



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Families,

What another busy and exciting week we have had at school!

The children have been working incredibly hard in their lessons and have continued to demonstrate our school values through their enthusiasm, resilience and positive attitudes to learning.

Hazel Class have had a particularly memorable week. They thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Salcombe, including a ride on the Salcombe Ferry. The children were delighted by the experience and made the most of the beautiful surroundings. Back in school, there has been even more excitement with some very special new additions to the classroom – chicks! Both the children and staff have loved watching them and learning more about their development. They have certainly brought lots of smiles and excitement to Hazel Class.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their transition day at KCC this week. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet new teachers, explore their new surroundings and begin preparing for the next stage of their educational journey. We are incredibly proud of how maturely and confidently they approached the day.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming families to our Praise Worship this afternoon at 2:45pm and celebrating the many achievements of our children together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th July- Picnic Day

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



Chestnut (Nursery).

A great week for the children in the sunny weather this week. Chestnut is blessed with a little group who gel and play together and look out for each other. We had a jolly time yesterday, travelling via various modes of travel; boat, bus and lots of walking! We were very fortunate to go and see the Salcombe, offshore lifeboats of the RNLI with the children and adults seeing what it is like inside the boats! They do an amazing service and the children thanked 'Tricky' for the privilege of showing us around. On the way to the bus stop we stopped off and saw the huge crabs and lobsters. A tad larger than the ones the children caught!



Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

We have chicks! This week I brought in 9 eggs to hatch, we were not sure how many chicks we would have or if any would hatch at all, but to our surprise all 9 eggs have hatched. We will have them for next week before they go back to a farm where they will be free range. Yesterday we had an amazing day starting off with the ferry to Salcombe, then we had a tour of the lifeboat station, and we got to go on both lifeboats. We then went crabbing; battling the seagulls before catching a few crabs. Of course, we had to have an ice cream before catching the very late bus back. The children were amazing, asking great questions and were very patient when waiting for the bus home.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

Artwork by our amazing Grace!





We have had a wonderful week in Oak Class as we welcomed new children to our class. Everyone worked hard to make our new friends feel welcome and included. The children thoroughly enjoyed their transition morning at Forest School. They listened to stories, created bug hotels, chatted with friends and had lots of fun exploring the outdoors together.

Our mathematicians have been working hard. Year 5 and 6 are continuing to learn about ratio, developing their understanding of how quantities can be compared and related. Year 3 and 4 are exploring position and direction, learning how to plot coordinates accurately.

As geographers, the children have now completed their unit on Greece. To showcase all their learning, they have been set a creative challenge: Using everything they have learnt about Greece, the children are designing a persuasive poster to encourage tourists to visit. They have described key attractions, landmarks, culture and other features that make Greece a fantastic destination.

As we prepare for our upcoming end-of-year performance, please encourage your child to practise their lines, songs and performances at home. Learning their parts will help them feel confident and ensure the performance is a great success for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy the weekend 😊

Attendance

365 days in a calendar year

190 days in school

You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ Learning new stuff
- ⇒ Extracurricular clubs and sports
- ⇒ Trips and visits
- ⇒ Socialising with your friends

175 days not in school

You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ Appointments
- ⇒ Holidays
- ⇒ Days out
- ⇒ Socialising with your friends and family



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%)	94.3%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	98.4%
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	93.6%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Michael for being patient waiting for the bus!
Hazel and Oak	Year 6 for shining at KCC

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)	<p>HOME LEARNING</p> <p>Daily Reading Please ensure your child reads each day and that this is recorded in their reading diary.</p> <p>Spellings Regular spelling practise makes a huge difference to confidence and accuracy, so please continue to support your child with their spellings.</p> <p>SUMMER 2 SPELLING Year 3 & 4</p>

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.