WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another busy and productive one at school. Between the spells of heavy rain, our children have continued to demonstrate fantastic resilience, enthusiasm and commitment to their learning.

We were delighted to welcome a visitor to the school this week who came to learn more about our school structure and the way we organise learning across the school. They were incredibly impressed with the quality of work being produced by our children and the high standards they observed in classrooms. It was particularly pleasing to hear their positive feedback on how our school set-up enables pupils to access high-quality teaching opportunities, ensuring that every child is supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best.

The visitor commented on the positive relationships between staff and children, and the purposeful atmosphere that is evident throughout the school. We are extremely proud of both our children and staff, whose hard work and commitment make this possible every day.

As we move further into the term, it continues to be wonderful to see children embracing challenges, showing determination in their learning and supporting one another so positively. These values are at the heart of our school community and help to create such a positive environment for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th November – Forest School @ FAB Beesands
Wednesday 2nd December – Carol Singing Kahala Court
Tuesday 8th December – Charleton joining us for PE & Science Day
Wednesday 9th December – Crafternoon from1pm. Christmas Fair 2.45pm
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December – Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16th December – Carol Singing Overleat
Friday 18th December – Last day of term
Monday 21st December- Friday 1st January- Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January- Non-pupil day
Tuesday 5th January- First day of term

Praise assembly: Our praise assembly will be on the first Monday of every month at 2:50pm, The next will be held on Monday 7th December 2026.

Your Voice Matters: Take the Parent Survey Today

Our parent survey is now live! I would really appreciate it if you could take time to complete it. This is your chance to tell us how you feel about West Alvington C of E Academy, what you love and what we can improve on.

Your voice truly matters. Following last year's survey, we introduced clearer and more timely communication and have focused on improving our physical spaces following your feedback. By taking just a few minutes to complete our parent survey, you can help us make school life even better for your child and all our pupils.

The survey closes on the 20th of November, so don't miss out. Click the link below to have your say:

West Alvington C of E Academy - Parent/Carer Survey

Admissions policy for 2028-29: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2028-29. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

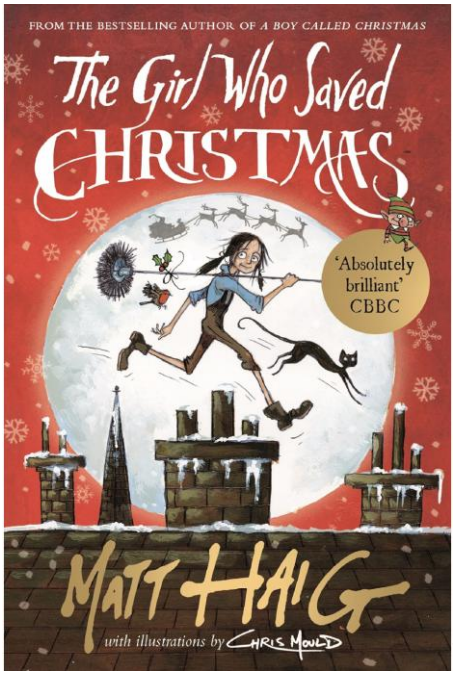
Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 15 January 2027. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2027. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

Hope Cove

Wednesday's welly walk was a huge success! The children loved exploring our local area, spotting interesting features in the environment and enjoying the fresh air. As they walked, they collected natural materials and worked together to make their own fishing rods, showing great creativity and teamwork.

Our class novel, The Girl Who Saved Christmas, has quickly become a firm favourite. The children are enjoying following Amelia's magical adventure and have impressed us with their thoughtful responses and growing comprehension skills.



In History, we learnt about the spread of Christianity in Anglo-Saxon England and the important role of the Pope as the leader of the Christian Church. The children were interested to discover how the Pope's influence helped Christianity grow across the country.

In Computing, we became digital photographers! The children learnt how to edit photographs by cropping images, adjusting colours and improving picture quality. They enjoyed experimenting with different editing tools and seeing how small changes can have a big impact.

It's beginning to feel very Christmassy! In DT, we have started designing our moving Christmas cards. The children have been thinking carefully about who their card is for, what it should look like and how it will move. Together, we have been creating our success criteria and exploring different ideas before bringing our designs to life. We can't wait to see the finished products!

Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of learning, creativity and curiosity!




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Exciting Things Ahead This Term!

Small School Big Hearts Bright Futures

West Alvington Primary School

A festive season full of fun, learning and community spirit!

Reception Christmas Baking Club

Friday Afternoons

Our Reception children will enjoy a range of festive baking activities including:

- Gingerbread people
- Christmas biscuits
- Snowman cupcakes
- Seasonal treats



Building independence, following instructions and having lots of festive fun!

Wednesday Adventures

We are making the most of our local area and wider community!

Depending on the weather and opportunities available, these may include:

- Welly walks
- Bus trips
- Exploring our environment
- Learning about the world around us

Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing and wellies in school where possible.

LEGO Lunch Club

Fridays | 12:30pm – 1:00pm

Build • Create • Imagine

- Develop problem-solving skills
- Work collaboratively with others
- Take part in fun LEGO challenges
- Build amazing creations



We can't wait to see what amazing creations the children come up with!

Breakfast Boosters Club

Year 6
Tuesdays & Fridays
8:00am – 8:30am

Children will enjoy a light breakfast whilst taking part in fun, focused activities designed to build confidence and strengthen key skills in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Grammar



Helping every child feel positive, prepared and ready to shine.

Carol Singing in the Community

Following the wonderful success of last year's visit, we are hoping to take the children to perform Christmas carols for residents at local residential homes.

- Bringing joy to others
- Strengthening community links
- Creating special memories



Christmas Fair Can You Help?

Planning is already underway for our Christmas Fair, and we would be incredibly grateful for any support from parents, carers and family members.

We would welcome help with:

- Running stalls
- Setting up and packing away
- Donating raffle prizes
- Providing refreshments
- Helping with activities on the day

Many Hands Make Magical Things Happen!

Fundraising for Trips and Experiences

This year, we are keen to continue providing a range of exciting educational visits and enrichment opportunities for our children. To help keep these experiences affordable and accessible for all families, we will be using some of our fundraising events, including the Christmas Fair, to contribute towards the cost of future trips and activities.

Your support helps us provide:

- Educational visits
- Enrichment opportunities
- Outdoor learning experiences
- Memorable activities for all children

Every donation, volunteer hour and raffle prize helps make these opportunities possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

Together we're creating a magical, memorable and exciting term for all our children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lowe

Our Community
Our Children
Our Future

West Alvington Primary School

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 94.8%