



West Alvington C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Families,

What a wonderfully busy and exciting week it has been at West Alvington! During my visits to classrooms, I've been absolutely thrilled to see the children brimming with enthusiasm for their reading. They've proudly shared their favourite books with me and even given me a long list of recommendations—I'll be heading to the library soon to explore their fantastic suggestions!

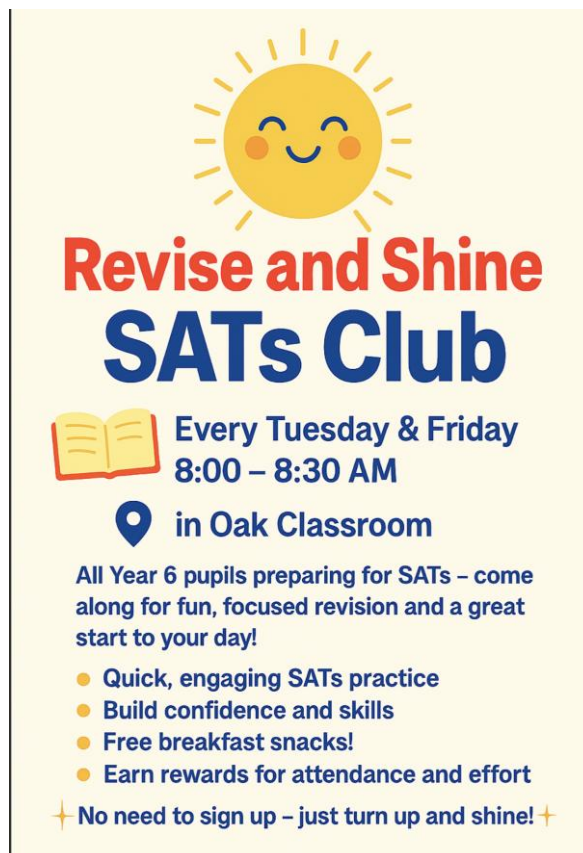
As we move into the festive season, there is so much to look forward to. Next week, we are delighted to welcome you to our school nativity, a highlight of the year that always brings joy and sparkle to our community. We're also eagerly anticipating our Christmas dinner, a time for everyone to come together and celebrate.

Please make sure to check the dates below so you don't miss any of the wonderful events we have planned. And don't forget—you are warmly invited to Charleton's Christmas Fair on 17th December. It promises to be a magical occasion filled with festive cheer, and we can't wait to see you there! Please see the poster for more details.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support in making this such a special time of year for our school family. Your involvement and enthusiasm truly make all the difference.


Kind regards,


Mrs Ruston



A vertical poster with a yellow background. At the top is a smiling sun with a face and rays. Below the sun, the text 'Revise and Shine' is in red, and 'SATs Club' is in large blue letters. Underneath is an icon of an open book, followed by 'Every Tuesday & Friday' and '8:00 – 8:30 AM'. Below that is a location pin icon and 'in Oak Classroom'. The text 'All Year 6 pupils preparing for SATs – come along for fun, focused revision and a great start to your day!' follows. A bulleted list contains four items: 'Quick, engaging SATs practice', 'Build confidence and skills', 'Free breakfast snacks!', and 'Earn rewards for attendance and effort'. At the bottom, it says 'No need to sign up – just turn up and shine!' with star icons on either side.

Revise and Shine
SATs Club

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8:00 – 8:30 AM

 **in Oak Classroom**

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Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 3rd December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 3rd December – Nativity & KS2 Carol Service 2pm @ All Saints Church

Wednesday 10th December- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December – FOWA Christmas Fair Village Hall 3.15pm

Monday 15th December – KS2 Theatre Trip

Tuesday 16th December – KS1 Theatre Trip

Friday 19th December – Last day of Autumn term

Monday 22nd December- Friday 2nd January- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

Chestnut

The children have been busy again enjoying time in the woods; they have become a tight knit group of friends which was joyful to watch as they independently chose to run around the woods together. In nursery we have started on our window display based around our Fab Five book, Stickman and making our own Advent Calendar out of gingerbread! There have been lots of opportunities to talk about shapes, numbers, quantities, and sharing. The nursery smells wonderful. Have a fabulous weekend

Chestnutters 😊



Hazel

This week, despite it being a cold and frosty morning, the children enjoyed their forest school session with Pete and kept themselves very busy! As mathematicians we are learning about 2d and 3d shapes; being able to write their names and recognise their properties. As geographers we explored the symbols found on maps and discovered what they mean and why we use them. In D&T we have been making a wheel mechanism for our moving cards.

Thank you for all the History home learning tasks, these will be going into the children's history books so please could you bring them in if you haven't already. I have a few spare sheets if needed.

We have had a few reading books getting wet from drinks bottles in bags. Could we please ask that drink bottles are not put into the same bags as our reading books.



Oak Class

This week has been full of exciting learning across Oak Class!

The children have been busy researching the pastimes of the Romans, exploring how they spent their leisure time. From gladiator games to Roman baths, they've uncovered fascinating details about daily life in ancient times. We have completed our **Big Writes**, and the children were thrilled to print their work to share with you at home. Aren't they wonderful? **Year 5 & 6** have been working hard on **long division**, showing great perseverance and growing confidence. **Year 3 & 4** have been mastering **multiplication with one exchange**, building strong foundations for future problem-solving. Friday afternoons are always a highlight as we dive into our French lessons. We are currently learning the days and **months of the year**, practising how to tell the date in French — a skill the children are enjoying immensely!

Have a lovely weekend.

Stars of the Week



Hazel's star of the week goes to Arthur for the progress he has made with his phonics..

Oak's star of the week goes to Rupert for his fantastic Big Write. Well done!

Chestnut's star of the week goes to Matilda-Rose for always throwing herself into singing and dancing with gusto!

Values of the Week

In Hazel, the Value of Friendship to Henry who shows friendship to everyone.
In Oak, for the value of Responsibility shown by Sophie in preparing Oak class every morning.



Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.2%

Class attendance is currently:

Hazel Attendance 97.8% Oak Attendance 92.9%

Home Learning – Hazel

Please read 3 times a week, books are still changed on a Thursday.

Please return any History home learning sheets.

Reading- please ensure adults sign the reading diary.

Thank you



Home Learning – Oak

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring their reading diaries into school every day.

Home Learning 28.11.25

Spelling practise common exception words in reading diaries.

Research Christmas crafts that you would like to make in school. Last year, we made these...