



Dear Families,

As we dive into the new year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the latest happenings at West Alvington Academy.



Enjoying the Snow:

We've had a snowy start to the year, and I must say, our little ones have been absolutely thrilled! They've had a wonderful time making tiny snowballs and snow angels during their break times!

Art Lessons:

Our budding artists have been busy unleashing their creativity in their art lessons, exploring various artistic techniques and styles. KS1 have been learning about the natural sculpture of Andy Goldsworthy while KS2 are learning about sculpture inspired by the work of artist Antony Gormley. We can't wait to see what they create!

Art Club

We are also very lucky to have Becs to further inspire the children's creativity during Art Club. This is a very popular club with lots of children keen to join in! In order to give space for the children to express their creativity Art Club will be for Hazel class only this half term, Oak class will get their chance in Spring 2. Please sign your child up via the My Child At School APP.

Next week sees the return of Forest School with Pete. The weather is forecast to stay cold next week so please ensure the children are wrapped up warmly.

We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation in making West Alvington Academy a thriving and enriching learning environment for all our children. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- Tuesday – Sports club 4.15pm finish
- Wednesday – Forest School (Hazel & Chestnut)
- Wednesday – Fire Education Visit Yr 2 & 5
- Wednesday – Art Club (Hazel) 4pm finish
- Thursday – Sports club 4.15pm finish
- Friday Lunchtime – Choir held in Oak Class

Music Lessons

As part of next week's Praise Assembly our children will have a presentation from Mrs Bickle all about learning to play an instrument, we hope they will be excited to learn more about different musical instruments and the process of learning to play them. Mrs Bickle will send home some letters all about how to sign up for lessons after the assembly.

Sporty Stars Half-Term Holiday Camp

During the half term holiday Sporty Stars will be running a daily sports club based at All Saints Thurlestone Academy. The multi activity holiday camps provide children with an active and engaging experience during the school holidays. The camps are designed for children aged 5 - 12 with an action-packed timetable designed to suit this age range. Children can expect an active day with a range of sports, arts & crafts and unique activities such as zorbing, archery, glow in the dark sports, nerf wars, inflatables and more.

As with every service they offer, the focus is always to have as much fun as possible, in a safe and encouraging environment.

Here's how to sign up

<https://bookwhen.com/thurlestoneholidaycamp#focus=ev-sst7-20240212081500>



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!

Hazel Years R-2

EYFS – In reception this week, our theme has been Planet Earth. The children have been busy exploring our planet and what it looks like. We have explored land, sea, animals and weather. During their EYFS collaboration afternoon, the children shared stories about our Earth and how to look after it. Our fine motor focus this term is pinching. The children have been busy playing Jenga, threading beads and balancing objects. We have seen such fabulous progress in phonics since the Christmas break. A huge shoutout to **Emma** for writing her first ever sentence this week! We are so proud of you!

KS1 – As scientists, we continued our learning about everyday materials by exploring properties. We consolidated our learning by going on a material hunt around school! As historians, we have started our new topic of The Royal Family. We

have begun by learning what a monarch is and looking at what a monarch does. We examined Royal objects and how they help the King. As artists, we have also started a new piece of learning based on the work by Andy Goldsworthy. In our lesson this week we shared and discussed his work and our first impressions. In computing, the children learnt how to use the Paintz app and started to use a range of digital tools to make marks. [untitled.png - PaintZ](#)

Our show and tell is changing – each child will be allocated a Wednesday to bring in something special to share.

Next week: Flynn

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.



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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Ella-Mae

For showing incredible determination with your writing! You have really tried hard to make sure that your letters are formed correctly, your letters are on the line and that your work is beautifully presented.

Well done – you are amazing!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 100%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

As historians, we have been learning about the Tudors. We created a timeline to show key events and learnt about the Battle of Bosworth. As writers, we have been learning how to write to persuade the reader. We have listened to speeches and are learning about refugees. As mathematicians, we started our fractions unit and have been learning about the whole, equivalent fractions and mixed numbers.

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.

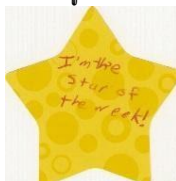
Home Learning

For home learning this week, I have asked the children to research, draw and label the key features of a mountain as part of our geography learning this term.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. These will be spelling rules, common exception words or come from the Tier 2 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every **Friday**.

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Harriet

We just have to take a moment to give credit to this young lady for her magnificent Family Tree creation. Well done Harriet for inspiring us all with your constant curiosity. We have proudly displayed your ancestry on our history wall. We loved the addition of Panda too – Thank you!

SUPERSTAR!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 81%

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th January – Hazel Class Trip Jump Plymouth
- Monday 5th February – Parent Consultations
Wednesday 7th February – Parent Consultations
Wednesday 7th February – Climate Change Workshop
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Half Term
Monday 19th February – Oak Class Trip Buckland Abbey
Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 17th Jan – Hazel Class

Wednesday 31st Jan – Oak Class

Wednesday 21st Feb – Hazel Class

Wednesday 6th March – Oak Class

Wednesday 20th March – Hazel Class

Wednesday 26th March – Oak Class

Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am