



# West Alvington C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year, despite the rather wet weather! It's been lovely to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and settle quickly into their new routines. The school has a fantastic atmosphere, and it's clear that the children are excited to be back and eager to learn.

During my visits to West Alvington this week, I've been delighted by how keen the children have been to share their learning (and in some cases, their superhero capes in nursery!). Their energy and positivity have been a real highlight! I have been impressed with the standard of work seen in lessons and the children are taking real pride in their exercise books.

As we move into the colder and wetter months, please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat each day. We aim to get outside during break and lunchtime as much as possible, even when it's drizzly.

We hope you can join us next week for our open classrooms to meet the teachers on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ruston

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September- Open classroom/Meet the teacher

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October- Harvest Festival at All Saints @ 2:30pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 Junior Life Skills

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October- HALF TERM**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- NON-PUPIL DAY**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of autumn term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – NON-PUPIL DAY**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- First day of Spring term

## Hazel

Welcome to a new and very busy term! As scientists, we are exploring the world of animals including humans- naming and labelling parts of the human body.

As artists, we have delved into the artwork of local artist Yvonne Coomber. We have been looking at her style of painting and the resources she uses. As geographers, we have been making a map of the classroom. Our mathematics learning is place value where we are learning to understand 10's and 1's in 2-digit numbers. Thank you for all the photos of the children for our history learning. If you haven't brought them in yet, could I have them in ASAP so I can scan and print them for their books. Thank you.



## Oak

We are delighted to welcome the children back to school for the start of a new academic year. Despite the rather wet weather, the children have settled back into routines with enthusiasm and have already made an excellent start in their learning.

In Maths, we have begun our work on place value, developing a deeper understanding of numbers and how they are represented.

Our new topic in Science is Animals Including Humans. The children have been introduced to key concepts and will be building their knowledge of the human body and other animals over the coming weeks. The children have started learning how to ask the question "Do you have a pet?", helping them to practise conversational skills in our French lessons.

In Religious Education, we have been studying the Genesis story of creation and reflecting on its meaning.

The children have been introduced to the work of Becky Bettsworth, in art, whose distinctive style will provide inspiration for their own creative pieces. It has been a very positive start to the term and we look forward to a productive and enjoyable year ahead.

## Stars of the Week

Hazel's star of the week goes to Arthur for his concentration in phonics.

Oak's star of the week goes to Lawrence for settling in so well. Well done!



## Values of the Week

In Hazel, to Emma for showing the value of respect and by being so helpful.

In Oak, Heidi, for showing the value of respect by helping to keep the lunch hall clean and tidy.



## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.1%

Class attendance is currently:

Hazel Attendance 100%      Oak Attendance 93%

### Home Learning – Hazel

Please read 3 times a week, books are still changed on a Thursday.

Reading- please ensure adults sign the reading diary

### Home Learning – Oak

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  
Spellings – Contractions.