



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Families,

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs this week with determination, resilience, and a fantastic attitude. They truly gave it their all, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

A big thank you also goes to our staff and the rest of the children across the school, who showed great flexibility and consideration while the tests were taking place. Their support helped to create a calm and positive environment throughout the week. We would also like to say a very big thank you to the staff for providing a lovely breakfast each day for the children.

It has also been a pleasure to spend time in Nursery this week, seeing some fantastic learning based on The Hungry Caterpillar.

We look forward to seeing you at Praise Worship which will be led by Mrs Carter this afternoon at 2:45.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th May- Half Term

Monday 1st June – Year 4 Residential Forest and Beach

Monday 8th June – Year 6 Transition meeting (students and parents)

Thursday 11th June – Year 5/6 Sports Afternoon

Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day (1.30 - 3pm)

(Tuesday 30th June Reserve Sports Day)

Wednesday 1st July – Year 6 KCC Transition Day

Wednesday 8th July – Whole school Performance (1.30 - 3pm)

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

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of summer term

Thursday 23rd July- Summer Holidays



Chestnut (Nursery)

This week the children became the proud 'owners' of Pudding Lane Bakery having decorated their iced currant buns. They served each other, taking turns to be the shop keeper and selling their goods. It also had a cafe which served French toast with maple syrup! Fortunately, we had

no fires in the bakery!



Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

This week we have linked our history learning about the Great Fire of London with our English writing; the children have been writing their own diary following the events that happened in 1666. As mathematicians we have been exploring halves as fractions. As scientists we used the welly walk to find different plants that were on a plant spotting sheet, the children managed to find most of them except the poppy and snowdrop. As artists we have been finishing our Aboriginal inspired prints by adding the distinctive dots that characterises this style of art.

Today we also say goodbye to Arthur, he will be greatly missed by the whole school. We wish you well in your new school.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

It's been a big week in school and I just wanted to share how proud I am of everyone. Year 6 have been absolutely amazing during their SATs. They've shown such maturity and determination and I couldn't be prouder of the way they've approached every single morning. Their commitment to our early-morning SATs Club, all the way back since September, has really paid off. They definitely earned their special breakfasts this week — the bacon and sausage baps were a huge hit.

While Year 6 were working incredibly hard, Years 3, 4 and 5 have been just as brilliant. They loved their walk with Hazel and even managed to find new ways into the woods, which they were very excited about.

To celebrate the end of SATs, Year 6 had a fantastic day at Woodlands. Meanwhile, Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a creative day, producing some lovely artwork and baking flapjacks.

It's been one of those weeks that reminds me how lucky we are to work with such hardworking, joyful children. I'm incredibly proud of them all.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Attendance

How close is your child to 100% attendance?

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
0 days	100%	0	Perfection
2 days	99%	10 lessons	Excellent
5 days	97%	25 lessons	Good
10 days	95%	50 lessons	Slight concern
20 days	90%	100 lessons	Concern
30 days	85%	150 lessons	Significant concern

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%)	94.9%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	97.2%
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	94.1%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Teddie for brightening up our days, always with a smile.
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Arthur for bringing his positive energy and enthusiasm to school every day.
Oak (Year 3 – Year 6)	We will celebrate our Year 6 as Stars next week as they are off enjoying themselves at Woodlands today. This week, Miss Elliot has asked for Finley to be recognised for his enthusiastic learning and appreciation of the welly walk!

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.
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 1 SPELLING

Year 3 & 4

question
accidentally
appear
complete
guard
remember
peculiar
difficult
through
earth

Year 5 & 6

apparent
communicate
curiosity
excellent
hindrance
muscle
privilege
rhythm
system
temperature

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.