WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear families,

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and involvement in our school community.

This week, we thoroughly enjoyed coming together for our **Harvest Festival**. It was wonderful to celebrate this important occasion with the children and reflect on the importance of kindness, gratitude and helping others. Thank you for your generous donations of tinned and non-perishable food items. These will be delivered to the local food bank, where they will provide valuable support to families within our community.

Today, the children are looking forward to their visit to **Charleton**. We know they will have a fantastic day and enjoy the opportunity to learn and explore beyond the classroom.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming you to our **Parents' Evenings**. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and share their next steps in learning. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.

As we approach the end of the half term, thank you once again for your continued support. We are very proud of all that the children have achieved this term and look forward to a successful final week together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st October- RNLI Visit to Salcombe
Monday 19th October – Tempest School Photographs
Monday 19th October- Parent consultations
Friday 23rd October – Junior Life Skills
October 26th-30th- Half Term
Wednesday 4th November - Forest School
Friday 13th November – Children in Need

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

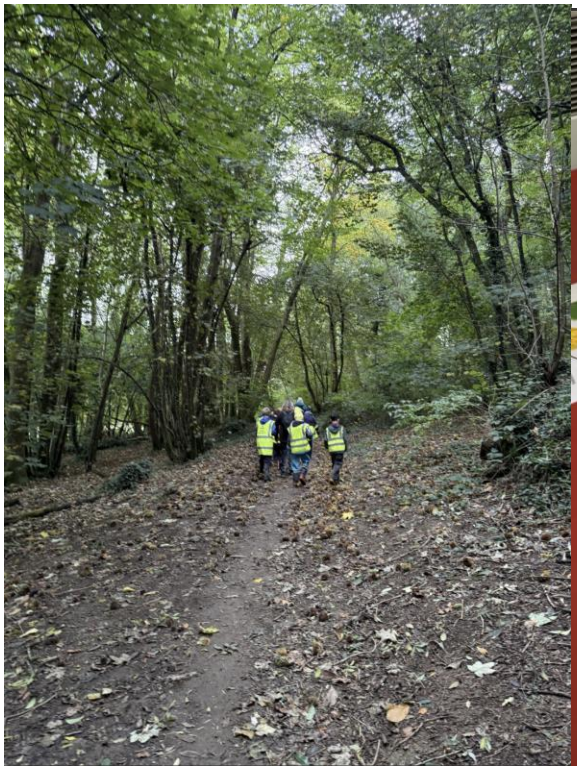
This week in Forest School, we made the most of the beautiful autumn sunshine and enjoyed exploring the changing season around us. The children looked closely at insects and other signs of autumn before developing their practical skills by safely sawing wood to create their own woodland crafts. It was wonderful to see their confidence, teamwork and creativity growing as they worked together outdoors.

In Art, we explored the concepts of primary, secondary and tertiary colours. The children experimented with colour mixing and created their own shades by adding tints and shades, discovering how colours can be altered to create different effects. They showed great curiosity and creativity while developing their understanding of colour theory.

A reminder that individual school photographs will be taking place on Monday 19th October. Please ensure children come to school in full uniform and looking their best.

Next Wednesday, we will be visiting the Salcombe RNLI. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about water safety and the important work carried out by the RNLI volunteers who help keep our local communities safe.

Thank you 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

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 94.1%