

Dear Families,

Thank you all so much for your support with parent consultations this week it has been brilliant to share all your child has achieved so far this term.

Parent Survey

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the best possible experience for our children and families, we would greatly appreciate your feedback through our **Parent Survey**.

Your input is invaluable in helping us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve. We kindly ask that you take a few moments to complete the survey. Your voice truly matters to us, and your feedback will help shape the future of our school community.

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/samQpfAHAc>

QR code



Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- Monday School photo's
- Tuesday Hazel Parents Evening
- PE for all classes every **Tuesday** (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in It all day)
- Wednesday Forest and Beach Day
- Wednesday Oak Parents Evening
- Wednesday- No Art club this week as we will be at Forest and Beach
- Friday Swimming Year 5 & 6

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/>

West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

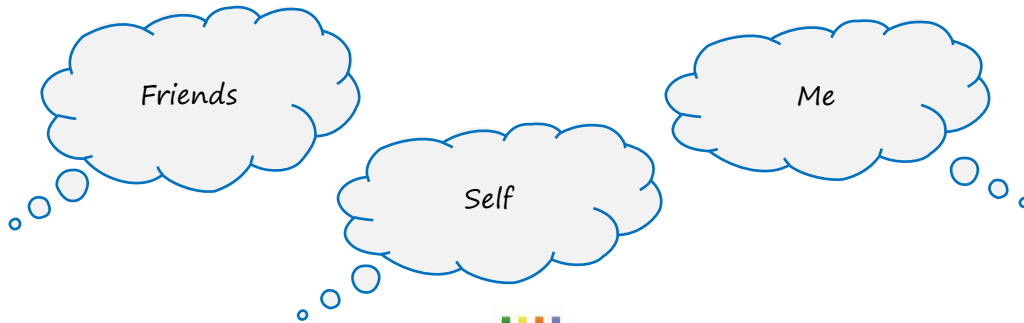
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



WOW Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

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 as artists we have been using different mark making techniques using different materials. We used colouring pencils, felt tips, wax crayons, oil pastilles and tissue paper. We then had to use these to make dots, squiggles and lines. This is to give us some ideas for when we complete our final piece next week.

As geographers this week we were learning about what the word climate meant. We learnt about all of the different climate zones that there are in the world, including our climate zone which is temperate.

In EYFS we have been using our fine motor skills to press golf tees into pumpkins, we had to push really hard!



Home Learning

- Spellings – KS1 only

Year 1 - pocket, rabbit, carrot, sunset, said, put

Year 2 - gem, giant, magic, energy, eye, every

- 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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Grace

For trying so hard to extend her writing and use imaginative vocabulary.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 92%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

The children have immersed themselves in our poetry unit this week - 'The Hope-o-potamus' by Greg James. They have been finding rhyming pairs and thinking about the rhythm and structure of the poem. As geographers, they have researched one of our local rivers, the 'River Dart'. They learnt about the source and mouth of the river as well as tributaries and confluence.

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.

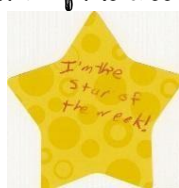
Home Learning

This week, I am sending home some place value consolidation for the children. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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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Louis

For your wonderful contributions during our English lessons, a poet in the making - thank you!

School Christian Value

Friendship

Elsie

For always thinking of others and being a good friend.

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Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 96%

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st October- School Photo's
Tuesday 22nd October- Parents Evening- Hazel
Wednesday 23rd October – Whole school FaB Day
Wednesday 23rd October- Parents Evening- Oak
Friday 25th October – FOWA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 25th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Half Term – 28th October to 1st November
Tuesday 5th November – Whole School Paignton Zoo Trip
Friday 15th November – Children in Need (details to follow)
Thursday 12th November – Christmas Jumper Day

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

OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY COURSES

ACROSS THE SOUTH WEST...






FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 5-12 YEARS

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

EARLY DROP OFF-AVAILABLE

THE INFO...

 10AM-3PM

 DEVON, SOMERSET & CORNWALL (AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

 £24.00 (£4 EARLY DROP OFF)

 28TH, 29TH, 30TH, 31ST OCTOBER & 1ST NOVEMBER



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BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Bouncy Fun is funded by Dartmouth Town Council and all donations will go to Dartmouth Caring to support work with families in Dartmouth.



Sessions available between 12pm - 3pm on:
 Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

The sessions are on a pay-what-you-can basis (free if that is what you can afford). A collection tin will be on the reception desk and 100% of all donations will support families in Dartmouth.

- No need to book but limited capacity.
- The sessions are parent supervised.
- The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8.
- Sessions are in the Sports Hall at Dartmouth Leisure Centre.

What's available at the centre:

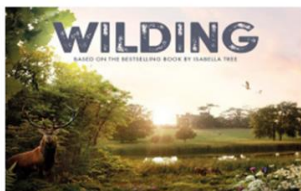
- Bouncy castle
- Soft play
- Seating area
- Free wifi and charging points
- Music
- Warm space
- Refreshments

Dartmouth Leisure Centre
 Wessex Way
 Dartmouth TG6 0JL
 01803 837010



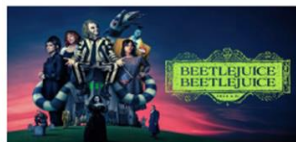
October Half-Term

In Dartmouth



WILDING (PG)
 Sat 26 Oct 7pm
 Sat 16 Nov 7pm

FILM TICKET PRICES
 Adult £9 Child £6.20 (under 16)
Family Film Ticket £25
 1 Adult & 3 Children or 2 Adults & 2 Children
 unless stated otherwise



BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE (12A)
 Mon 28 Oct 2pm
 Tue 29 Oct 2pm
 Wed 30 Oct 7pm
 Thu 31 Oct 2pm



WOLF WITCH GIANT FAIRY
 Red Riding Hood is tasked with delivering bread to her Grandmother, deep in the heart of the fairy-tale forest. Join our ragtag band of wild musicians as they guide all the family through this famous tale with new twists, turns, magic and song, in this 'enchantingly staged' family folk opera. (Film/Event Cinema)
 Wed 30 Oct 2pm
 Running time: 65 minutes, with no interval
 Sung in English with subtitles.



SWAN LAKE (EVENT CINEMA)
 English National Ballet's Swan Lake in-the-round is coming to the big screen
 Tickets Adult £18, Under 18, £11
 (Please note the Family Film Ticket offer does not apply to this event)
 Thu 31 Oct 7pm