

Dear Families,

Thanks so much for the amazing amount - £101.30 raised for the NSPCC—such a generous and meaningful effort, especially from a small school. The cake sale must have been a hit!

This week there's been a lot of excitement around science experiments in school hands-on learning really makes a difference, Thank you so much for your engagement with our parent consultations this week they are such a positive way to keep everyone engaged and informed.

Have a great weekend and a lovely half term,

Miss Coombe

Family Reading Session

Wednesday 5th March - 2-3pm on Zoom - Free Family Support Session - Supporting your child on their reading journey.

English Hubs

Ilsham English Hub



FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ON THEIR READING JOURNEY

**WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH
2-3PM ON ZOOM**



Ilsham National English Hub would like to invite you to attend a **FREE** session to support you with helping your child at home in their reading journey.

During this free, hour-long session, The Ilsham National English hub team will be sharing videos and practical solutions to support practice at home. The focus will be on supporting your child to become an expressive fluent reader. This session is targeted at families (including grandparents), carers, childminders and before/after school provision workers. It is designed to support children from pre school age up to the end of Key Stage One (Year 2). Please note, this session will not be recorded.

Any questions or queries please contact:

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[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/KJHUJU312B](https://forms.office.com/E/KJHUJU312B)



Some lovely news....

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

Some important information for after half term-

Forest School Dates – 26th February (Hazel and Chestnut),

KCC Science Masterclass Year 5 – 27th February, 12th March

SATs Booster Club – Tuesday and Friday 8am start

Sports Club – Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 – 4pm

Art Club-Wednesday 3.05-4pm

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

This week we have been artists and completed our final piece of weaving. We are so proud of ourselves for getting through the learning pit and not giving up when we found it tricky.

In Music this week we were playing in rounds, some of us were percussion and the others were wood instruments. We played along to the beat from the keyboard, we had to be good listeners so we could hear the beat.

As scientists this week we tested some different materials to see which ones were stretchy or not. We found that elastic bands were the stretchiest materials.



Spellings – KS1 only :

Year 1: sunset, carrot, pocket, rabbit

Year 2: gem, giant, magic, energy

- 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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Michael- For his stunning piece of weaving and all completed independently

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 94%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

This week in History, we explored the fascinating journey from the Mesolithic to the Neolithic Stone Age. The children learned about the key differences between these periods, including the major shift from hunting and gathering to farming. They were particularly interested in how farming changed communities and lifestyles!

In Art, we've been learning about atmospheric perspective, a technique used to create depth and distance in paintings. The class applied this technique in their own Lowry-inspired artwork, and we've been really impressed by the creativity and attention to detail.

This week, the children completed their French end-of-unit assessments and have done brilliantly in discussing animals and their habitats in French. They've built great confidence in using vocabulary this half term.

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

Create a Mini World Map: Draw a map of the world and mark different oceans, continents and countries.

Spelling

The children are continuing to learn common exception and high frequency words in class which they can practise at home.

Star of the Week!



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Heidi

Always on hand to help – you can always be relied on and be a kind and loyal friend to others. Thank you 😊

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Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 95%

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th February-21st February -Half Term

Wednesday 26th February- Hazel and Chestnut Forest school

Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March - National Careers Week

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 7th March- Sunday 16th March - British Science Week

Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March- Year 5 & 6 Residential

Wednesday 12th March- Forest school

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Wednesday 26th March- Forest school

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

Tuesday 22nd April- Non Pupil Day