

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 great week at West Alvington getting out into the sunshine with our friends. It's been fantastic to see so much creative home learning coming into school over the past few weeks, thank you all so much so sharing so enthusiastically in your child's learning.

A special shoutout to our Year 6 children, who have truly shone this week. They demonstrated incredible resilience and determination while tackling their SATS tests. We are immensely proud of their hard work and perseverance. A huge thank you to the entire school team for their unwavering support and dedication, helping our children achieve their best. Mrs Hatch is particularly proud of her "super sixes" for their outstanding efforts!

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Did you know...The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children with attendance below 90% in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.
- 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

Information for next week:

- Monday - Year 5 D&T Session at KCC (AM)
- Tuesday - PE club 4.15pm finish
- Wednesday - Oak & Chestnut Forest School / Art Club 4pm finish
- Oak Class Story Time Afternoon @ 2pm
- Thursday - Sporty Stars 4.15pm finish
- Friday - Last day of term - Dress Down Day.
- After School - Book Sale & Homemade Lemonade Stand

Information for first week back after half term:

- Monday - Non-Pupil Day
- Tuesday - First Day Back / Sports Club 4.15pm finish
- Wednesday - Yr 4 sailing / 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	30 HOURS
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	SEP 2025

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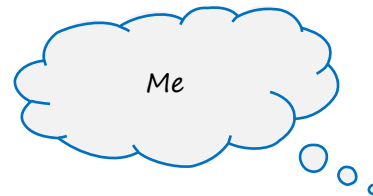
Chestnut Nursery

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!

Hazel Class Years R-2

Miss Cose and Miss Elliott



This week in Hazel...

We have had a different but exciting week in Hazel. KS2 joined us in Hazel class during SATs and we have had so much fun from sharing stories to collaborating on learning. Reception have enjoyed their mornings in Nursery which ensured that they still had access to continuous provision. As mathematicians this week, we have started our new unit focussing on money. I have been amazed by their recognition of coins and notes from reception to year 2.

On Wednesday we went on an adventure in our local area. The children loved splashing in the stream - especially when it meant getting Miss Cose wet!



Emma shared a few special things with us in show and tell this week. Emma has very shy at first but blossomed towards the end of her sharing time. She brought in one of her favourite books which we enjoyed sharing together as a class! She also showed us some beautiful crystals that she got from with her Grandma in Czech. Thank you for sharing these important things with us Emma!

I am excited to announce our phonics day on Monday 10th June to support those children taking the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. Children to dress as their favourite sound. Please look out for a letter.

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

First week back after half term: Finley

Home Learning

I will send home personalised home learning packs on the last day of term.

Spellings - KS1 only

Your child will come home with spellings each Friday. These will be tested the following Friday. I will send these home the first day back for the Friday that week.

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.

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Star of the Week

Ethan

This week you have shined when using our new challenge trays! You are so determined, enthusiastic and never afraid of a challenge! Ethan, you are such a superstar!

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 86%

Let's all try really hard to push our attendance up next week!

Oak Class Years 3-6

Mrs Hatch and Mrs
Andrews



This week in Oak Class...

What an incredible week it has been. The Year 6's arrived bright and early each day in anticipation for their delicious breakfasts! They have shown such commitment, drive and determination during their SATs with a calm, confident and controlled approach - well done Fern and Clarry, we are all so very proud of you both.

We celebrated the end of SATs with a whole school conga around the field! A day at Woodlands was a much-needed treat for Year 6! Miss Cose would like to say a huge thank you to the children in Years 3-5 for their flexibility and ability to adapt to change this week. They have had a great time whilst the SATs have been taking place from welly walks, to sharing big writes, to supporting the younger children with their learning. You have shown so many school values and we are so proud of you! We are lucky to have such amazing children at West Alvington!

Thank you to all staff at West Alvington who rallied around to help to make this week so successful for our Year 6's.

Oak Class would like to invite parents into school at 2pm on Wednesday afternoon to listen to the children's Big Writes. They have worked so hard and are extremely excited to share their stories with you!

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 would like you to bring in a picture/photograph of you enjoying your favourite activity. This could be playing on the beach, reading, eating your favourite food, singing, dancing, playing an instrument, drawing. I wonder what you will choose...?

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

Fern and Clarry

You showed us all how it should be done! What bright futures you have ahead of you!

Well done! SUPERSTARS 😊

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Dates for your Diary

- 20.5.24 - Year 5 @ KCC D&T Session
24.5.24 - Last day of Spring Term - Book Sale
04.6.24 - First day of Summer Term
05.6.24 - 03.7.24 - Year 4 Sailing Salcombe Dinghy Club (weekly x 5 weeks)
10.06.24 - Phonics Day - Dress Up Hazel Class
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
24.7.24 - Last Day of Term

Forest School Dates

- 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.