WEST ALVINGTON

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear families,

It has been a lovely first week back after the half term break. The children have settled back into school brilliantly and have been busy re-establishing routines in their classrooms. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and to hear about their half term adventures.

The dates section below has been updated to reflect the Christmas events that are currently being planned. It is always a busy and exciting time of year, so please do take a look and make a note of any important dates in your calendars.

This week, we were pleased to welcome our school governors into school. They spent time looking around the learning environment and speaking with some of our children about their experiences at West Alvington. The governors were very impressed by what they saw and heard, particularly the children's confidence, enthusiasm for learning, and pride in their school. Their visit provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate the strengths of our school community and will support us as we continue to prepare for our upcoming SIAMS inspection.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ruston



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th November – Art Gallery Showcase with Charleton **at Charleton Academy**
Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance - Kingsbridge War Memorial
Friday 13th November – Children in Need, pyjama day and bake sale
Wednesday 18th November – Forest School
Wednesday 25th November – Forest School @ FAB Beesands
Wednesday 2nd December – Carol Singing Kahala Court
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Fair
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 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

What a fantastic start to a chilly Autumn 2 term! The children have had a brilliant week packed with exciting learning and experiences. On Tuesday, they absolutely loved taking part in a glow-in-the-dark dodgeball session. What a fabulous club!

During Forest School, the children enjoyed a countryside walk where they climbed trees, explored nature and had great fun outdoors. In History, we learned about how the Anglo-Saxons lived, including their homes, daily lives and the famous story of *Beowulf*. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lesson, while in DT we explored levers and linkages and began developing our understanding of mechanisms.

We are also incredibly proud of our School Council, who have been working hard to make new clubs happen. Lego Club is now running on Friday lunchtimes, and a brand-new Dungeons & Dragons Club will be coming soon. Well done to our School Councillors for helping to make our school even better for everyone!





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 94.3%