

Dear Families,

Our children and teachers have been very busy with their learning this week. Our subject leaders have been venturing out across the hub to engage with the children about their learning experiences across the curriculum. It is a great opportunity for our children to gain a deeper understanding of various subjects and explore their individual interests. We truly appreciate the efforts of our subject leaders in making learning fun and engaging!



A visit from the Fire Service

Our children enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service this week which gave the opportunity to learn all about fire safety and how they can show our school value of responsibility in keeping themselves safe.



Wrap up warm

As the chilly winter weather continues, I want to remind everyone to wrap up warm as your children come to school. Coats, scarves, hats, and gloves are all essential items to keep our little ones warm.

Showing our value of Responsibility

At West Alvington Academy, we place a strong emphasis on responsibility and the importance of thinking about how we can help others in our community and the wider world. We are incredibly proud of our children who have been showing their commitment to this value by participating in various acts of kindness. As a school we have been thinking carefully about how we would like to show our value of responsibility in our community and wider World.

Parent Consultations Tuesday 6th Feb / Wednesday 7th Feb

We will shortly be writing to you with details on how to sign up for Parent and Carer consultations. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss your child's progress and set goals for their future success. We kindly ask that you make every effort to attend.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can nurture their growth and success.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- Tuesday – Sports club 4.15pm finish
- Wednesday – Year 6 join Charleton for Forest School (afternoon)
- Wednesday – Art Club (Hazel) 4pm finish
- Wednesday – Hazel class trip to Jump. Water bottles, long sleeves, long trousers and socks are a must please. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.
- Thursday – Sports club 4.15pm finish
- Friday Lunchtime – Choir held in Oak Class

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>



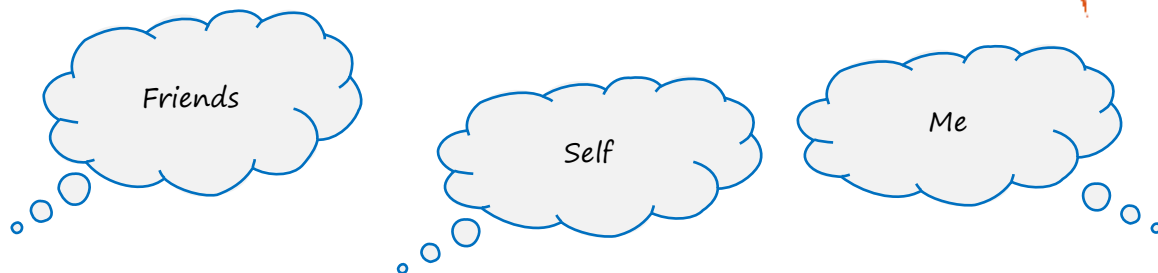
West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

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

Please can we ensure that your child is completing their Oxford Owl home learning and reading their book bag 3 times per week. This book will be decodable for your child, so they don't need to read to you all 3 times. They could read their book to a sibling, themselves in the car on the way to school, a teddy bear, a grandparent over the phone – anyone! Please confirm in their reading record that they have read 3 times and bring it to school with them every day. Reading is the key to everything. Thank you for your continued support.

EYFS – In reception this week, our theme has been Antarctica and the Arctic. We have been exploring a variety of polar animals and have been investigating how and why ice forms and melts. Our fine motor focus this term is pinching.

KS1 – As scientists, we continued our learning about everyday materials by conducting an experiment to see what material would be best suited to an astronaut's nappy. The children were able to describe the properties of the materials we tested, and they found that sponge was the most absorbent. As geographers, we identified the United Kingdom and worked together to label the countries and flags within. As designers, we have begun to look at bridges. This week we explored a variety of bridges such as suspension, beam, truss, arch and cantilever and researched what different types of bridges are used for.

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

Next week: Loki

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 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 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.

Reception children:

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Please also find their home learning task on Tapestry.



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Teddy

You have been such a superstar this week Teddy! You have been so helpful and kind – you are such a valued member of our class. Thank you 😊

Attendance

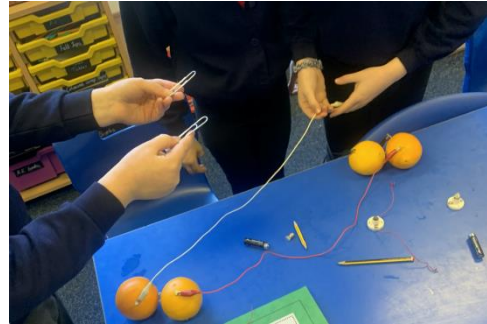
Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 99%
Well done Everyone!

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Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

As scientists, Year 3 & 4 used materials to learn about conductors and insulators, while Year 5 & 6 made fruit batteries using lemons and oranges, paperclips and bulbs. As historians, the children created a Tudor family tree – they enjoyed learning the Horrible Histories song about Henry VIII and the fate of his six wives. As mathematicians, Year 3 & 4 have been counting fractions on a number line while Year 5 & 6 have been converting mixed numbers to improper fractions. As global citizens, the children read the story of Mount Sinai and learnt how God delivered the Israelites and made them His special people.



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.

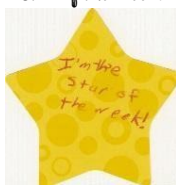
Home Learning

For home learning this week, I will be sending home some maths practise, please help the children to complete.

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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You have really impressed Mrs Andrews and me with your determination to have a go at everything this week – all with a smile on your face! It's lovely to see how quickly you are settling into life at West Alvington, enjoying games of

football in the sunshine and making new friends. Well Done
Oli – Welcome to Oak Class 😊

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th January – Hazel Class Trip Jump Plymouth
Tuesday 6th 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
(Drop off 8.10 am and pick up 4pm from the Cattle Market car park in Kingsbridge)
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).