



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear families,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at school, with plenty of opportunities for learning and collaboration.

This week, we thoroughly enjoyed our forest and beach visit with Charleton. It was wonderful to spend time learning and exploring together, and it is always a pleasure to bring our two schools together. These shared experiences help to strengthen friendships, build confidence and create lasting memories for our children.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Martin Bush to our school. Pupils will have the exciting opportunity to meet the artist and take part in a creative workshop linked to their current learning. We are sure this will be an inspiring experience for everyone involved.

We have also added several new dates to our Dates for the Diary section. Please do take a moment to check these carefully so that you are aware of upcoming events and important information for the weeks ahead.

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

Monday 5th October- Praise assembly 14:50pm
Tuesday 6th October- Art workshop
Wednesday 7th October- Tesco Fruit & Veg Trip
Thursday 8th October- Magma maths parent workshop 3:15pm
Friday 9th October- Hello Yellow (Wear something yellow to school)
Wednesday 14th October- Forest School
Wednesday 14th October- Harvest Festival
Wednesday 21st October- RNLI boat trip
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.

Hope Cove

Another wonderful week has flown by at West Alvington School, and we have certainly been blessed with beautiful weather!

Our Forest and Beach session was a particular highlight this week. The children enjoyed spending time outdoors, working together, exploring nature and learning traditional skills such as apple pressing. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity in such a special environment.

In History, KS2 have been learning about how the Anglo-Saxons arrived in Britain, exploring who they were and the impact they had on our country. Meanwhile, KS1 have been investigating the fascinating question: "Sir Francis Drake – Pirate or Explorer?" It was great to hear discussions and different viewpoints when learning about his famous voyages.

In Geography, we have been learning about the differences between villages, towns and cities, using our local area as a starting point. The children enjoyed identifying places such as Exeter, Kingsbridge and Thurlestone while discussing what makes each settlement unique.

I would also like to say how proud I am of our reception children. They are working incredibly hard in their phonics sessions, making excellent progress, and developing beautiful handwriting skills. Their determination and pride in their work has been a joy to see.

Ask them to tell you more about these sounds:



Looking ahead, we have lots more exciting opportunities planned over the coming weeks, including several educational visits and experiences. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming artist Martin Bush into school next week to work with the children and inspire their creativity.

The children are thoroughly enjoying their Magma Maths sessions and it is fantastic to see their confidence and enthusiasm for maths growing. Children can also access Magma Maths at home using their individual QR code login, allowing them to practise the skills we are learning in class and share their success with you. We look forward to showing parents more about the platform at our Magma Maths Workshop on Thursday 8th October.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that Grace and Henry have been appointed as our Playground and Line Monitors. They will help children to line up sensibly, encourage positive play at breaktimes and support staff in making sure everyone stays safe and happy. We know they will be excellent role models and carry out their new responsibilities with pride.

In recognition of their commitment and responsibility, Grace and Henry will receive leadership badges to wear with pride and will be invited to special pupil leadership meetings throughout the year. We look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills and support our school community.

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 94.1%