



WEST ALVINGTON

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of an amazing term, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that the children have achieved. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and resilience have been truly inspiring. It has also been wonderful to finish the term with such a fantastic range of Christmas events. These moments have really captured the spirit of the season and created lasting memories for our school community.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks for your support as I've settled into my new role within the hub. It has been a privilege to work with such a warm and welcoming community, and now that I'm feeling more settled managing my time across three schools, I'm looking forward to working even more closely with you in the new year.

Looking ahead, we have an Online Safety Parent Workshop coming up next term. This is a great opportunity to learn more about keeping children safe online. If you'd like to join, please do sign up – we'd love to see you there.

Finally, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy the festive break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January for another exciting term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd December- Friday 2nd January- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

Thursday 8th January- Online safety parent workshop

Chestnut (Nursery)

What a wonderful week we have had to round off a fabulous Autumn Term in Chestnut, culminating in festive feasts, activities and good cheer. The children have been assisting in the creation of our Stickman window display, welcomed supply staff with open arms, experienced a theatre trip and much more. I would like to wish my little ones and their families a super Christmas and thank you for your continuing support. We will look forward to feeling refreshed as we begin a new term in 2026!





Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

What a busy last week! We have sung at 2 care homes, watched a show at the theatre, went on a welly walk, baked some gingerbread, and posted cards. Please look out for the cards in the post!

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have helped over the term to transport children and accompany our other local trips and walks.

Have a lovely Christmas break.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

What an incredible week it has been to finish off our busy Autumn 2 term! The children have thrown themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

This week, they explored life in Roman times, comparing what childhood looked like for rich and poor families. They also created thoughtful and eye-catching posters about how humans impact our environment, inspired by a powerful speech from Greta Thunberg.

We were all very proud as the children sang their hearts out for our local elderly community, spreading joy and festive cheer. In DT, they completed their unique and brilliant lamps and torches, showcasing their creativity and problem-solving skills.

To finish the week, we enjoyed a festive welly walk, followed by a cosy film afternoon complete with sweet treats and snuggly blankets—a lovely, calm way to close the term.

Thank you for all your support this term.

We wish you and your families a wonderfully restful, fun & festive Christmas break.

See you in the New Year! 🎅♦



Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance.

The attendance this week can be seen on the table below.

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	94%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	97.6%

Oak(Year 3- Year 6)	92.6%
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Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursey)	Matilda-Rose for caring for her friend during the theatre trip.
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Emma for being her helpful, positive self!
Oak(Year 3- Year 6)	David for being our Christmas star! 😊

Home learning

Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Daily reading, please record in reading diaries. Books changed on Thursday.
Oak(Year 3- Year 6)	Daily reading, please record in reading diaries. Practise spellings.