WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week at West Alvington, with plenty of opportunities for learning and collaboration. We were delighted to join our friends at Charleton for a science session and to visit their art gallery. The children enjoyed sharing their learning, exploring new ideas together and spending time with pupils from another school. These opportunities to come together are always special and help to build friendships, confidence and a wider sense of community across our schools.

As we move towards the end of term, there is a real buzz around school. We are busy making plans for Christmas and looking forward to the exciting events and celebrations that the coming weeks will bring. At the same time, staff are already beginning to plan engaging learning opportunities for the spring term, ensuring that the children continue to be challenged, inspired and supported in their learning.

Please do keep an eye on the dates and information below, as we will continue to add further details and reminders as arrangements are finalised.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th November – Forest School
Wednesday 25th November – Forest School @ FAB Beesands
Wednesday 2nd December – Carol Singing Kahala Court
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Fair
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December – Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16th December – Carol Singing Overleat
Friday 18th December – Last day of term
Monday 21st December- Friday 1st January- Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January- Non-pupil day
Tuesday 5th January- First day of term

Praise assembly: Our praise assembly will be on the first Monday of every month at 2:50pm, The next will be held on Monday 7th December 2026.

Your Voice Matters: Take the Parent Survey Today

Our parent survey is now live! I would really appreciate it if you could take time to complete it. This is your chance to tell us how you feel about West Alvington C of E Academy, what you love and what we can improve on.

Your voice truly matters. Following last year's survey, we introduced clearer and more timely communication and have focused on improving our physical spaces following your feedback. By taking just a few minutes to complete our parent survey, you can help us make school life even better for your child and all our pupils.

The survey closes on the 20th of November, so don't miss out. Click the link below to have your say:

West Alvington C of E Academy - Parent/Carer Survey

Admissions policy for 2028-29: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2028-29. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 15 January 2027. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2027. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

Proposed PAN change from 12 to 8

Hope Cove

What a fabulous week we've had in Hope Cove Class!

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our Praise Assembly on Monday afternoon as we celebrated the children's achievements and successes. Thank you for joining us and helping to make it such a special occasion.

We were delighted to join our friends at Charleton for a super Science Morning on Tuesday, followed by a fantastic art gallery where we admired the children's creative pieces inspired by the work of Martin Bush. The artwork on display showcased both imagination and excellent artistic skills.

On Wednesday, we walked down to the memorial to take part in a moving service led by Rev Jax. The children were thoughtful and respectful throughout, reflecting on the importance of remembrance.



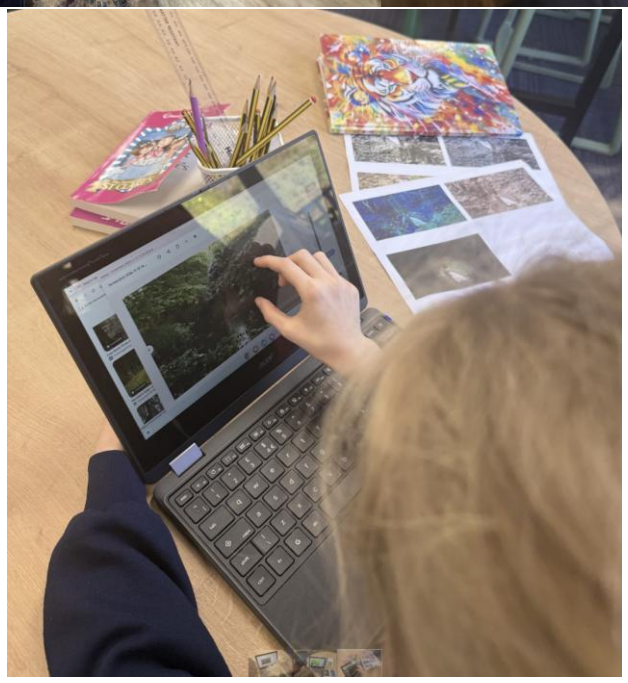
In Design and Technology, we have enjoyed learning about pivots and levers as we prepare to make our moving Christmas cards. The children have loved investigating how different mechanisms work and are excited to put their new knowledge into practice.

In Computing, we have been developing our digital skills by learning how to edit photographs. The children explored a range of editing tools and enjoyed transforming images using different effects and techniques.

Well done, Hope Cove Class, for another fantastic week of learning!







Exciting Things Ahead This Term!

Small School Big Hearts Bright Futures

West Alvington Primary School

A festive season full of fun, learning and community spirit!

Reception Christmas Baking Club

Friday Afternoons

Our Reception children will enjoy a range of festive baking activities including:

- Gingerbread people
- Christmas biscuits
- Snowman cupcakes
- Seasonal treats



Building independence, following instructions and having lots of festive fun!

Wednesday Adventures

We are making the most of our local area and wider community!

Depending on the weather and opportunities available, these may include:

- Welly walks
- Bus trips
- Exploring our environment
- Learning about the world around us

Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing and wellies in school where possible.

LEGO Lunch Club

Fridays | 12:30pm – 1:00pm

Build • Create • Imagine

- Develop problem-solving skills
- Work collaboratively with others
- Take part in fun LEGO challenges
- Build amazing creations



We can't wait to see what amazing creations the children come up with!

Breakfast Boosters Club

Year 6
Tuesdays & Fridays
8:00am – 8:30am

Children will enjoy a light breakfast whilst taking part in fun, focused activities designed to build confidence and strengthen key skills in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Grammar



Helping every child feel positive, prepared and ready to shine.

Carol Singing in the Community

Following the wonderful success of last year's visit, we are hoping to take the children to perform Christmas carols for residents at local residential homes.

- Bringing joy to others
- Strengthening community links
- Creating special memories



Christmas Fair Can You Help?

Planning is already underway for our Christmas Fair, and we would be incredibly grateful for any support from parents, carers and family members.

We would welcome help with:

- Running stalls
- Setting up and packing away
- Donating raffle prizes
- Providing refreshments
- Helping with activities on the day

Many Hands Make Magical Things Happen!

Fundraising for Trips and Experiences

This year, we are keen to continue providing a range of exciting educational visits and enrichment opportunities for our children. To help keep these experiences affordable and accessible for all families, we will be using some of our fundraising events, including the Christmas Fair, to contribute towards the cost of future trips and activities.

Your support helps us provide:

- Educational visits
- Enrichment opportunities
- Outdoor learning experiences
- Memorable activities for all children

Every donation, volunteer hour and raffle prize helps make these opportunities possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

Together we're creating a magical, memorable and exciting term for all our children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lowe

Our Community
Our Children
Our Future

West Alvington Primary School

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 94.7%