

Dear Families,

Whole School Forest School Day at Forest and Beach

We had an amazing whole school Forest School Day at Forest and Beach! One of the things that makes our school so special is the ability to share these enriching trips as a whole school family. Our children benefit immensely from growing and learning together in such a collaborative and nurturing environment.

Highlights of the day included:

- Building woodland shelters together
- Exploring the coastline and discovering local wildlife
- Team challenges that fostered creativity and problem-solving
- Enjoying outdoor games and activities that connected us with nature

It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and bonding, and we're so proud of how well the children supported and encouraged each other throughout the experience!

Have a restful half term break,

Miss Coombe





Some important information for next week-

Have a lovely half term

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

Wow, I cannot believe it is half term already! What a wonderful first half term we have had. This week we had our whole school trip to Forest and Beach which was so much fun, it was so nice being able to explore the centre and enjoy the forest school facilities that Pete has there. As artists we finished our final piece this week in the style of Brian Pollard, we used a local landscape to paint using block colours.

As Historians this week we were thinking about the journey that Sir Francis Drake went on, we drew this out on our own map.

Home Learning

Half term project- can you create a poster about Sir Francis Drake to put on display in the classroom, include some pictures and some facts 😊

- Spellings – KS1 only

Year 1- catch, fetch, kitchen, hutch, are, were

Year 2- jar, jog, join, jacket, again, busy

- 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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Teddy

For his fantastic art skills and thinking really hard about the skills he needs to use

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 95%

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.

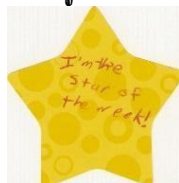
Home Learning

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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Dates for your Diary

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



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CLUB

THE SALCOMBE LIFEBOAT

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 2024 11AM-2PM



AGE
6+



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