

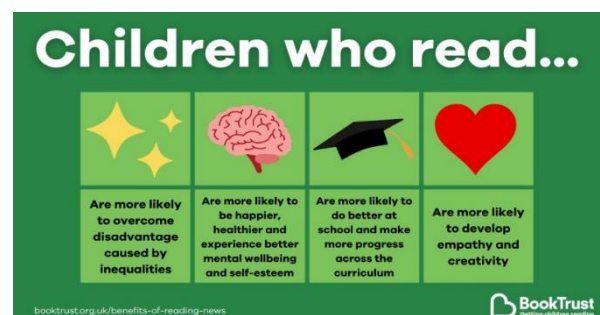


Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to share some of the amazing things happening at our school this week.

Our forest school sessions this week have been absolutely brilliant! The children have been exploring nature, getting their hands dirty, and learning so much in the sunshine. The mud slide was a particular highlight! It's been wonderful to see them grow and develop their skills in such a natural setting.

We also had a fantastic celebration of World Book Day this year, with everyone getting involved and showing their love for reading with gusto. The costumes were amazing, and the children's creativity really shone through! Reading is so important for your child's wellbeing - it opens up new worlds, sparks imagination, and helps them learn and grow in so many ways.



Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement in all that we do here at school.

If you have any questions or would like to chat further about any of these updates, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always here to support you and your child in every way we can.

Warm regards

Miss Coombe



Information for next week:

Next week Year 5 and 6 are out on Residential with Mrs Hatch and Miss Elliott. The week will be covered by Mrs Andrews, Miss Cose and Mrs Thomas. Nursery will be supported Miss Lees and Sue. We have some exciting things planned.

Tuesday – PE PM – Whole school mini-Olympics tournament!

Wednesday – Science investigation Yr R-4

Thursday – Dress down and art project day! Our art project isn't messy so no need for old clothes. For those who go to Ryan's sport club please ensure your child is wearing trainers.

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	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025
WORKING FAMILIES				WORKING FAMILIES			
30 HOURS	30 HOURS	30 HOURS	30 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	30 HOURS	
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	

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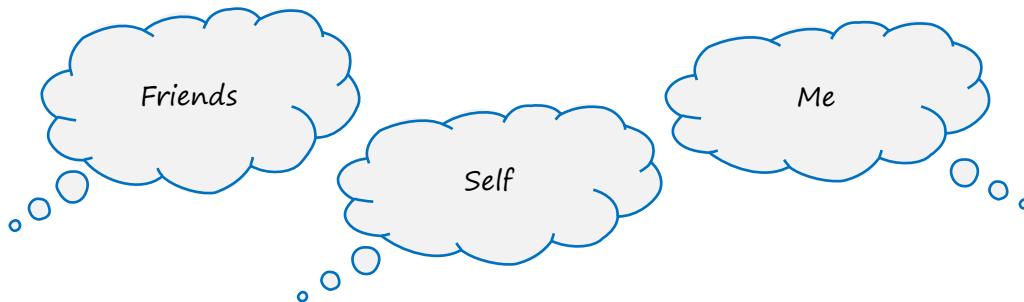
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



Wow Words

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



TAPESTRY
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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

This week in Hazel class...

As scientists, we explored the concept of floating and sinking. The children were amazed that a satsuma floated but peeled it sank. They used their scientific thinking to work out why this might have been.

As global citizens, we looked at where Muslims go to pray. The children explored what it is like inside a mosque and why it is important to the Islamic faith.

As designers, we recapped on our learning about different types of bridges and had their first practice at building a bridge for King Charles III. I was very impressed with their teamwork and ability to problem solve!

As musicians, we first practiced keeping in time to a beat, marching and playing instruments to a simple 1,2,3,4 beat. We also looked at a few key aspects of music such as forte, piano, crescendo and diminuendo. We used the song 'It's oh so quiet' by Bjork.

