



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Families,

What a wonderful week our children have had!

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children have had a fantastic time on their residential. They threw themselves into every activity—climbing, caving, team challenges, and so much more. Throughout the week, they showed excellent teamwork, resilience, and all our school values in action. It was especially lovely to see new friendships blossoming with children from the other schools who joined them on the trip. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school.

Back at school, the rest of the children have continued to work exceptionally hard in their lessons. Their focus and enthusiasm have been brilliant, and it has been lovely to see the great progress happening across all year groups.

A big thank you to everyone who has made the time to email or come and speak to me regarding the school structure for next year. Next week, we hope you can join us at the meeting on Tuesday to discuss further.

Finally, we will celebrate our stars of the week at next week's celebration worship on Friday afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 25th March-Forest school, Chestnut and Oak class

Tuesday 31st March-Forest school, Chestnut and Hazel class

Thursday 2nd April- Last day of Term

Friday 3rd April- Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April- Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 21st April- First day of term

Monday 27th April- Year 4 Sailing in Salcombe

Monday 4th May- Year 4 sailing in Salcombe (Optional- Parents to take students)

Chestnut (Nursery)

The children have been playing together this week collaboratively and there has been some wonderful conversation and negotiating being practiced. We have been making cards for you wonderful mothers. Their creations are very much their own. Using their hands, they have made tracks using cars and paint and enjoying the messiness. Forest School was a blast and illustrated how well our children have become a group of friends that play together in all environments. Happy Mothering Sunday.



Hazel (Reception – Year 2)

The sun was shining on us at forest school this week, it was so lovely to see the children working and playing together; problem solving and rescuing their friends when they were stuck! Bridge construction has begun after the children had first created their own designs. The children from Charleton also made their bridges as well so it was a real collaborative effort. We have finished our learning on multiplication and division, but please keep practising your 2,3,5 and 10 times tables. Our next unit of learning is about measuring in cm and m. As historians we learnt about the key life events in the life of King Charles.



Monday – Meet at Ivybridge station for 8.30, for children getting a lift with me please be at school for 7.45 with car seats.

Have a lovely weekend!

Oak (Year 3-Year 6)

Our Year 5 and 6 children have had a brilliant time away on their residential this week. They've taken on all sorts of exciting challenges and represented our school beautifully. If you'd like to see a little taster of what they've been up to, we've shared some photos on our Facebook page. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 children have been busy continuing with their learning back at school. They have especially enjoyed their science work this week and looked like they were having great fun exploring new ideas and investigations. Mrs Andrews has also commented on how fantastic the children's attitudes have been all week.

Have a lovely weekend.

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%)	95.3%
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	97.1%
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	94.6%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Chestnut (Nursery)	Matilda-Rose for her kindness and inclusiveness with her fellow pupils.
Hazel (Year R- Year 2)	Arthur for his lovely manners at forest school.
Oak (Year 3- Year 6)	Albie Carr for his mature and sensible attitude this week.

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

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)	<p>HOME LEARNING Year 5 & 6 are at residential next week. The children have been sent home with logins to access our new platform Rollama. Rollama is a web app of activities to practise English grammar, punctuation, spelling, and vocabulary, which uses gamification mechanics to incentivise regular revision and help all children build fluent fundamentals.</p> <p>Daily Reading Please ensure your child reads each day and that this is recorded in their reading diary.</p> <p>Spellings Regular spelling practise makes a huge difference to confidence and accuracy, so please continue to support your child with their spellings.</p> <p>SPRING 2 SPELLING Year 3 & 4 1. Caught 2. Popular 3. Reign 4. Island 5. Mention 6. Special 7. Believe 8. Business 9. Imagine 10. Decide</p> <p>Year 5 & 6</p>

1. amateur 2. ancient 3. cemetery 4. committee 5. criticise
6. especially 7. exaggerate 8. harass 9. mischievous
10. prejudice

Maths – 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.