



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Families,

We can hardly believe how much we have managed to fit into the past five weeks! It has been another busy and productive half term, and as always, our children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, positivity and commitment to their learning.

This week, we were delighted to welcome members of our EAC to the school to look at our inclusivity. They were extremely impressed with what our school offers. The children they spoke to were delightful and confidently shared so many positives about our small school community. We are incredibly proud of how well they represented us.

Looking ahead to next term, we have another exciting and busy period planned. We are looking forward to a range of sporting events, rehearsals for our end-of-year show, and of course, completing all of our learning for the academic year.

We look forward to seeing you at Praise Worship which will be led by Mrs Carter this afternoon at 2:45.

In the meantime, we wish you all a wonderful half term break. We hope you have the opportunity to relax, spend time together, and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th May- Half Term

Monday 1st June – Year 4 Residential Forest and Beach

Monday 8th June – Year 6 Transition meeting (students and parents)

Thursday 11th June – Year 5/6 Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 17th June- KCC summer sports festival for year 5's

Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day (1.30 - 3pm)

(Tuesday 30th June Reserve Sports Day)

Wednesday 1st July – Year 6 KCC Transition Day

Wednesday 8th July – Whole school Performance (1.30 - 3pm)

Thursday 9th July- Year 6 canoeing

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Service @ All Saints Church 2.30 - 3pm

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of summer term

Thursday 23rd July- Summer Holidays



Tes Schools Awards 2026

Shortlisted

Inclusive Trust of the Year

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Chestnut (Nursery)

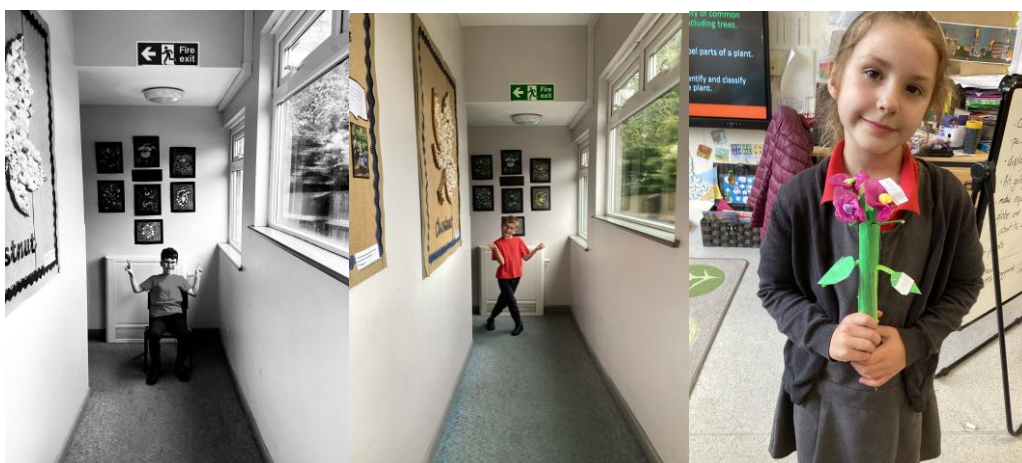
Our last week of this half term has had a little adjustment to our friend group dynamics, but the children have been playing together wonderfully. There has been the opportunity to join in with Hazel Class for some of our older children and they have shown themselves to be capable of listening and following instructions and keeping up with the older children. We are so proud and impressed with our little ones. Have a wonderful week. We will be thinking of our friends that are leaving our merry band.



Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

This half term we have been learning about digital photography; making decisions whether to take a photo in portrait or landscape, lighting, editing and using filters; concluding in the children taking a final photo using their knowledge and skills. As mathematicians we have continued exploring fractions with the help of chocolate bars; the children were very engaged with this!. As scientists made our own plants which we labelled as we focused our learning on the structure of plants.

Today we also say goodbye to Ava, Fynn and Henry, they will be greatly missed by the whole school. We wish you well in your new school.



Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

This week, Oak Class have done incredibly well despite missing Mrs Lowe. They have shown great resilience and maturity while being supported by our wonderful supply teachers, Mrs Andrews

and Mrs Thomas, who have ensured a smooth and positive week. In class, the children have been busy drafting their next piece of writing, continuing to deepen their understanding of their RE topic, and engaging in thoughtful discussions during their RHE lessons. We are very proud of how well they have adapted and continued to work so hard.

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%)	94.9%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	97.4%
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	94.1%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Michael for engaging and encouraging other students in his play.
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Ava for her creativity, Flynn for his model making skills, and Henry for his sense of humour.
Oak (Year 3 – Year 6)	Ethan for being amazing! Year 6 for smashing SAT's and shining at Woodlands.

Home learning

Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Daily reading, please record in reading diaries. Books changed on Thursday. Continue to practice 2, 3, 5, 10 times tables.
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	HOME LEARNING Daily Reading Please ensure your child reads each day and that this is recorded in their reading diary. Spellings

Regular spelling practise makes a huge difference to confidence and accuracy, so please continue to support your child with their spellings.

SUMMER 1 SPELLING

Year 3 & 4

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.