

Dear Families,

We've had a fantastic week at West Alvington, despite the unpredictable weather! Hazel class had an amazing day at Charleton Academy, where they had the opportunity to learn alongside skilled weavers, using full-sized looms. It was such a brilliant experience and a wonderful way to bring learning to life—hands-on and creative!

In Oak class, our talented young artists have been exploring the work of L. S. Lowry. They've been inspired by his unique style, and we can't wait to see their finished masterpieces. It's been such a pleasure watching their creativity come to life!

We also have some exciting information to share about upcoming parent workshops. Please see below for more details.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

#### New Reception September 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they will be due to start primary school in September 2025. The application process for a place in reception is now open. If you, or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2025, please do call our office on 01548 312290 to book a tour!

#### Information for Parents - Autism and us Programme

##### Devon's SEND Local Offer

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/send-local-offer/about-send-and-the-local-offer/what-is-send/communication-and-interaction/autism-and-us/>

Support for parents or carers of primary or secondary aged children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

The 'Autism & Us' programme and associated themed/topic-based workshops are a great way to find out more about neuro diversity.

No.	Programme topic	Programme one date	Programme two date
1	Autism overview	Tuesday 21 January: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 6 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tuesday 28 January: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 13 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tuesday 4 February: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 20 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tuesday 11 February: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 27 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Workshop topic	Date and time
DiAS (Devon Information and Advice Service) and PCFD (Parent Carer Forum Devon)	Thursday 1 April: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Sensory processing and integration	Tuesday 25 March 9.30am – 12pm
Autism and girls	Wednesday 12 March: 9.30am – 12pm
Autism – Demand avoidance and PDA	Wednesday 13 February: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (speaking children – support strategies)	Tuesday 11 March: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress and anxiety	Thursday 20 March: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Vulnerability and online safety	Thursday 27 February: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (non/limited speaking children – support strategies)	Thursday 6 March: 10am – 12pm

### WEBINAR - Supporting your child with SEND with SEMH



Children and young people with SEMH have severe difficulties in managing their emotions and behaviour. They often show inappropriate responses and feelings to situations. In this webinar experts will share information and strategies to help you to support children with SEND with their SEMH. We will also share some useful tips and advice to support each other.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-supporting-your-child-with-send-with-semh-tickets-1214712169799?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-supporting-your-child-with-send-with-semh-tickets-1214712169799?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep_tld=1)

*Some important information for next week-*

*Forest School Dates – Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> (Oak and Chestnut), 26<sup>th</sup> February (Hazel and Chestnut)*

*KCC Science Masterclass Year 5 – 29<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> February*

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

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

*Art Club-Wednesday 3.15-4pm*

**NSPCC Number Day- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

*We will be celebrating all things numbers and learning about the work of NSPCC. During the day we will be having special assemblies and tasks to complete. We will also be having a special dressing up theme of 'numbers'. Below are some ideas:*



# 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

We had such a lovely time on Wednesday working alongside our friends at Charleton weaving. We were joined by Caroline and Deb who are professional weavers and who shared their skills with us. We were all able to have a go on some different types of looms, including a peg loom. We learnt lots of different vocabulary that we can now use in our own art. Next week we will be completing our own pieces of weaving, and we can't wait to show you! As Geographers this week we learnt the names of the 5 oceans, we then labelled the world with the 5 oceans thinking about which continents they surround.



Spellings – KS1 only :

Year 1: bank, think, honk, sunk

Year 2: age, huge, charge, bulge

- 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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*Grace - For representing the school so well on Wednesday, you had such amazing manners and great responses to questions from the weavers*



**Attendance**

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 93%

Well done Everyone!

# Oak Years 3-6

## This week in Oak Class...

We've had a fantastic week in Oak Class, with lots of engaging learning happening across different subjects. In history, we've been diving into the fascinating world of the Stone Age! This week, the children have been learning about primary and secondary sources and how they can be used to understand life in prehistoric times. They've been comparing cave paintings, tools, and artefacts to help us gain a clearer picture of how early humans lived. In art, we've been inspired by the iconic British artist LS Lowry, known for his distinctive "matchstick men" and industrial scenes. The children have been experimenting with oil paints to create their own Lowry-inspired artwork. We can't wait to share more of their work with you soon!

## 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 their reading diaries into school every day.

### Home Learning

This week, as part of our Computing Curriculum, the children will be exploring the use of Databases.

### Spellings

This week, we are learning about contractions:

- aren't
- hadn't
- isn't
- won't
- weren't
- shouldn't
- wasn't

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Year 6

For their determination during their SATs  
practise this week!

Well done!

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*Last week's attendance was 91%*

*Well done Everyone!*

Dates for your Diary

5th February – Oak and Chestnut Class Forest School

7th February- NSPCC Number Day

17th February-21st February- Half Term

26th February-Hazel and Chestnut Class Forest School

10th March-14th March – Year 5 & 6 Residential

Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April- Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April- Non-Pupil Day