

# 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,

We've had a busy learning week at West Alvington!

Oak Class had an exciting and educational day at The Box in Plymouth, delving into the mysteries of Ancient Egypt. The trip was filled with engaging activities and discoveries that brought history to life for our children.

By the end of the trip, Oak Class had gained a deeper understanding of Ancient Egyptian history and culture. The experience at The Box was not only educational but also inspirational!

We were so delighted to receive this email from The Box on our return-

Just wanted to send over some comments from our learning team to say they absolutely loved having the KS2 students on-site today. Particularly noted was the student's politeness, curiosity and behaviour around the galleries which were all remarked on by our team, volunteers and the general public.

What a fantastic and respectful group of learners! Well done Oak class.

Meanwhile in Hazel class our Scientists have been exploring the growth of plants and will have the opportunity to grow their own plants in the coming weeks.

Wishing you a happy Bank Holiday Weekend,

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

## Information for Year 6 Parents – Big Step 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 .... 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 will now be a Non Pupil Day.

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

### Information for next week:

Monday – Bank Holiday

Tuesday – PE club 4.15pm finish

Wednesday – Hazel and Chestnut Forest School / Art Club 4pm finish

Thursday – 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			
<b>ALL PARENTS</b>				<b>FAMILIES RECEIVING SOME ADDITIONAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT</b>			
<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025
<b>WORKING FAMILIES</b>				<b>WORKING FAMILIES</b>			
<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	
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**

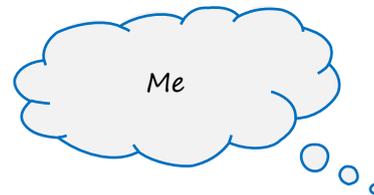
## Chestnut Nursery

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...

How is it the end of week 3 already?! Summer 1 is going to fast! As scientists, we are learning how we look after plants. This week we identified the different parts of a plant and made a junk model. They were fantastic. As mathematicians, we have all been looking at o'clock and half past. Year 2's have gone that little further and are recognising quarter to and quarter past. As historians, we learnt how the Great Fire started and how it stopped. The children were able to sequence events.

Roxy shared something special with us in show and tell this week. She brought in a beautiful shell that she found with her Grandma all the way from Czech! She also shared a fantastic painted model with us from our holiday in Cornwall. Thank you for sharing these special things with us!

A big thank you to Bex for running our art club for us each Wednesday - look at some of the fantastic work from this week!



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

**Next week: Ava**

### 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**

Finley

Has shown such maths mastery with the concept of time this week. You have been problem solving and even helped peers without being asked. We are very proud of you!

#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



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

## Oak Class Years 3-6

Mrs Hatch and Mrs  
Andrews



### This week in Oak Class...

The children looked so smart for their school photographs on Tuesday morning – they are such a credit to our school!

Oak Class had a fantastic trip to the Box on Thursday. Seeing the original artefacts first hand gave them such an insight into the lives of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. They were lucky enough to see: a sarcophagus, a mummified crocodile and Ibis and canopic jars to name a few, from over 5,000 years ago!



As artists this week, we studied the work of the impressionist painter Claude Monet. The children decided which paintings they were drawn to and (using a double page spread in their art books) illustrated why, describing the artist's use of colour, tone and form. As Global Citizens, we listened again to the story of The Pentecost and designed a poster using the symbols we know, adding more of our own, to represent the Holy Spirit. As linguists, we are continuing to learn the story of Little Red Riding Hood and Mrs Thomas and I are very impressed with the French accents developing in Oak Class!

## 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 fossil inspired Home Learning - the children loved sharing their creations with each other and we have made a wonderful display in class. This week, I would like the children to begin to think about the setting and characters for their narrative big write. Draw/sketch/paint a picture of the setting - mountains, volcanoes or forests along with your characters. Who will be your Lalchand, Lila, Hamlet and Chulak? Have fun recreating your story in pictures - we will be putting these on our Sentence Stacking display!

### 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**

Lottie

For your beautiful artwork and thoughtful reflections. You always have so many ideas to

share - Thank you 😊  
SUPERSTAR - Well Done!

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

**EVERY**day  
counts  
attendance matters

Last week's attendance was **82%**

Let's try to do better next week!

## Dates for your Diary

- 06.5.24 - Bank holiday  
w/c 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATS week  
20.5.24 - Year 5 @ KCC D&T Session  
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 8<sup>th</sup> May - Hazel and Chestnut  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Oak and Chestnut  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Oak and Chestnut  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Hazel and Chestnut  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Hazel and Chestnut

Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am.