WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear families,

The children had a fantastic time working with Martin Bush during his workshop. They embraced the activities with enthusiasm and curiosity, demonstrating excellent teamwork and creativity throughout. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they took part in the different challenges and experiences he provided.

We also enjoyed our trip to Tesco, which was a valuable opportunity for the children to explore their local community and apply their learning in a real-life context. The children represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We are also excited to be working closely with Charlton Class to develop more shared experiences for our children. Our teams have been planning opportunities for the children to learn, explore and celebrate together, helping to strengthen relationships across our school communities. We look forward to sharing more details about these exciting activities in the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week of learning.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th October- Forest School
Wednesday 14th October- Harvest Festival
Wednesday 21st October- RNLI Visit to Salcombe
Monday 19th October – Tempest School Photographs
Monday 19th October- Parent consultations
October 26th-30th- Half 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 9th November 2026.

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.

Proposed PAN change from 12 to 8

Hope Cove

We have had another busy and exciting week in school!

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Martin Bush, who spent the morning inspiring the children through creative activities. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and loved having the freedom to express themselves, share their ideas and celebrate their individuality through their art. Thank you, Martin, for such a memorable and inspiring visit.

In History**,** KS1 learned about Sir Francis Drake and his remarkable voyage as the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe. Meanwhile, KS2 pupils explored the importance of the Heptarchy, the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms that existed in England before it became one unified country. The children considered why this period is so important and how historians use evidence from the past to develop their understanding of Anglo-Saxon life and society.

We also enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Tesco**.** The children learned where many of our fruits and vegetables come from and discovered some fascinating facts, including that King Henry VIII was one of the first people in England to own a pineapple, which was seen as a symbol of wealth and status! After returning to school, the children used the ingredients they had purchased to make delicious smoothies, experimenting with a range of fruits and vegetables, including spinach and avocado.

A huge thank you to Cathy and the team at Tesco for giving us such a warm welcome and providing an engaging learning experience for our pupils.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who attended our Praise Assembly and Magma Maths workshop this week. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school and share in the children's achievements and learning. Your support makes a real difference, and we always enjoy opportunities to work together with our families.





Autumn 1 Spellings

Year 5 & 6

attached
available
competition
conscience
desperate
explanation
immediately
neighbour
programme
secretary

Year 3 & 4

1. Accident
2. Guide
3. Quarter
4. Thought
5. Sentence
6. Ordinary
7. Actual
8. Famous
9. Heard
10. Surprise

Year 2

1. Gold
2. Bath
3. Plant
4. Busy
5. Climb
6. Beautiful
7. Money
8. Should
9. Everybody
10. Floor

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 94.3%