



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had a wonderful afternoon at Thurlestone, making the most of the beautiful surroundings and time together. A huge thank you to Mrs Norton from Charleton for organising this opportunity—it is greatly appreciated.

In school, our Year 4 children have been working hard this week completing their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) assessments. We are very proud of their effort and focus. Our Year 1 pupil has also successfully completed their Phonics Screening Check (PSC)—well done to them for all their hard work.

Next week, we will be welcoming visitors into school to review our school provision. This is always a valuable opportunity to reflect on what we are doing well and to consider how we can continue to improve.

We look forward to welcoming families this afternoon for our Praise Worship at 2:45pm—it is always a lovely way to celebrate the children's achievements together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th June – Oak trip to Dartmoor Zoo

Monday 15th June- Hazel class to Charleton (Welly walk day)

Monday 15th June- Chestnut trip to the Otter and Butterfly sanctuary

Wednesday 17th June – Whole School Forest School.

Wednesday 17th June- KCC summer sports festival Year 5 (during school hours)

Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day (1.30 - 3pm)

(Tuesday 30th - June Reserve Sports Day)

Wednesday 1st July – Chestnut & Oak Forest School. Year 6 KCC Transition Day

Thursday 9th July- Year 6 canoeing

Wednesday 15th July – Chestnut & Hazel Forest School

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Service @ All Saints Church 2.30 - 3pm

Tuesday 21st July – Whole school Performance (1.30 - 3pm)

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of summer term

Thursday 23rd July- Summer Holidays



Chestnut (Nursery).

Our caterpillars have been munching away at the food, getting longer and bigger! The children have been able to see them in action; watch how they move and see the different parts of their bodies. On Monday we are going with our friends from Thurlestone nursery to The Butterfly and Otter Sanctuary and will have a wonderful opportunity to check out all the beautiful butterflies after their transformation. Last week the children helped finish off topping the macaroni cheese which we enjoyed eating together and sharing with our friends in Hazel.



Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

This week we continued our science learning about identifying plants and we sorted leaves into evergreen and deciduous. In D&T we explored where different fruits come from. We have finished our Maths learning about fractions and will beginning a new unit about time; so, start practising telling the time!

We have an exciting half term ahead with trips to the Eden Project, ferry to Salcombe and a day at Woodlands!

Don't forget Monday 15th June Hazel Class will be spending the day at Charleton School, joining with Start Point Class. Bring wellies and outdoor clothing as we will be going on a walk across the marsh.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)



This week, we are incredibly proud of our talented poets who have had their poems published – what a fantastic achievement! We also want to celebrate our Year 5 and 6 children for their excellent participation in the sports festival at Thurlestone. They represented the school brilliantly and had a wonderful time. In Design and Technology, we have been learning about seasonal ingredients and explored how nutritious a Greek salad can be. In History, we have continued our learning about the Ancient Greek gods and goddesses, which has sparked lots of interest and discussion. In Geography, we compared precipitation and temperature between London and Greece, considering how climate might influence where we would prefer to live.

Well done, Oak Class, for another fantastic week of learning and achievement!

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%)	94.5%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	98.4%
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	93.9%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Arlie for coping with strong emotions.
Oak (Year 3 – Year 6)	Grace, Harriet and Albie Field for their prize poetry.

Home learning

Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Daily reading, please record in reading diaries. Books changed on Thursday. Continue to practice 2, 3, 5, 10 times tables. Spellings. Practise telling the time.
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	<p>HOME LEARNING</p> <p>Daily Reading Please ensure your child reads each day and that this is recorded in their reading diary.</p> <p>Spellings Regular spelling practise makes a huge difference to confidence and accuracy, so please continue to support your child with their spellings.</p> <p><i>SUMMER 2 SPELLING</i></p> <p><i>Year 3 & 4</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Circle2. Exercise3. Occasion4. Straight5. Caught6. Eighth7. Natural8. Possess9. Century10. Purpose <p><i>Year 5 & 6</i></p> <p>appreciate community definite existence identity necessary profession sacrifice thorough twelfth</p> <p>Maths Times tables: Please support your child to learn their tables. Year 3 are learning the 3 times table. Year 4/5 and 6 are learning the 7 times table.</p> <p>White Rose Infinity We encourage all children to log in to White Rose Maths and use the Infinity platform to practise their decimals work. It's a brilliant way to reinforce what we're learning in class.</p>