

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.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you had a fantastic Easter break filled with fun. We are excited for all the wonderful things we have planned for this term, and we can't wait to share them with you.

This term, we are looking forward to sailing adventures, the Year 4 residential trip, exciting summer trips and lots of learning opportunities for your children. We have some fantastic activities and experiences lined up to make this term memorable for all our children.

As the weather (hopefully) starts to warm up, we kindly ask that you send your child to school prepared for the sunshine. Please make sure to pack sun cream and a sun hat in their bags to ensure they are protected when playing outside.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, filled with growth, fun, and lots of learning. Thank you for your ongoing support

Please see the end of this bulletin for Key Summer Term Dates.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

PS-



Some lovely news! Mrs Butterworth and her family welcomed Arlie to their family over the Easter Holiday. We can't wait to meet him!

Information for Year Six transition to KCC

As we prepare our Year 6 children for their exciting transition to Secondary School we wanted to provide you with some upcoming dates. KCC will be writing to you with further information. In addition to the dates below there will be an enhanced transition day for some children and a visit to our school by KCC staff for all children.

Wednesday 3rd July Transition Day for West Alvington and Thurlestone (see letter from KCC)

Thursday 4th July: Induction evening for students, parents, and carers

Monday 5th to Friday 9th August: The Big Step Summer Programme

Thursday 5th September 2024: First day of Autumn Term for all students

Information for next week:

Tuesday - PE Club 4.15pm finish

Wednesday - Oak and Chestnut Forest School / Art Club (Hazel) 4pm finish

Thursday - Hazel music lesson with Mrs Bickle / Sporty Stars 4.15pm finish

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 | | | |
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| 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 | |

Arrange your visit today, call: 01548 560494 or Email: thurlestone@lpsw.org for more information

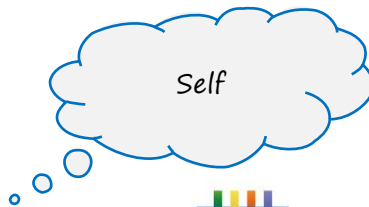
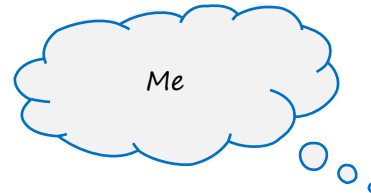
Chestnut Nursery

Miss Lees and Miss Vennard



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 Class Years R-2

Miss Cose and Miss Elliott



This week in Hazel...

We have had a fantastic first week back at school and we have loved welcoming you all back. We have been busy starting our new topics of learning from the Great Fire of London, to Fruit Smoothies to Athletics!

A huge well done to Albie and Ethan for their Easter home learning projects. We can see that so much time and effort went into creating these!

We are excited to announce that starting from next week, Mrs Bickle, our music teacher, will be teaching the whole class to play the steel drums. We will have x5 lessons. Keep your eyes peeled for a performance date!

Albie shared something special with us in show and tell this week. He brought in his ukelele and even played us tune - we were completely blown away. Thank you for sharing something so special with us!



Show and Tell: each child will be allocated a Wednesday to bring in something special to share (no toys please).

Next week: Teddy

Home Learning

Spellings - KS1 only

Your child will come home with spellings each Friday. These will be tested the following Friday.

Reading

Please find all information of expectations in their reading record.

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!

Quiz completed by: Thursday New Quiz: Friday



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!



Star of the Week

Roxy

You have shone like a superstar in maths this week Rox! You have been able to apply your knowledge of capacity and volume to challenge questions and deepen your thinking.
Well done you!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 94%
Well done Everyone!

Oak Class Years 3-6

Mrs Hatch and Mrs
Andrews



This week in Oak Class...

It was so lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Tuesday looking happy, rested and so much taller! We have had such a fabulous start to the Summer Term and the sun is finally shining! The children were keen to complete their Big Diary Write and have loved reading them to Mrs Dugard and Miss Holloway- they were super impressed! Oak Class were thoroughly engaged during the RNLI visit on Wednesday when they learnt more about how to keep themselves safe on and around the water. A special mention for Milla this week, she always goes above and beyond in her research at home. This week, finding the definition for the word 'piety' as part of our Pentecost learning in RE 😊. In Science, Year 5 & 6 have been learning about 'Evolution' while Year 3 & 4 have been learning about 'Rocks'. We love our new class novel 'The Firework Makers Daughter' which also links with our literacy writing. So many fun and exciting things planned this term...

Rupert looks forward to his guitar lessons with Mrs Bickle every Thursday!



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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.

Home Learning

Thank you for the amazing Egyptian fact files! We are using these as part of our class history display - they look fantastic! We will be focusing on spellings this term - the children will be keeping their spelling folders in school but bringing home a weekly copy to practise - thank you for your ongoing support.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. We are trialling a new mixed age spelling scheme in Oak Class for which the children each have their own folders. They will be practising these in school until they are confident with the new format.



Star of the week

Ethan

For your inquisitiveness and love of learning in all of our curriculum subjects. You always have something to share and inspire others with your questions. Keep going - well done SUPERSTAR!

Attendance

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Last week's attendance was 93%

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

- 30.4.24 - Whole School Class Photos
- 02.5.24 - Oak Trip to The Box Plymouth
- 06.5.24 - Bank holiday
- w/c 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATS week
- 24.5.24 - Last day of Spring Term
- 04.6.24 - First day of Summer Term
- 05.6.24 - 03.7.24 - Year 4 Sailing Salcombe Dinghy Club (weekly x 5 weeks)
- w/c 10.6.24 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
- 19.6.24 - Hazel and Chestnut Trip
- 19.6.24 - Oak London Trip to Parliament (TBC)
- 24.6.24-25.6.24 - Year 4 Residential
- 03.7.24 - Year 6 Transition Day KCC
- 04.7.24 - Induction evening for students, parents, and carers
- 05.7.24 - 09.8.24 - The Big Step Summer Programme
- 17.7.24 - Whole School Trip
- 24.7.24 - Last Day of Term

Forest School Dates

- Wednesday 24th April - Oak and Chestnut
- Wednesday 8th May - Hazel and Chestnut
- Wednesday 22nd May - Oak and Chestnut
- Wednesday 12th June - Oak and Chestnut
- Wednesday 26th June - Hazel and Chestnut
- Wednesday 10th July - Hazel and Chestnut

Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am.

Lastly and very importantly we would like to say a big thank you to the families that came along to the West Alvington community clean-up day. They have done an amazing job of cleaning, litter picking, weeding and scrubbing around the playground, paths and field-THANK YOU!

