



**WEST ALVINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed some well-earned rest with family and friends.

The children have returned to school positively and have made a strong start to their new units of learning. Classrooms have been busy and purposeful, with pupils quickly settling back into routines. A special mention must go to our Year 6 children, who have come back with a focused and determined attitude as they begin their final push towards SATs.

We look forward to welcoming you to our **Praise Worship this afternoon at 2:45pm**, where we will celebrate our **Stars of the Week** and recognise the children's achievements.

A huge thank you to the parents who have been busy promoting the school over the holidays – your support really does make a difference and is truly appreciated. We would also like to thank our Year 6 parents who were able to join us for the **SATs meeting**; we hope you found the information useful and reassuring.

We are very much looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ruston

#### **Dates for your Diary**

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April- Year 4 Sailing in Salcombe
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Oak and Chestnut Forest School
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 & 4 Team Building
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May- Year 4 sailing in Salcombe (Optional- Parents to take students)
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Chestnut and Steeple Cove visit East Soar Farm
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Woodlands Year 6 SATS Treat
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Year 4 Residential Forest and Beach
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Cricket Tournament
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Careers Week (TBC)
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5/6 Sports Afternoon
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sports Day (1.30 - 3pm)
- (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June Reserve Sports Day)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 KCC Transition Day
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school Performance (1.30 - 3pm)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service @ All Saints Church 2.30 - 3pm

#### **Chestnut (Nursery)**

We've had a fabulous week back, and everyone has settled back into the nursery routine beautifully.

This week we've been exploring our bodies and movements, with a particular focus on our arms and hands. These activities are excellent for developing our pre-writing skills, and the children have had lots of fun taking part in Dough Disco!

### Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

I can't believe it's the summer term already! We have some amazing learning ahead for this term. This week as geographers we have started learning about Australia and comparing it to the UK; as artists we have been exploring the work of Gloria Petyarre; as mathematicians we have been focusing on money, recognising coins and their value. Digital photography is the unit of work in computing and the children had great fun using the ipads to take photos of themselves!



### Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Oak Class have had a great first week back and have really jumped straight back into learning.

In Geography, we started our new topic on Greece. The children learned where Greece is on the map, the countries that border it, and the seas and oceans around it. They were really engaged and enjoyed spotting places on the map. In Art, we've been learning about the artist Paul Klee. The children analysed some of his artwork and thought carefully about how the titles of his paintings affected what they thought and felt about the images, leading to some great discussions and thoughtful ideas. In Science, Year 3 and 4 began learning about rocks and fossils, using chocolate to help them understand how rocks are formed — a big hit! Year 5 and 6 explored how fossils can tell us about evolution, thinking about what fossils show us about living things from long ago.

It's been lovely to see how well the children have settled back into routines and how enthusiastic they've been about their learning. A great start to the term!

Thank you for your continued support.

## 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%)	95.1%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	97.1%
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	94.3%

## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Mila again for fully immersing herself in the nursery. She is wonderful at listening to instructions and following them for one so young!
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Tannith for using her words and engaging more with adults and children.
Oak (Year 3 – Year 6)	Teagan for her brilliant, positive attitude to learning.

**A note from Mrs Dugard for you to be aware of:**

We've been made aware of a **WhatsApp group called "Add everybody you know"** that is circulating inappropriate content, including explicit images, memes and videos.

Unfortunately, some children from our school communities may be part of this group.

There are many potential safeguarding risks associated with this WhatsApp group, including:

- Unmoderated content being shared, which may be inappropriate or harmful.
- Exposure of personal information of children and young people to unknown individuals.
- Potential grooming or exploitation risks due to the open and indiscriminate nature of the group.

We strongly advise that you:

- Check your child's WhatsApp today to ensure that they are not part of this group. If they are, remove them immediately

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe online.

## Home learning

<b>Hazel (Year R- Year 2)</b>	Daily reading, please record in reading diaries. Books changed on Thursday. Continue to practice 2, 3, 5, 10 times tables.
<b>Oak (Year 3- Year 6)</b>	<b>HOME LEARNING</b> <b>Daily Reading</b> Please ensure your child reads each day and that this is recorded in their reading diary. <b>Spellings</b> Regular spelling practise makes a huge difference to confidence and accuracy, so please continue to support your child with their spellings. <b>SUMMER 1 SPELLING</b> <b><u>Year 3 &amp; 4</u></b> 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.