


Dear Families,

This week, our children participated in a heartfelt Remembrance Day ceremony at the memorial. Together, they honoured the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces. The children showed great respect as they observed a moment of silence and shared reflections. It was a meaningful experience that helped them gain a deeper understanding of remembrance. Thanks to Rev. Jax for leading us.



Miss Coombe

Ps - Please see below for information on how to sign up for a useful parent reading workshop.





**FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION**  
**READY STEADY READ!**  
**TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**  
**2-3PM ON ZOOM**


ILSHAM ENGLISH HUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A FREE SESSION TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING JOURNEY AT HOME.


DURING THIS FREE HOUR-LONG SESSION, PROFESSOR TERESA CREMIN AND KELLY ASHLEY FROM THE OPEN UNIVERSITY READING FOR PLEASURE TEAM WILL SHARE IDEAS FOR ENCOURAGING READING AT HOME AS FAMILIES SUPPORT THE READING JOURNEY.

THE SESSION WILL INVOLVE PRACTICAL TIPS ON USING LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND FUN WAYS TO PROMOTE READING.

  
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*Some important information for next week-*

*Forest School Dates -*

- *27<sup>th</sup> November (Hazel and Chestnut)*

*11<sup>th</sup> December (Oak and Chestnut)*

*SATs Booster Club - Tuesday and Friday 8am start*

*Remembrance Service @ Kingsbridge Memorial 11am - parents welcome*

*Art Club - KS2 Wednesday 3.15 - 4pm*

*Sports Club - Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 - 4pm*

*Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Dress in spotty or yellow - £1 donation.*

### 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

*As Historians this week we have been thinking about what life would have been like aboard the Golden Hind as Sir Francis Drake. We were thinking about the kind of food they would have had to eat and what they would have had to sleep on.*

*As scientists this week we were learning about the Eat Well Plate and the different food groups we need to eat in order to have a balanced diet. We used this knowledge to create our own eat well plate and label it.*

*As Musicians this week we created our own music on glockenspiels and had a go at playing them in front of the rest of the class.*

### Spellings – KS1 only

Year 1- cats, dogs, rocks, thanks, socks

Year 2- knock, know, knee, know, knot, knew

- 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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*Ollie for his amazing spelling using his sounds!*

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counts  
attendance matters

**Attendance**

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Last week's attendance was 98%

Well done Everyone!

## Oak Years 3-6

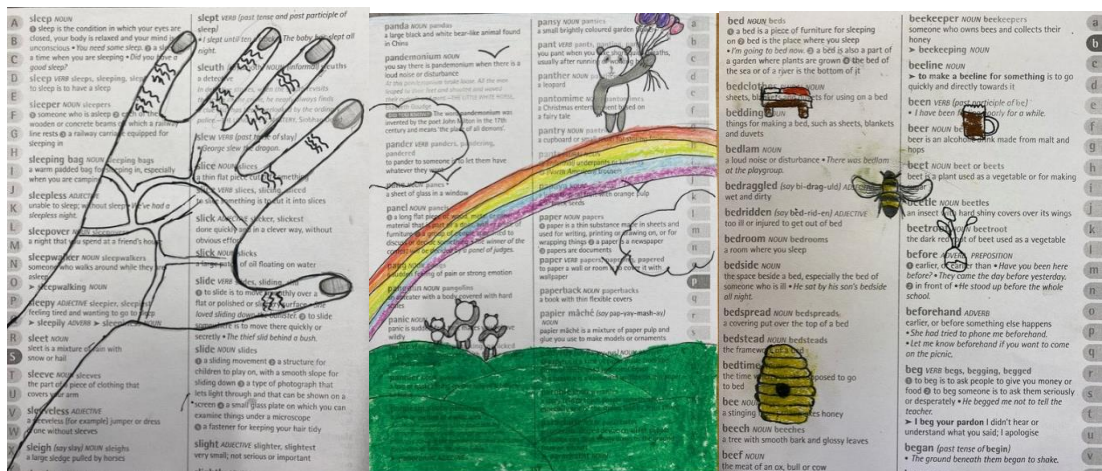
*This week in Oak Class...*

*Another brilliant week in Oak class! This week, we headed down to Forest School with Pete. The children had a fabulous time playing and jumping in the leaves. They loved practising fire lighting as well as den building and playing in the mud kitchen. Thank you for supporting the children with their home learning – they were so articulate and could really explain how the heart works "Our heart is a type of pump, but instead of pumping air, it pumps blood".*





Look at these fantastic creations from art club this week – aren't they fabulous!



### Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

#### Reading

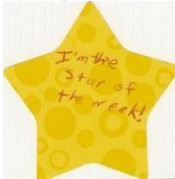
Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring these into school every day.

#### Home Learning

This week, I am sending home Letter Join Home Learning for the children to practise their handwriting, focusing on letter formation.

### 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.

<p><b>Star of the Week!</b></p> 	<p><b>star of the Week</b> Ted</p> <p>Your dedication for working so hard to perfect your joined up handwriting! Well done Ted.</p>
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<p><b><u>Dates for your Diary</u></b></p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November- Glow party after school Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November- Non Uniform £1 donation for FOWAA Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December- Craft sale Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.30pm - Nativity Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm - KS1/EYFS Nativity Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 10 am - Christingle and carols</p>
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