



Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had an enjoyable half term break.



This week, we had the most wonderful school trip to Buckland Abbey! Our children had a fantastic time diving into the intriguing world of Tudor times and exploring the historical setting. The children were able to immerse themselves in the rich history of Buckland Abbey, learning about the Tudor period in a fun and interactive way. They explored the beautiful surroundings, discovered fascinating details about life in Tudor times, and even had the chance to participate in engaging activities like dressing up as Tudors bringing history to life.

We were delighted to see how excited and engaged the children were throughout the trip. They asked insightful questions, showed great curiosity, and demonstrated a real eagerness to learn. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and positive attitude during the trip.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff who helped make this trip possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

### Ms Sutton

*This week we have been delighted to welcome Liz Sutton our new administrator to our team. Liz has worked for many years in schools and in admin roles so she is quickly settling into our school family and is looking forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.*

### 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](mailto:westalvington@laspw.org) as this is the most monitored email account and will ensure the quickest possible reply to your query.

## West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

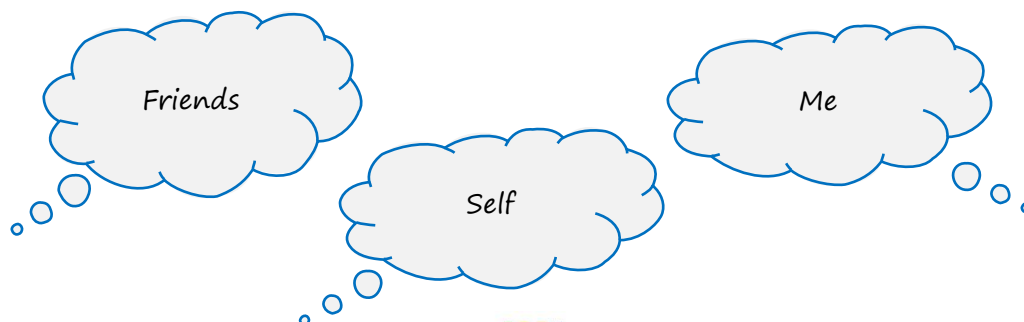
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

### Chestnut - Nursery



#### **WOW Words!**

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



TAPESTRY  
ONLINE LEARNING  
JOURNAL

#### **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

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**EYFS** – In reception this week, our theme has been London. During their EYFS collaboration afternoon, the children loved singing the nursery rhyme, ‘London Bridge’, explored maps and buildings. The children were able to make fantastic connections and comparisons to Kingsbridge. Our fine motor focus this term is pinching.

**KS1** – As scientists, we conducted an experiment to see which materials would make a suitable for a waterproof cover for Incy Wincy spider! Next week, we will be making these shelters. As global citizens, we have started our second unit on Islam. I was blown away with how much the children could retrieve from the Autumn Term. As mathematicians, Year 1 have been exploring place value within 50. They have been learning to partition numbers into tens and ones. Year 2 have been collecting and interpreting data using tally charts, tables, block diagrams and pictograms. As artists, we concluded our unit by making our very own Andy Goldsworthy inspired sculptures at Forest School. In RHE this week we have been focussing on how we get along with others and how we can resolve conflicts if they arise.

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

*Next week: Ethan*

## 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: 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.

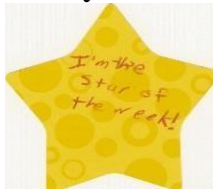
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Please also find their home learning task on Tapestry.

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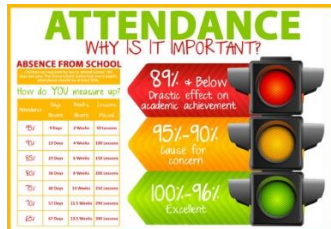
Henry - For always being a superstar member of Hazel Class. We have noticed you shining this week and always offering a helping hand to teachers and friends.

You are so kind!

Ollie - For exploring fantastically during Forest School. You aren't afraid to take risks to deepen your learning.

Well done Ollie.

**Attendance**



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

## Oak Years 3-6

Oak Class had a fantastic trip to Buckland Abbey this week! They were able to put their Tudor history knowledge into context by learning even more about the life of Sir Francis Drake, handling authentic, original artefacts and witnessing, first hand, how the Tudors lived. As mathematicians, the children have been grappling with our new unit 'Measurement'. Year 5 & 6 have been finding the perimeter of polygons while Year 3 & 4 have been finding equivalent lengths.

As authors, we are writing to inform this term, using 'Captain Scott of the Antarctic's' expedition to inspire us. We wrote a diary entry as part of our elicitation task. I'm looking forward to reading the children's final outcomes for this writing sequence.

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### 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.

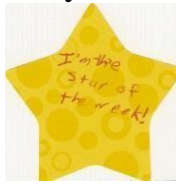
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For home learning this week, I have sent home a practise grammar sheet for your child. Please also encourage the children to complete a soundcheck to beat their previous scores!

## 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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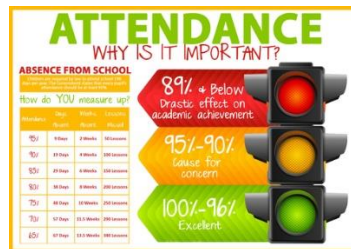
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Shauna

You have settled in so beautifully to Oak Class. You are always so keen to share your thoughts and ideas and I am so impressed with how you have thrown yourself into everything in Oak Class this week! Well Done –

SUPERSTAR! 😊

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Last week's attendance was **93%**  
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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 20<sup>th</sup> March - Hazel and Chestnut  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Oak and Chestnut  
Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am.