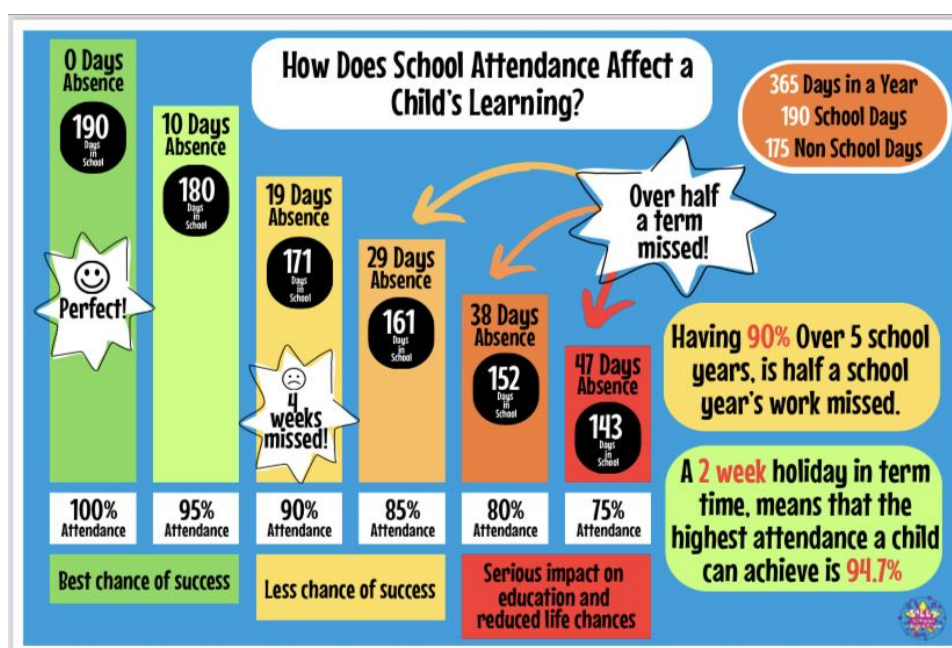




Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we settle into the second half of the Spring Term, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of the importance of regular attendance for your child. Attending school every day not only helps them keep up with their learning but also encourages good habits that will benefit them for years to come.



We have some exciting opportunities planned for our students this term, including sailing and our residential trip to Heatree House on Dartmoor. These wider opportunities aim to enrich their learning experiences and provide them with valuable skills and memories. I would like to express my gratitude to our whole staff team for their dedication in organising all of these experiences for our children. These extracurricular activities help to foster a sense of community and provide students with a chance to explore their interests outside of the classroom.

A few reminders and updates

- Please can we ask that healthy packed lunches and only water or weak fruit squash are sent to school in line with our health food focus?
- We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Monday 18th March so Year 5 and 6 are included as they will be on their Residential Trip on RND.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

Contact Information

As we now have Liz Sutton in our school admin role, please can we ask that all emails for school and teachers are sent to westalvington@laspw.org as this is the most monitored email account and will ensure the quickest possible reply to your query.

Juggling work and life can sometimes be challenging. Available support with the costs of childcare can make this easier. We want you to be aware of government support for your children attending our Nurseries or Wrap around Care Childcare Provision.



OUR NURSERY FUNDING CHOICES

Age 3-4 years				Age 2 years			
ALL PARENTS				FAMILIES RECEIVING SOME ADDITIONAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT			
15 HOURS Now	15 HOURS APR 2024	15 HOURS SEP 2024	15 HOURS SEP 2025	15 HOURS Now	15 HOURS APR 2024	15 HOURS SEP 2024	15 HOURS SEP 2025
WORKING FAMILIES				WORKING FAMILIES			
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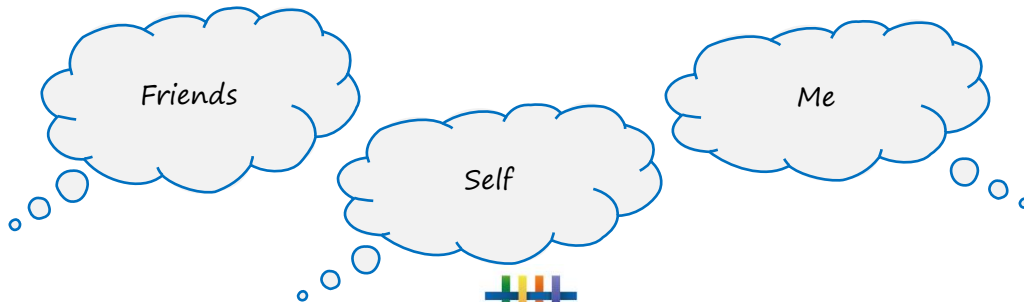
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

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 The Royal Family which has linked beautifully with the learning in KS1. During their EYFS collaboration afternoon, the children have read a range of stories about our new King and completed a family tree of the Royals. We so impressed at how much they already knew! Our fine motor focus this term is pinching.

