

Dear Families,

What an amazing week of marvellous festivities it's been! Oak Class had a memorable theatre trip to the Hippodrome in Bristol whilst Hazel Class performed a brilliant song filled Nativity which got us all in the mood for Christmas – they were such shining stars!

Thank you to Bex and the FOWA for organising such an incredible Art Exhibition on Wednesday, the children were so proud to show off their artwork.



We are pleased to announce that, beginning in January, we will have an experienced music teacher at West Alvington, available on a Thursday morning who will offer teaching of the piano, keyboards, violin and guitar. Please get in touch for lesson and fee details.

More thrilling news to share is that our talented artist Clarry has won the Dartmouth Christmas Fayre Poster Competition with his inspired digital art skills and bagged a free-swimming lesson for everyone in Oak Class, well done Clarry! Details to follow in the New Year.



Miss Coombe

Nativity videos

We had a few families that sadly missed our Nativity play this year. Please could you send any videos you have of the performance to me at lcose@lapsw.org so they can experience the magic as well. Thank you, Miss Cose.

Miss Baldwin

After many years working in our South Hams Hub family of schools Miss Baldwin is moving on to a full-time role in the NHS. Miss Baldwin has worked as a Learning Support Assistant, MTA and Administrator over her time in the Hub. She will be much missed by children, colleagues and families. We wish her all the best in her exciting new post.

Grapes

Please remember to cut your children's grapes up in their lunch boxes. Lengthways, 4 times is best.

Some important information for next week-

- Monday – Hazel & Chestnut Forest School AM
- Monday – Carol Service 1.30pm @ Church – all children (EYFS, KS1 & KS2) to wear a Santa's hat or Christmas headband (Hazel will be coming over to watch the performance and will join in with a few songs!)
- Tuesday – Hazel trip to the theatre
- Thursday – Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
- Thursday – Whole school Christmas Party @ The Village Hall – normal pick-up time please.
- Friday – Last day of term – dress down day
- Tuesday 2nd January – NON-PUPIL DAY
- Wednesday 3rd January – 1st day of Spring Term

**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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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



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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All of Nursery

For an amazing nativity performance! Superstars!



Hazel Years R-2

A huge well done to all of the children for our magical Nativity performance. It really warmed our hearts to see them so enthusiastic, beaming with confidence and singing beautifully. We couldn't be prouder!

EYFS – *Our theme this week has been space. The children have been busy exploring a vast range of planets and got creative by making some beautiful space paintings. Our fine motor focus this term is scissor skills.*

KS1 – *As scientists, we evaluated our bread experiment. The children loved studying the mould (through a bag of course!) and wrote some wonderful evaluations. As mathematicians, we have continued our shape learning. We have been exploring edges, faces and vertices on 3D shapes.*

Home Learning

Spelling - KS1 only

No spellings this week.

Reading in Spring Term

From January, your child will need to bring in their RWinc book and reading record every day to school. Their morning task will be to read their book first thing. This will also allow for reading with adults throughout the week. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Home Learning – EYFS & KS1

Your child will come home with a range of activities which may include reading and/or maths. They will be personalised to your child.

I will set work on Oxford Owl as usual.

Most importantly, please enjoy the Christmas break! 😊

Miss Elliott and I wish you the most wonderful Christmas and happiest new year. We can't wait to hear about what you get up to!

Reception children:

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Flynn

You have been such a superstar this week! I have been so impressed with your sentence writing in phonics – you are never afraid of a challenge! Well done you!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 96.7%
Let's try and improve next week!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class..

Mrs Andrews and I couldn't be prouder of Oak Class, who were just wonderful during our school trip to the theatre. They loved the train, sitting in Queen's Park to eat lunch and then on to the Hippodrome to be blown away by the mesmerising singing and dancing. A trip to Tesco on the way back to the train station was another 'highlight'. I know that they were so excited to tell you all about it too!





Thank you to Mandy for coming in to present the last candle for advent for all of our children on Wednesday afternoon. They have really enjoyed listening to the Christmas Story.



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 on Monday afternoon.

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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Lilly-May

We are very proud of the resilience and determination you have shown this week Lilly. You kept pushing yourself when you found things challenging. Well done – SUPERSTAR!

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Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 97.2%

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Dates for your Diary

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

Tea & Coffee provided by FOWA

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

Tuesday 2nd January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Wednesday 3rd January – First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 17th January – Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety workshop

Wednesday 24th January – Hazel Trip To Jump Plymouth

12th – 16th February – Half Term

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 17th Jan – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 31st Jan – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 21st February – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 6th March – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 20th March – Hazel & Chestnut

Tuesday 26th March – Oak & Chestnut

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