



Dear Families,

We are delighted to share with you the highlights from this year's Harvest Festival. The event was a heartwarming celebration of community, gratitude, and generosity, filled with joy and contributions from our talented children. A special mention to both Hazel and Oak classes for their beautiful singing.

Supporting Our Local Food Bank

We would also like to extend our deepest thanks to all the families who contributed so generously to our Food Bank Donation Appeal. The collection has been truly overwhelming. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to deliver a substantial amount of non-perishable goods to our local food bank, helping to support those in need in our community during these challenging times.

Your donations will make a real difference, and we are incredibly proud of our school community for coming together to share in the spirit of giving. The Harvest Festival is all about giving thanks for what we have and sharing with others, and this year's contributions have embodied that beautifully.

As we move into the autumn season, we carry with us the spirit of the Harvest Festival: gratitude, generosity, and community. Thank you once again for your incredible support and for making this year's festival one to remember.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week-

- *Bikeability for years 3 and 5 Monday-Thursday*
- *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*

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 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

As mathematicians this week reception have been thinking about pattern and shape. We have been using cubes to follow instructions and make certain shapes, we then had to explain what our shape was.

In RHE this week we have been thinking about being friends and how we can get along with each other. We were set a challenge to make a tower with marshmallows and spaghetti with an extra challenge of good teamwork.



Home Learning

- Spellings – KS1 only

Year 1- miss, hiss, boss, fuss, mess, the

Year 2- badge, edge, dodge, fudge, bridge, because

- 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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Sylvie

For such hard work in her phonics and writing words all by herself!



Attendance

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

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

The children loved their PE lesson with Mr Taylor on Tuesday, practising their handball skills and then playing a match in the sunshine. As geographers, they have been learning how rivers move water and the processes of erosion, transport and deposition which create different landforms along a river's course. As authors, the children are beginning to draft their narrative based on

The BFG by Roald Dahl.

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, as part of our computing curriculum, the children have been learning about networks and the internet. Their task is to create a poster to explain why and how networks should be kept safe and secure.

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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Harriet

Well done for your achievements already this half term. You always do your very best in everything you set your heart on. Phizz-Whizzing!

School Christian Value

Friendship

Hunter for showing such true friendship and helping others in our class and school. Well done.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 95%

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Wednesday 23rd October – Whole school FaB Day
- 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