



West Alwington C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evening this week. The teachers were so pleased to speak with so many of you and celebrate the progress your children are making. Your support and engagement are truly appreciated.

A big thank you also to those who have completed our Parent School Survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us understand how we can continue to improve our school. If you haven't had a chance to share your thoughts yet, the survey will remain open until the end of the day on **Friday** – we'd love to hear from you!

Next week, I'd like to invite all parents and carers to join me for **Coffee and Conversation** on **Tuesday morning at drop-off time**. This will be an informal opportunity to chat, share any ideas or concerns, and discuss how we communicate as a school. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally, we are excited to be joining the **Charleton children for their gallery event next week**. You are all warmly invited to come along, enjoy the wonderful artwork, and share in some refreshments organised by the Charleton PTA.

Finally, please do check out our Facebook page to see all the things we get up to over the week.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EKbbNJZyQ/>

Have a lovely weekend,

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22nd October- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 22nd October – Oak Class @ Charleton

Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October- HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November- NON-PUPIL DAY

Wednesday 12th November- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 26th November- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 10th December- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Friday 19th December – Last day of Autumn term

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

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

Chestnut

Another wonderful week in Chestnut. We have spruced up our outside play area with fresh willow screening and rearranged the layout to further enhance the children's outdoor learning. We can't wait to get our hands dirty! We have also been investigating differences and similarities between human and animal teeth, the importance of cleaning them and how do animals look after theirs. Pumpkin fun has had the children tapping away.

Hazel

The highlight of our week was our trip to Cookworthy Museum. We saw lots of amazing artefacts and it brought our history learning to life. We were very proud of the children ; their lovely manners, the questions they asked and the interest they took in the artefacts.

As mathematicians, we have been exploring fact families for addition and subtraction facts. Please continue to practise doubles, and number bonds to 10 and ask your child about fact families!

Arthur brought in some lovely maps and photographs of the village which were Arthur's great grandmothers. The children were fascinated with them and enjoyed finding the places they knew and exploring the changes.



Oak Class

This week in Oak Class, we've been bursting with creativity and curiosity!

Our budding artists have been busy completing their Becky Bettsworth-inspired masterpieces.

The vibrant colours and coastal themes have truly captured the spirit of her work. These pieces will be part of our exciting collaboration with Charleton next week — we can't wait to share them!

In geography, we delved into a topographical map of Devon, uncovering the fascinating features of our local landscape. The children explored coastlines, headlands, reservoirs, and rivers, sparking some brilliant discussions about how these natural formations shape our environment.



Stars of the Week

Hazel's star of the week goes to Sylvie for her enthusiasm and lovely manners during the trip to Cookworthy Museum.

Oak's star of the week goes to Harriet for her hard work in making Art Club such a success. Well done!

Chestnut's star of the week goes to a new Chestnutter for really engaged in making friends and having fun.

Values of the Week

In Hazel, Henry for the value of responsibility when exploring the museum.

In Oak, Elsie and Heidi for the value of responsibility and helping with Art Club.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.2%

Class attendance is currently:

Hazel Attendance 99% Oak Attendance 93.7%

Home Learning – Hazel

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

Reading- please ensure adults sign the reading diary

Practise double numbers to 10 especially 6,7,8,9.

Try to write some fact families for 3 numbers!



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 17.10.25

Spellings – /o/ spelt a after qu and w
Maths reasoning and problem-solving task.