

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 loved being outside in the sunshine at West Alvington this week!

Our youngest children in Hazel Class have been enjoying their design technology lessons tasting fruits, making smoothies and designing fruit salads. It's been brilliant to see them trying new things!

As we look forward to Sports Day our children have been practising their athletics skills this week, we can't wait to see them in action.

Our whole school family will be looking after our year 6 children next week as they take their SATs tests. They will be treated to breakfast each day and a trip to Woodlands on Friday as a reward for all their hard work.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

Information for next week:

Monday - Thursday - Year 6 SATS

Tuesday - PE club 4.15pm finish

Wednesday - Welly walk for years R-5 AM / 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			
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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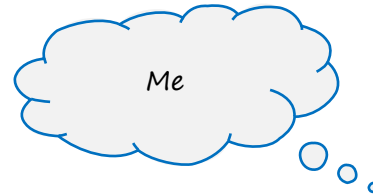
Chestnut Nursery

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!

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel Little chestnuts next week in order to accommodate the year 6 sats, please do come and join us the following week on Thursday 23rd May.

Hazel Class Years R-2

Miss Cose and Miss Elliott



This week in Hazel...

We have had fantastic week exploring our unit of D&T for the summer term. We have had a fruit tasting session, designed and made and fruit salad, designed and made fruit smoothies. It was great for the children to write for a purpose and create lovely recipes. We finished our learning by evaluating, asking ourselves questions such as: what went well? and What would we change next time?

Ava shared a few special things with us in show and tell this week. She brought in her gymnastic certificates and a book that is very special to her. It was lovely to look at this book together as a class. Ava also mentioned how her Daddy tells her stories at bedtime - it is gorgeous to hear that a love for stories is imbedded at home.

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

Next week: Emma

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

Flynn

I am so proud of you this week! You find trying new foods tricky, but you were very brave and tried a variety of new fruits during our D&T lesson. What a superstar!

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...



An inspiring and creative week in Oak Class. We were so impressed with the children's Home Learning based on our class novel *The Firework Makers Daughter*. Their settings and characters are brilliant and will really help to set the scene for their Big Write, they have certainly brightened up our Sentence Stacking display! Oak Class loved their PE session on Tuesday afternoon with Mr Taylor and were very excited to begin practising their athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day. On Thursday, the children enjoyed an afternoon of art, thinking about how the impressionist painter Monet used layering and harmonious and contrasting colours to give his work a sense of atmosphere. As geographers, we continued to learn about Egypt and compared its physical and human features to the UK. We have all been giving Fern and Clarry a lot of encouragement (and extra snacks) this week. They have been working very hard and we know they will smash their SATs next week - go Year 6!

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, you will have the challenge of writing your name in hieroglyphs. Make your work as ornate and decorative as you like - we can't wait to see them. I wonder if we can work out who's is who's once we've mixed them all up?

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

Heidi

For your wonderfully creative writing and beautifully presented work - it's so lovely to see you beaming with pride! Well done! SUPERSTAR



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was **90%**

Let's try again next week!

Dates for your Diary

- 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 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.