

# 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 are bursting with pride over how wonderfully our Year One children performed in their Phonics Screening Check this week. Well done, Year One! A huge thank you to our dedicated RWINC teachers for their hard work and support.

Phonics Day was also a blast, with the 'dress as a sound' activity being a standout highlight. Seeing the creativity and enthusiasm of our children made the day truly special!

This week has been full of exciting activities across the school. From sailing adventures and forest school explorations to our fantastic trip to Plymouth and all the amazing learning happening in our classrooms, it's been a week to remember.

Thank you to everyone for making our school such a joyful place!

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

## Information for next week:

Tuesday – PE club – 4.15pm finish / Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting 3.15pm / Shuffle up afternoon for EYFS and Year 2

Wednesday – Art club for Oak 4pm finish / Yr 4 sailing / Chestnut and Hazel 3 Great Attractions Trip

Thursday – Sporty stars 4.15pm finish / KS1 Multiskills @ KCC 9.30-12 / KS2 Quad Athletics @ KCC 12.30-2 (normal pick up and drop off at school)

For our summer production, we need a large amount of recycled plastic. We would be very appreciative if families can help us gather this. Thank you in advance!

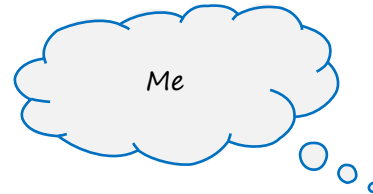
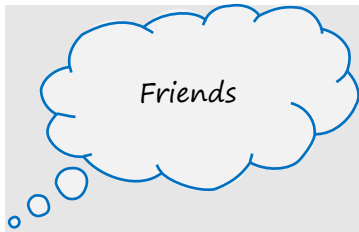
## Chestnut Nursery

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...

A huge well done to our incredible Year 1s for their phonics screening results. All your hard work has really paid off and we are all so proud of you! Thank you to everyone for coming as their favourite sounds on Monday - you all looked fabulous! We have been very busy this week. As artists, we explored printing with natural objects. As Geographers, we thought about species that are native to Australia and created 'Did you know...' facts. As Historians, we explored the concept of how London changed after the Great Fire and compare to different streets.





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

**Next Week: Grace and Ethan**

### 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**

Grace, Ella-Mae, Teddy and Loki

A huge well done to our phonics superstars this week. They did amazingly well, and it was clear that parents supported with their preparation at home. You should be proud of your hard work!

**Attendance**

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 100%  
Well done Everyone!

**Oak Class Years 3-6**

**Mrs Hatch and Mrs Andrews**



**This week in Oak Class...**

We were blessed with some sunshine for our trip to West Alvington Woods on Wednesday morning. The children loved learning that the Magna Carta, the American Declaration of Independence and Jane Austin's Pride and Prejudice were all written in Oak Gall Ink! We collected galls and will be having a go at making our own ink with Pete during our next Forest School session. As historians this week, the children learnt about the Ancient Egyptian Pharos and created their own sarcophagus. They learnt that strips of hieroglyphics told the story of who was inside and gave information that might be helpful in the afterlife. It could also warn off grave robbers! As authors, we are writing a balanced argument and researching animals who live in National Parks, asking if tourists should be encouraged to feed them. Our RE lesson this week focused on the important milestones which the children have already achieved, such as when they learnt to walk and talk or the first day they started school. We compared this to how



different people mark and celebrate events in life. We identified some beliefs and ideas about commitment along life's journey, e.g. that getting married is a big step, or becoming an adult is a key moment. Some very deep thinking happening in Oak Class this week!



### 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 set you some challenges to practise your times tables on our TTRS platform. Please also log into Letter Join and have a go at some of the handwriting activities.

<https://trockstars.com>

[https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/desktop\\_edition/info/pupils-at-home-login.html](https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/desktop_edition/info/pupils-at-home-login.html)

## Pupils log-in details



**Desktop log-in**

Login Desktop Tablet

Username: qr6157

Password: home

## 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

Billie

You wowed us all at Forest School with your amazing cuckoo knowledge! Thank you for your wonderful animal fact file and beautiful handwriting! Well done, SUPERSTAR! 😊

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 92%

Well done Everyone!

## Dates for your Diary

- 05.6.24 - 03.7.24 - Year 4 sailing Salcombe Dinghy Club (weekly x 5 weeks)  
18.06.24 - EYFS & Year 2 Shuffle Up Afternoon  
19.6.24 - Hazel and Chestnut Trip 3 Great Attractions  
20.06.24 - KS1 Multiskills AM / KS2 Athletics PM all @ KCC  
24.6.24-25.6.24 - Year 4 Residential  
01.07.24 - EYFS and Year 2 Shuffle Up Afternoon  
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 Dress Rehearsal AM  
08.7.24 - Summer Performance @ Church PM (Time TBC)  
15.7.24 - New EYFS Shuffle Up Day  
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 12th June - Oak and Chestnut and Reception  
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.