

Dear Families,

Firstly, I am delighted to inform you that the booking for Parents' Evening is now live! This is a fantastic opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. We encourage you to take full advantage of this valuable occasion to gain insights into your child's learning journey.



In other news, I am thrilled to share that Hazel Class had an amazing trip to Jump in Plymouth. They thoroughly enjoyed a day filled with fun and adventure. They had the opportunity to zoom down slides, explore the soft play area, and conquer exciting challenges. We are so pleased to provide these enriching experiences that broaden their horizons.

Staffing News

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been recruiting a new administrator to join our school family. Once checks, notice periods and pre-employment training is completed our new administrator will be joining us after the half term break. We will also shortly be advertising for a Nursery LSA to cover Mrs Butterworth's upcoming maternity leave.

Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment to your child's education.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- Tuesday – Sports club 4.15pm finish
- Wednesday – Forest School (Oak & Chestnut)
- Wednesday – Art Club (Hazel) 4pm finish
- 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

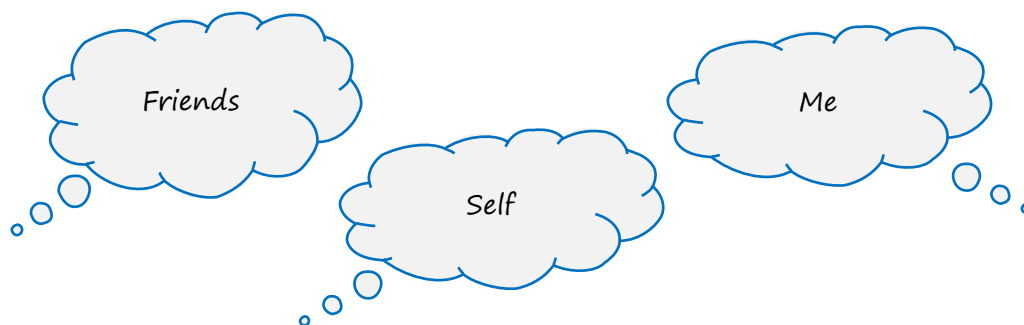
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

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

Miss Elliott and I are so proud of everyone for their beautiful behaviour at Jump on Wednesday. You were so polite, gentle and caring towards the other children around you – thank you all!

EYFS – In reception this week, our theme has been transport. The children have been busy exploring the variety of different transport we have in this country. We spoke about which types of transport they have and would like to try. During their EYFS collaboration afternoon, the children junk modelled different types of transport such as ambulances and aeroplanes! Our fine motor focus this term is pinching.

KS1 – As scientists, we explored materials that are opaque and transparent by creating the best curtains for a rocket ship! As historians, we learnt all about Queen Elizabeth II and created some truly fabulous fact files about her life which mentioned key events such as her marriage, coronation and platinum jubilee. As Geographers we located the seas surrounding the UK.

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 tricky words.

Reading

Please refer to the letter and new reading records sent home today.

*RWinc book bag book, reading record and library book due in: Thursday
Friday* *New books :*

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:

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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Grace

For shining like a true historian during our learning about Queen Elizabeth II. You showed so much curiosity by asking well thought out questions and produced a fantastic fact file.

Well done you!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 96%
Well done Everyone!



Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

As geographers this week, Oak Class sketched and labelled the features of a mountain and found out that when mountains are formed next to each other, it's called a mountain range. As artists, the children analysed the work of Antony Gormley and took time to appreciate his sculptures noticing their symbolic representations. We discovered that there is an Antony Gormley sculpture on Plymouth Hoe. As budding scientists, Year 3 & 4 learnt how to make a switch using a simple circuit while Year 5 & 6 used a Data Logger to measure sound and light – Mrs Thomas was very proud of your work!

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 charities which they would like to start fundraising for as a school and explain why they have chosen this charity. The children should include ideas for fundraising events and set a goal to achieve.

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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Junior

What can we say? This young man has wowed us all with his wonderful vocabulary, beautiful handwriting, jaw dropping geography and a huge love of reading! Junior, Mrs Andrews and I are so very proud of you – well done SUPERSTAR!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 95%

Well done Everyone!

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

Dates for your Diary

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 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).