

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,

Year 4 Residential Trip: Coming Soon! We are thrilled to announce that a letter regarding our thrilling Year 4 residential trip will be arriving in your inbox shortly! This adventure promises to be an unforgettable experience for our young explorers, filled with excitement, learning, and memorable moments. Please keep an eye out for this correspondence.

This week, our SENDco Mrs. Holloway has been spending time in classes, collaborating closely with both teachers and children. Mrs. Holloway's support is greatly appreciated by all members of our school community.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

Information for Year 6 Parents - Big Step Programme

"I think this was one of the greatest experiences of my life, it was amazing!"
Participating student 2023

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

GET YEAR-7 READY

THE BIG STEP TRANSITION PROGRAMME AT:
KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
5 - 9 AUGUST 2024

THE BIG STEP!
YEAR 6-7
TRANSITION
PROGRAMME

Have you considered signing your child up for the Big Step programme at KCC? The programme aims to achieve: Smoother transition from primary to secondary school, develop and improve students' self-esteem and confidence, familiarise them with their new surroundings, help to meet and make new friends, provide a taster of activities and learning and allow students to gain new skills and knowledge. Click the link below for more information.

<https://kingsbridge-community.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/The-Big-Step-Kingsbridge-CC-Transition-Programme-2024-38336.pdf?t=1713253464?ts=1714056600>

Change to Non Pupil date 2024 - 2025

In order to take advantage of some professional development being offered to our whole staff team we have taken the decision to alter the date of one of our Non Pupil Days in 2024-2025 instead of 22nd April 2025 will now be a Non Pupil Day. Updated term dates can be found here-

Apologies for the inconvenience and please do let the school office know if you have any questions.

Information for next week:

Tuesday - Whole Class School Photos - please wear smart uniforms to school and bring PE kit to change into.

- PE club 4.15pm finish

Wednesday - Art Club (Hazel) 4pm finish

Thursday - Sporty Stars 4.15pm finish

- Oak trip to The Box

- KS1 trip to KCC for multiskills - please wear PE kit

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	

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

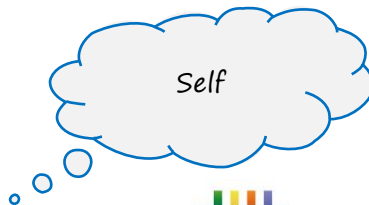
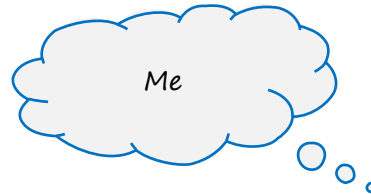
Chestnut Nursery

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 wonderful week of learning in Hazel class. On Wednesday, we took part in Beep Beep Day which is hosted by the charity, Brake. The children learnt all about road safety - I was so glad to see how knowledgeable and road-aware our children are! As mathematicians, we have started our new unit of time. As scientists, we are learning how we look after plants. On Thursday, we planted runner beans in soil and cotton wool to test the importance of soil. They are very excited to see their plants grow! In SPAG, the year 2's have been focusing on statements and commands - I wonder if they will be able to tell you examples?



Teddy shared something special with us in show and tell this week. He made a beautiful display of pictures from his recent trip to the library to meet real life Transformers! How exciting! Thank you for sharing this with us!

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

Next week: Roxy

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

Michael

Has blown us away with his knowledge of road safety this week. He was able to verbalise the main ways to keep himself and others around him safe. 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...

The children were excited to begin their Ancient Egyptian learning as historians this week. I hope they have been sharing with you how they calculated the number of years/days (from their birth date) to the beginning of the Egyptian era. Our brains ached after that lesson, but it was a lot of fun! In geography, we learnt that Egypt is located on the continent of Africa, we also learnt the names of the countries which border Egypt and the similarities and differences between the landscapes of Egypt and the UK. As scientists, Year 5 & 6 studied the Theory of Evolution and Darwin's Finches. Year 3 & 4 really impressed me with their scientific knowledge and drew a rock cycle to show the formation of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.

We had a wonderful morning in the glorious bluebell covered West Alvington Woods for our Forest School session on Wednesday, abseiling, den building, completing nature trail challenges and spending precious time with our friends...



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

This week, I have given the children a challenge to make their own fossils. They each have a recipe and instructions to follow.

Spellings

As you know, we are trialling a new mixed age spelling scheme in Oak Class for which the children each have their own spelling folders. We will make time to practise these in school as well as send copies home. Please support your child to learn these spellings.



Star of the week

Hunter

For your super decimal and fraction knowledge when we were practising tenths and hundredths! Amazing mathematician! Well done SUPERSTAR!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was **87%**

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

- 30.4.24 - Whole School Class Photos
02.5.24 - Oak Trip to The Box Plymouth / KS1 Multi-skills event
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
14.6.24 - Year 5 & 6 Junior Water Safety Pool Session @ Dartmouth
19.6.24 - Hazel and Chestnut Trip 3 Great Attractions
24.6.24-25.6.24 - Year 4 Residential
02.7.24 - Year 5 & 6 Junior Water Safety - Beach Safety @ Blackpool Sands
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
08.7.24 - Summer Performance @ Church PM (Time TBC)
15.7.24 - Year 6 Canoeing Trip @ Bowcombe
16.7.24 - Sports day - PM (Time TBC)
17.7.24 - Whole School Trip to Dartmouth
19.7.24 - Oak London Trip to Parliament (TBC)
24.7.24 - Last Day of Term

Forest School Dates

- 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.