



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school, with lots of great learning and memorable moments.

Well done to all the children for getting on so well in the heat this week. They have shown great resilience and continued to approach their learning with positivity. A big thank you to staff and parents who supported with putting up and taking down the shelter on the field each day—your help was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in Sports Day, including our teachers and parents—it was a fantastic event enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Mr P for organising such a seamless and successful day.

This week, Hazel Class had an amazing time at the Eden Project. A big thank you to Mrs Carter for organising this wonderful experience.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you into school this afternoon for our Praise Worship.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1st July – Chestnut & Oak Forest School. Year 6 KCC Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July- Chestnut and Hazel class trip to Salcombe on the Ferry

Thursday 9th July- Year 6 canoeing

Friday 10th July- Whole school trip to the Beach

Wednesday 15th July – Whole school Forest School

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Service @ All Saints Church 2.30 - 3pm

Thursday 16th July- Hazel class trip to Woodlands

Thursday 16th July- Chestnut trip to the Aquarium

Tuesday 21st July – Whole school Performance (1.30 - 3pm)

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of summer term

Thursday 23rd July- Summer Holidays



Tes Schools Awards 2026

Shortlisted

Inclusive Trust of the Year

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Chestnut (Nursery).



Our children in Chestnut have had a week of joining in with our older children and enjoying time in the outside play area. The staff have had more time to spend with each child; playing with train tracks, having an impromptu music lesson from Mrs Bickle and splashing around in the paddling pool with Hazel Class. Our wee ones are becoming more confident as they navigate their time in Chestnut. Our big news though was our fully fluttered Painted Ladies have appeared, and they are fabulous although one hadn't formed its wings well which was a good opportunity to talk about nature. We will be releasing the last one today and wave as she flutters on by.

Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

Despite the hot weather Hazel Class had a fantastic day at the Eden Project. We went into both biomes, and we saw pineapples, bananas, coffee beans and cacao growing. There was an a mazing giant marble with wooden balls that we had to keep chasing as they rolled down the hill! What a great way to enrich our science learning about plants. As geographers we have been comparing Plymouth to Sydney, and we found plants in the biomes that are native to Australia. The hot weather was a good excuse to get the paddling pool out and the children (and staff) enjoyed cooling off. On Thursday we have our next trip on the ferry to Salcombe to look forward to.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

What a fantastic week we've had in Oak Class!

We were able to swap our Sports Day to the morning this week to ensure everyone stayed safe in the warmer weather. Both the Red Team and Blue Team poured their hearts into every race and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship throughout the morning. A special highlight was watching our Nursery children take part in their very own horse race—it brought lots of smiles and cheers from everyone watching! We were so proud of them all! A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support and even take part in the races—it made the event extra special. We are also very grateful to the *Friends of West Alvington* for organising the raffle and ice creams, raising a whopping £250! We were lucky to have Mrs Carter's shelter to keep us shaded, and the children did a great job of staying hydrated and wearing their hats—well done everyone for looking after themselves.

In RE this week, we explored what it means to get married. We talked about how, for Christians, marriage is a special and sacred promise made before God. It is seen as a lifelong commitment to love, support and care for one another. The children learned that Christian wedding ceremonies often take place in a church and include vows, rings, and blessings.

In Geography, we learned about the difference between *biomes* and *vegetation belts*. To bring this to life, the children designed their own plant that would need to adapt to survive in the climate of Greece. There were some wonderfully creative ideas!

We are very excited to be practising for our end-of-year performance and can't wait to share it with you soon!

Enjoy the weekend 😊



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%)	94.1%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	98.3%
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	93.4%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Emily for being a sporting superstar!
Hazel and Oak	Michael L for reading me his creative story and sharing his impressive joined handwriting! Also for his super teamwork and effort at sports day.

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. Practise telling the time.
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	HOME LEARNING 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

Year 3 & 4

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.