KS1 – As scientists, we made waterproof shelters for Incy Wincy! The children evaluated their shelters focusing on what went well and what tweaks would make their shelter more effective. As global citizens, we researched why Muslim women wear Hijabs. The children had the opportunity to design their own Hijab which included things that were special to them. As mathematicians, both Year 1 and 2 have moved onto length and height. We begin our learning by revisiting measuring with objects before moving onto cm and metres. As geographers, we have explored the physical features of Northern Ireland and Wales looking at Rivers, Mountains and areas such as the Brecon Beacons.

A big thank you to those in KS1 completed their Geography homework by making a poster all about London! They were so fabulous and have been put onto our Geography working wall – even Miss Coombe has commented on how great they were!

A quick reminder that your child should be reading their RWinc book x3 per week and writing this in their reading record. They should also be completing an Oxford Owl quiz x1 per week. These should be brought back into school/completed by Thursday each week. Please find all expectation information in their reading records. Thank you.

Show and Tell: each child will be allocated a Wednesday to bring in something special to share.

Next week: Michael

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

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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I can't wait to see!

Please also find their home learning task on Tapestry.

Star of the Week!



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Henry

For always being such a fantastic member of Hazel class. You go above and beyond in everything you do, and we have been so impressed with your learning retrieval recently! What a superstar!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 93%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

As designers in technology this week, we explored different types of torches, the materials they are made from and their varied uses. We investigated how torches work by looking at simple circuits. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring which types of switches and casings are most effective and why. Oak Class will then design, make and evaluate their very own torches. As scientists, the children learnt about the solubility of materials. Testing, jelly, marshmallows, flour, icing sugar and butter to investigate whether these substances dissolve in liquid. As authors this week, we have loved writing our diary entries imagining how Scott and his crew felt during their expedition to the Antarctic.

On Thursday 7th March it is **WORLD BOOK DAY**. Our School Council thought it would be a fabulous idea to dress up as a word and complete a range of activities in school based on the book *The Word Collector* by Peter H. Reynolds. The theme of the book is words and the power that they have, so our day in school will be very much focussing on vocabulary and having fun with new, interesting and powerful words – some great ideas can be found online if you Google “Vocabulary Parade” – how exciting!

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.

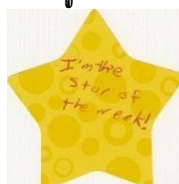
Home Learning

Today in computing, we have looked at how words and pictures are used on signs in the world around us. Your task is to look at some packaging and see if you can find examples where images, text, or both images and text have been used to communicate a message using your crib sheet to record your findings.

Spellings

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

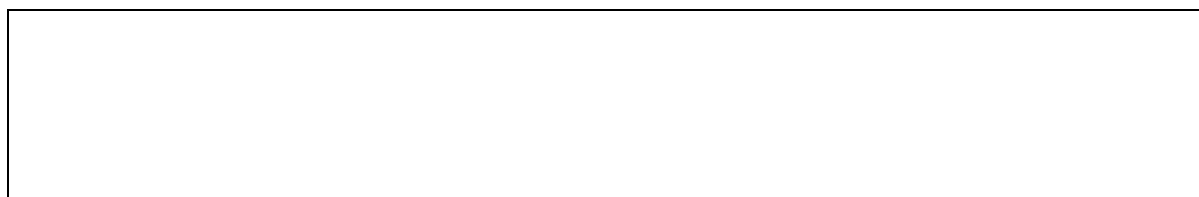
Star of the Week!



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Billie

You always have a kind word to say and brighten up our days in Oak Class. You have inspired us all with your wonderful diary entry ideas in English, also some hilarious similes that made us chuckle! Thank you, Billie, – what a superstar!



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Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

7.3.24 - World Book Day

25.3.24 - First Aid training for the children

26.3.24 - Easter Service in Church all welcome

27.3.24 - EYFS & KS1 Trip to the Theatre - Three Little Pigs

28.3.24 - Last day of Spring term

29.3.24 - 15.4.24 Easter Holidays

16.4.24 - First day of Summer Term

30.4.24 - Whole School Class Photos

06.5.24 - Bank holiday

24.05.24 - Last day of Spring Term

04.06.24 - First day of Summer Term

w/c 10.06.24 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 6th March - Oak and Chestnut

Wednesday 20th March - Hazel and Chestnut

Tuesday 26th March - Oak and Chestnut

Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024

10.30am until 12.30pm

Meet at:

West Alvington Village Hall

**REFRESHMENTS
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Please bring any
buckets, sponges and
weeding equipment
you have.

Children welcome - to be supervised by an adult at all times.



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