



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy week! We enjoyed our final Forest School session of the year, and the children had a fantastic time making their Christingles in church. A big thank you to the church for organising this and providing all the resources—it was a truly special experience for the children.

Over the past few weeks, it has been lovely to see our older children from West Alvington and Charleton coming together for different sessions across both schools. These opportunities to collaborate and build friendships have been a real highlight.

You may also have noticed some work being carried out on the playground. We're delighted to share that the Trust and Parish Council have organised and funded repairs to the surface, giving us a fresh, safe area for the children to enjoy. We will be able to fully use it after the weekend.

Finally, please take a moment to look at the dates below to see what our final week of term holds. Thank you for your continued support during this busy and exciting time!

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

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 (Nursery)

Our Chestnut children are amazing and we are so, so proud of them. They have impressed with their independence and enjoyment of all activities that we have been doing this week. These include Forest School, making art and pipe cleaner Christmas trees, working on our window display, collaborating with the rest of our mighty school children, singing and dancing. Having a fun time all round. Roll on next week!



Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

This week we had a great forest school session where we looked for insects as part of our science learning; drank hot chocolate and got muddy!

We have finished our moving Christmas cards in D&T and they are amazing; the children will bring them home next week. As geographers we finished off our learning about our local area by creating a poster about West Alvington. As mathematicians we have been learning about the properties of 3d shapes. I have printed out some shape nets for the children to take home to try and make their own 3d shape – they are a bit tricky and the children may need some help.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

This week in Science, the children explored the fascinating work of Alexander Fleming, the scientist who discovered penicillin. They learned how this breakthrough changed medicine forever!

For Home Learning, pupils can choose one of these exciting activities to deepen their understanding of microorganisms:

Option 1: Yeast Balloon Experiment

Discover how yeast produces carbon dioxide by inflating a balloon! This hands-on activity shows the power of living organisms in action.

Option 2: Bake Bread

Explore how yeast helps bread rise by baking your own loaf. Observe the process of leavening and enjoy a tasty science experiment!

We can't wait to see your creations and hear about your discoveries!

We are looking forward to our theatre trip on Monday 15th December, please drop your children at the cattle market carpark Kingsbridge at 9.00 and collect them at 3.05.

Have a lovely 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)	97.4%
Oak(Year 3- Year 6)	92.8%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nurse)	To Matilda-Rose, Teddie and Thea for impressing everyone with their resilience and independence in the woods.
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	To Fylnn for his super bug hunting.
Oak(Year 3- Year 6)	The whole of Oak class for showing resilience and working so hard this week.

Home learning

Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Daily reading, please record in reading diaries. Books changed on Thursday. Have a go at a 3d shape net!
Oak(Year 3- Year 6)	Daily reading, please record in reading diaries. Practise spellings.