

Dear Families,

We've had an absolutely fantastic week at West Alvington, truly bringing our learning to life in so many exciting ways!

In Hazel class, our budding space engineers have been hard at work designing incredible moon buggies. They've put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test, creating vehicles that can withstand the challenges of space travel. It's been inspiring to see their ideas come to life, and their enthusiasm for space exploration is contagious!

Meanwhile, in Oak class, we've been celebrating British Science Week in style. The students have been diving into the fascinating world of creatures, learning about a diverse range of animals and their unique traits. They've channelled their newfound knowledge into creating stunning, detailed posters, beautifully illustrating the creatures they've studied. It's been a week full of wonder, discovery, and amazing creativity!

It's been a week filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and hands-on learning, and we can't wait to see what next week brings!

Miss Coombe

#### Spring Term Dates

Date / Time	Event
26 <sup>th</sup> March 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Oak/Chestnut Forest school Oak Kents Cavern Trip
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Whole school Forest School Easter Service 2.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Non - School Uniform Day Whole School Welly Walk Easter Egg Hunt Last day of Spring Term
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Hazel class Geography Day @ Charleton
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Energy Investigators workshop and Climate Heroes show

#### *Some important information for next week-*

*Forest School Dates – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (Whole school)*

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

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



CURIOUS



CLUB

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL, 2025 1-4PM



AGE 6+



A HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN

DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT SALCOMBE MARITIME MUSEUM WE WILL BE TAKING A SHORT WALK THROUGH TOWN TO CLIFF HOUSE AND CLIFFHOUSE GARDENS

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Ages 5-14yrs

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**SLAPTON LEY HAF**  
**NATURE DAYS!**  
7TH - 10TH APRIL 2025

Get out and active exploring nature this Easter with our **free** HAF programme. A packed morning of nature-based activities, then back to Slapton Ley Field Centre for a **hot lunch**.

Available for children **aged 7-11** eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals. There are also some extended criteria places available.

**Free collection and drop off** from Kingsbridge and villages along the A379 to Slapton, or meet us at the Field Centre

**TIMETABLE**  
09.30 - 14.15

**Monday 7th April:** Bushcraft  
**Tuesday 8th April:** Wildlife explorer  
**Wednesday 9th April:** Rock pooling  
**Thursday 10th April:** Coastal adventure





 **Field Studies Council**

Scan the QR code to find out more and book or visit [eequ.org/experience/14349](http://eequ.org/experience/14349)

## 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.

### Hazel Years R-2

*This week as designers we made our final piece using wheels and axles, we made our very own moon buggies that can land on the moon and go over the craters. We look forward to taking them home to show everyone our masterpieces.*

*As musicians this week we were playing our glockenspiels and coming up with our own songs. Mrs Bickle let some of us have a go on her electric guitar which was great fun.*

*As Historians this week we compared Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We used a Venn diagram to think of the similarities and differences between them.*





Spellings – KS1 only :

Year 1: here, some, was, they

Year 2: told, hold, gold, even

A new Oxford Owl book and quiz has been set 😊

- 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:

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.

I can't wait to see!

**Star of the Week!**



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*Sylvie for always wanting to challenge herself and being such a hard worker*



## Oak Years 3-6

### *This week in Oak Class...*

*We hope you've had a wonderful week! Here's a roundup of the exciting activities we have been enjoying ...*

*On Wednesday, we had a delightful morning at Forest School. The sun was shining, and we were lucky enough to see the first of the bluebells in bloom. The children had a blast pulling each other up the abseil hill and spent lots of time playing with their friends.*

*For British Science Week, the children had the opportunity to dive into a full day of scientific experiments. From observing glacier melting to studying animal adaptations, the children explored various fascinating topics, making their science learning come alive!*

*A big thank you to all of you for sending in the fantastic 'Adapt and Change' home learning projects! The children have loved showcasing their creativity and knowledge. We've displayed the work around the school, and it's brightened up our classrooms with a splash of colour and inspiration.*

*We look forward to another busy week ahead!*







### *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, I will be sending home a "Design your own Pizza" task for the children to complete. Excitingly, we will be cooking pizza during our Forest School session next Tuesday.*

#### *Spellings*

*Suffixes 'ment', 'ness', 'ful' and 'less'*

*e.g. refreshment, politeness, useful, fearless.*

**Star of the Week!**



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David for your incredible scientific  
knowledge!  
Well Done 😊

*Attendance*

*Our attendance target is 98%*



*Last week's attendance was*

*Hazel class 95%*

*Oak class 94%*

*Well done Everyone!*

*Dates for your Diary*

*Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Oak Class Trip to Kents Cavern*

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Whole School Forest School*

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Whole School Welly Walk*

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April- Easter Holidays*

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Non-Pupil Day*

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April- Forest school -Hazel and Chestnut*

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Energy Investigators workshop and Climate Heroes show*

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April- Year 4 sailing in Salcombe*

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May- Year 4 sailing in Salcombe*

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May- Forest school- Oak and Chestnut*

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May- Year 4 sailing in Salcombe*

*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May- Year 4 sailing in Salcombe*

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May- Forest school- Hazel and Chestnut*

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May- Half Term*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Year 4 Forest and Beach Residential*