of fruit and vegetables and got creative by making their own versions using play dough. We have also discussed what might make a healthy lunch box. During their EYFS collaboration afternoon, they made some delicious carrot cake! Our fine motor focus this term is scissor skills. The children have also been such maths superstars by joining in with the KS1 learning about shapes – you have blown us away!

KS1 – As artists, we have completed our final pieces. The children have shown such skill and have created some wonderful, inspired paintings! They will be on view at our Art Exhibition next week! As geographers, we have thought about how we can represent places on a map using symbols. As mathematicians, we have continued our shape learning. We have explored symmetry and learnt how to identify different 3D shapes.

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: jel8

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:

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Loki

You have shined in so many ways this week Loki. You have created some beautiful artwork, showed our school values during our cinema trip and been involved in some brilliant shape learning in maths. Well done you!



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 historians, we loved investigating West Alvington Woods on Wednesday after being inspired by Roger, the curator from the Salcombe Maritime Museum, who told us tales of the US soldiers who were here in preparation for the D-Day landings and based in the area for Exercise Tiger. The children were so excited to find the 200-year-old beech trees where the soldiers had carved their names, their hometowns and the names of loved ones during their visit in 1944.



As authors and writers, we loved welcoming Katherine from Usborne Books, who shared her love of reading and some inspiring books for the children to explore. We will be sharing our own stories, informed by the novel *Rose Blanche*, with Hazel Class next week.

As mathematicians, Year 5 & 6 have been learning long division this week and have enjoyed challenging each other with some tricky maths! Year 3 & 4 have been practising their fluency when multiplying by tens.

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 have given the children a copy of the lyrics so they can practise the songs for our Carol Service next week. I have also sent home some maths practise in preparation for our PUMA assessments next week.

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**.

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Elsie

We are so proud of your achievements this term Elsie. Your resilience and determination shines through in all of our curriculum subjects and your work is always beautifully presented. You are happy to try new things, with a smile on your face, even if they are very tricky! Thank you, Elsie, – SUPERSTAR!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 87.8%

Let's try to improve next week!

Dates for your Diary

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 – 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 – WA Christmas Market

Monday 11th December – KS2 Carol Service @ WA Church 1.30pm

Tea & Coffee provided by FOWA

Santa, Elf or Reindeer hats to be worn (bring in by Wednesday 6th December)

Tuesday 12th December – Hazel Theatre trip

Thursday 14th December – Christmas spectacular day! Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party (Village Hall TBC)

Friday 15th December – Last day of term
Wednesday 24th January – Hazel Trip To Jump Plymouth

Forest School Dates

Monday 11th December – Hazel & Chestnut
(Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am).