



# West Alvington C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear families,

This week has been full of moments that truly reflect our school values. Some of our children attended the Remembrance Day service in Kingsbridge on Tuesday. They represented the school beautifully, showing respect and thoughtfulness as they joined the community in honouring those who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Across the week, we've also embraced important events that remind us of kindness, respect, and community. Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week helped us celebrate individuality and the importance of standing together against bullying. And as we look ahead to Friday, we're excited to support Children in Need, showing how small acts can make a big difference.

Thank you to all our pupils, staff, and families for making these moments so meaningful. Your enthusiasm and care bring our school values to life every day.

Kind regards

Mrs Ruston



# Revise and Shine SATs Club



Every Tuesday & Friday  
8:00 – 8:30 AM



in Oak Classroom

All Year 6 pupils preparing for SATs – come along for fun, focused revision and a great start to your day!

- Quick, engaging SATs practice
- Build confidence and skills
- Free breakfast snacks!
- Earn rewards for attendance and effort

✦ No need to sign up – just turn up and shine! ✦

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 26th November- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 3rd December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 3rd December – Nativity & KS2 Carol Service 2pm @ All Saints Church

Wednesday 10th December- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – FOWA Christmas Fair Village Hall 3.15pm

Monday 15th December – KS2 Theatre Trip

Tuesday 16th December – KS1 Theatre Trip

Friday 19th December – Last day of Autumn term

Monday 22nd December- Friday 2nd January- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

## Chestnut

At Forest School this week, we had a wonderful time joining Oak Class, in spite of the weather which didn't dampen our spirits. The walk to and from the woods is a great opportunity to build resilience, strengthen balance, and assess hazards such as those pesky roots and slippery slopes! We were fortunate to see a Shield bug that settled on a child's hand and we collected twigs ready for our Fab Five book, Stickman. On Friday for Children in Need we

## Hazel

This week we went on our welly walk around the village looking for human and physical features. We also walked down to the war memorial to take part in the Remembrance service. We were very proud of the respect all the children showed during the service. As mathematicians we have been partitioning 2 digit numbers into 10's and 1's and using flexible partitioning. In D&T we have been exploring how sliders and levers work; making our own examples. As scientists we have exploring the characteristics of living things.

On Monday as part of our History learning the children will be bringing home a task which is to learn about how older members of their family celebrated Christmas. They will have a sheet to complete and return.



## Oak Class

*We've had a wonderfully busy week in Oak Class, packed with learning, laughter – thanks to Albie Carr and his sensational animation – and a little bit of mud!*

This week, our history lessons took us back in time to explore how Roman towns were built. The children were fascinated by the clever layout and the importance of road networks in connecting communities and boosting trade. We even tried designing our own Roman-style town maps—future architects in the making! Exciting news! Oak Class welcomed two new stick insects to our classroom. The children have been observing their behavior and learning how to care for them responsibly. We're currently running a name draw, and we'll reveal the winning names in next week's newsletter—stay tuned!

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a muddy adventure in Forest School. The children embraced the outdoors with enthusiasm, exploring nature, building dens, and getting gloriously grubby. A big thank you for sending them in with appropriate gear!

Our Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their SATs practice this week. Their dedication has been inspiring, and they've been fueling their brains with hearty breakfasts at our early morning SATs club. Well done, Year 6—you're smashing it!

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

### Stars of the Week



Hazel's star of the week goes to Michael for his enthusiasm in PE.

Oak's star of the week goes to Heidi for her super scientific knowledge.

Chestnut's star of the week goes to Teddie for sparkling with enthusiasm

### Values of the Week

In Hazel, for the Value of Respect, the whole class for the respect they showed at the Remembrance Service.

In Oak, for the value of Respect, the children who showed such respect during the Remembrance Service.



### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.3%

Class attendance is currently:

Hazel Attendance 97.6% Oak Attendance 93%

### Home Learning – Hazel

Please read 3 times a week, books are still changed on a Thursday.

Reading- please ensure adults sign the reading diary.

We will be sending reading books home over half term but please make sure they are returned on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you



### Home Learning – Oak

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

#### Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring their reading diaries into school every day.

Home Learning 14.11.25

Next week, Monday 17th November – Sunday 23rd November is Geography Awareness Week. For your home learning, I would like you to design your own flag which represents you. You could include heritage, favourite activities, sports, animals, or family.

Here is a link for more information and ideas.

<https://kidworldcitizen.org/my-place-in-the-world-project/>