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: Henry

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:

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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Loki

You have warmed our hearts with your love for learning this week Loki. It was amazing to see your enthusiasm for our Science experiment and predicting which objects would sink or float! Well done you!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 100%
Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

So many exciting things have happened in school this week. In PE this half term, Mr S is teaching us about the rules and scoring principles of tennis. On Wednesday, we set off in the glorious sunshine to meet Pete at West Alvington Woods where the children had a mudtastic time! We completed our 'Statistics' elicitation task in maths and beat previous scores in our soundchecks for the MTC assessment! The children's timetables practise is really paying off! We wowed everyone with our Vocabulary Parade on Thursday morning for World Book Day – the children looked amazing and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Year 5 and 6 (and me and Miss Elliot) are very excited about the

residential next week. We will keep you updated with news and plenty of photographs. See you soon 😊



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.

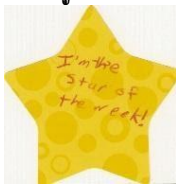
Home Learning

Year 3 & 4, following your science theory lesson on Thursday, I would like you to investigate the melting point of 3 materials - ice, chocolate and butter. Record your results in the table I have printed for you (use a thermometer if you have one or use a timer). Discuss how accurate your predictions were and whether melting is a reversible change.

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**.

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Hunter

You are such a polite and thoughtful young man, always willing to help others when they are stuck. You ask questions during our lessons to deepen your own understanding and the improvement in your reading and handwriting has blown us all away! What a SUPERSTAR! Well done Hunter



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Art club

We would also like to share some photos of the excellent projects that the children have been getting up to in art club, Well Done everyone!



Dates for your Diary

- 11.3.24 - Year 5 & 6 Heatree Residential
 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
 05.06.24 - 03.07.24 - Year 4 Sailing Salcombe Dinghy Club (weekly x 5 weeks)
 w/c 10.06.24 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

Forest School Dates

- Wednesday 20th March - Hazel and Chestnut
 Tuesday 26th March - Oak and Chestnut
 Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am.

And lastly if your beginning to plan your Easter break here are some exciting opportunities available for you to Consider.

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KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB
EASTER HOLIDAY TIMETABLE
MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

Mon 8th April	9:00 - 15:00 All Day Holiday Club Members and non-members age 5+. A mixture of games and gymnastics fun with all equipment including the air track. All Day £35 / 2 hour £16					
Tues 9th April	9:45 - 10:45 Mini Gym Cubs Drop in £5 per child	11:00 - 13:00 Jump and Bounce Members and non-members 2hrs of bouncing fun, session will focus on our 2 bounciest equipment; the trampette and the air track. £16 for 2 hours	13:30 - 14:30 Free Style 8-11yrs £8.50 for 1 hour	14:30 - 15:30 Free Style 12-16yrs £8.50 for 1 hour	Freestyle A NEW session freestyle gymnastics, a dynamic session using vault, trampette, blocks and floor. £8.50 for 1 hour	
Thurs 11th April	9:00 - 10:00 Skill Beam £8.50 per 1 hour £38 for all day 9-3:30	10:00 - 11:00 Skill Bars £8.50 per 1 hour £38 for all day 9-3:30	11:00 - 12:00 Skill Vault & Trampette £8.50 per 1 hour £38 for all day 9-3:30	12:45 - 13:30 Strength & Conditioning £6.50 per 1 hour £38 for all day 9-3:30	13:30 - 14:30 Skill Handstands £8.50 per 1 hour £38 for all day 9-3:30	14:30 - 15:30 Skill Cartwheels £8.50 per 1 hour £38 for all day 9-3:30
Fri 12th April	9:00 - 12:00 Holiday Club Members and non-members age 5+. A mixture of games, gym the air track. 3 hour £24		13:00 - 15:00 Jump and Bounce Members and non-members 2hrs of bouncing fun, session will focus on our 2 bounciest equipment; the trampette and the air track. £16 for 2 hours		16:00 - 17:00 Gymclusive Sen Session £6 per child + £4 per sibling	

CLUB CLOSED 29TH MARCH - 7TH APRIL
 CLASSES RUNNING AS NORMAL 8TH APRIL - 12TH APRIL
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