

Dear Families,



We've had another wonderful week filled with exciting adventures! Our oldest children had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Start Bay Centre, where they enjoyed activities like bat walks, campfires, den building, and learning about the geography of our beautiful local area—plus so much more!

We are incredibly proud of how polite, respectful, and, most importantly, kind they were to one another throughout the trip. A big well-done to Oak Class, and a heartfelt thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make this memorable experience possible!

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every **Tuesday** (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in It all day)
- Friday Swimming Year 5 & 6
- Wednesday Harvest Festival with Reverend Jax
- Thursday census day * New menu incoming*

Save money on your childcare costs

The cost of childcare can take up a large chunk of the family budget. Whether you have babies, toddlers or teens, you could get support.

There are several Government schemes to help families with childcare costs, each one tailored to different needs, incomes and children's ages. They're not just to help pay for nurseries and childminders during term time, they can also cover wraparound childcare before and after school as well as help during the holidays.

To find out about all the schemes, visit the Government's Child Care Choices website and enter your details to see how you can save money on your childcare.

We have a duty to ensure there is enough childcare to meet parents' needs. Use our online form to tell us if you haven't been able to find the childcare you need.

Get a healthy start this autumn

If you receive certain benefits and are more than ten weeks pregnant, or have at least one child under four years old, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card, with money added every four weeks to buy cow's milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses and infant formula milk based on cow's milk.

You can also use your card to collect Healthy Start vitamins to support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding and vitamin drops for babies and young children suitable from birth to four years old.

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

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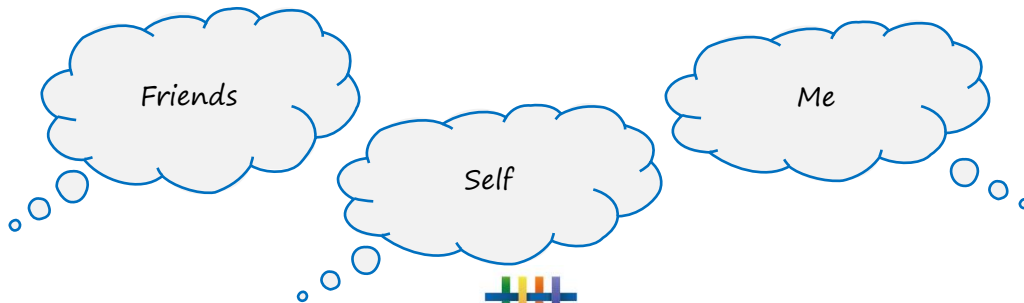
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



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 Years R-2

This week we had our first forest school session which, despite the rain, was so much fun! We went on a walk to the woods and when we were there we went on the hammock, swing, made badges and made some delicious soups in the mud kitchen.

As musicians this week we had a lesson from Mrs Bickle, she has started to teach us the glockenspiel and we learnt the first few notes.

As artists this week we were learning about how Brian Pollard uses layering in his paintings. We started by sketching the outline of the shapes and then added detail.

Home Learning

- Spellings – KS1 only

Well pull wall fuzz buzz my

- Reading

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

RWinc book bag book and completed reading record due in: Thursday

New books : Friday

Oxford owl:

You will have all received your Oxford Owl logins, there will be a quiz set on there for your child to complete by next Thursday



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



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Flynn

For trying so hard with his presentation and organisation in his maths, such great work!

Christian value

Love

Ava

For always checking in on people



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 100%
Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

We had an amazing time making wonderful memories during our residential trip this week. The children impressed us all with their teamwork and love of the great outdoors.

We heard bats during our night walk, went pond dipping and found water scorpions, ate ginormous ice creams on the beach and toasted marshmallows around the campfire.

An experience to treasure...



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

Very proud to announce that Harriet Chalk won the South Hams Hub "Design a Menu" competition. We will be tasting Harriet's winning menu on Census Day Thursday 3rd October! This week, I have set the children challenges on TTRS. Could you also log on to Letter Join where the children have been asked to have a go at some tasks. Please let me know if you need help with logins and passwords for the children.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. The children can practise these in school and at home for their assessment every Friday.

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Stars of the Week

Oak Class

You are a truly special class! Thank you all for diving into all of the new experiences and making our residential such a success.

Christian Value

Respect

Rupert, David, Junior and Louis – so impressed with how you led by example, keeping your room spotlessly clean and how you showed your impeccable manners to all staff during our stay – well done.

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Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 97%

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd October – Harvest Festival All Saints' Church (2.30pm)

Thursday 3rd October- Census Day

Friday 4th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Friday 11th October – Junior Life Skills (9.30 am – 12 pm)

Friday 11th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Friday 18th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Friday 25th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Half Term – 28th October to 1st November

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 9th October – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 23rd October – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 13th November – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 27th November – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 11th December – Oak & Chestnut