



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy the wonderful sunshine. It was certainly a beautiful break, and we hope you had the chance to spend some quality time together.

This week, the children have been busy settling into the final half term of the year. There has been a fantastic start across the school, with exciting and engaging learning taking place in every class.

We have been particularly impressed with the amazing work the children have been producing in their sketchbooks recently—the work is looking absolutely beautiful. Art Club have also created some lovely pieces this week, showing great creativity and care.

Teachers are currently busy organising lots of trips and events for the coming weeks, so please do make sure to check the calendar below for important dates.

We look forward to welcoming you this afternoon at 2:45pm for our Praise Worship, where we will celebrate our Stars of the Week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 8th June – Year 6 Transition meeting (students and parents)
- Thursday 11th June – Chestnut, Hazel Year 3 & 4 Forest and Beach Day. Year 5/6 Sports Afternoon (during school hours)
- 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 - Chestnut & Hazel Forest School. 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)

We have welcomed new additions in Chestnut and will have the opportunity to see metamorphosis in action. Four caterpillars have arrived via snail mail! The children were excited to open the package, and we will be looking after them over the coming weeks. This will link well with The Very Hungry Caterpillar which our children are very familiar with. We have been joining in with Hazel class when opportunities arise, going on a walk to find leaves and getting caught in the rain. Our bakery is now making pizzas!



Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

This half term we will be starting new units of learning including Fruit Smoothies (D&T); How should we care for the world and others and why does this matter? (RE); Programming Quizzes (Computing) and Economic Well Being (RHE). We also have some fantastic trips planned to include The Eden Project, Kingsbridge Ferry and Woodlands. More information will be sent out when dates have been confirmed. We have also planned a whole day at Forest and beach 11th June. This week as scientists we have been exploring different types of leaves, using a guide which the children used as we walked around the village, we also spotted elderflowers so we picked some and the children helped to make elderflower cordial. As mathematicians we are still learning about fractions and this week the focus has been in unit and non unit fractions.

On Monday 15th June Hazel Class will be spending the day at Charleton School, joining with Start Point Class.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

Welcome back to the new and final summer term! It has been a great start, with the children settling in beautifully. In Art, the class has completed their Paul Klee inspired artwork, which is now proudly displayed in our corridors. The pieces are vibrant and full of creativity, and we are very proud of their efforts. In English, the children have been working on their Big Write timelines, choosing inspiring figures such as Michael Jackson, Mary Anning, Sir David Attenborough, Alfred the Great and Henry VII, and organising their ideas clearly.

In DT, we have begun learning how to make a Greek salad, developing food preparation skills and exploring healthy eating. In History, we have been comparing Athens and Sparta, discussing which they would have preferred to live in and learning about Sparta's strict, army-focused lifestyle.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic final term.

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)	93.8%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Emily for getting involved in nursery life and becoming more confident.
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Michael for starting to join some of his writing.
Oak (Year 3 – Year 6)	Finley, Albie and Sophie for a successful Year 4 residential trip!

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
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	HOME LEARNING This week, I would like you to think about a talent you have that you could perform at our end of year show, West Alvington's Got Talent! This could be anything from singing, dancing, telling jokes, magic tricks, playing an instrument, gymnastics, acting, or any other special skill you would like to share. Start thinking about what you enjoy and how you might present it—we can't wait to celebrate everyone's talents! Daily Reading Please ensure your child reads each day and that this is recorded in their reading diary. Spellings Regular spelling practise makes a huge difference to confidence and accuracy, so please continue to support your child with their spellings. SUMMER 2 SPELLING <u>Year 3 & 4</u>

1. Circle
2. Exercise
3. Occasion
4. Straight
5. Caught
6. Eighth
7. Natural
8. Possess
9. Century
10. Purpose

Year 5 & 6

appreciate
community
definite
existence
identity
necessary
profession
sacrifice
thorough
twelfth

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.

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.