



# West Alwington C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear families,

We've had a wonderful start to the new term, and it's been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. The classrooms and corridors are full of energy, and it's a joy to see everyone so busy and engaged in their learning.

Behind the scenes, the staff have been busy too! We've spent time rearranging furniture and creating new learning spaces to make the most of the areas we have in school. It's been exciting to see how these changes are already helping to support the children's learning and creativity and I have even more plans.

You may have noticed the poor condition of the playground lately. Luckily, the parish council and the Trust are splitting the costs of some patch repairs which will be happening very soon.

As always, we have lots planned for the coming weeks, so please do keep an eye on the dates below to make sure you don't miss out on any upcoming events.

Kind regards

Mrs Ruston

## **Admissions policy for 2027-28: Annual Consultation**

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements – the admissions schemes through which you can apply. 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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)

The consultation runs between 3rd November and 15th December.

Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2026 next year. You can comment at [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or by emailing the school.

No changes are being proposed.



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day 2025 is taking place on Monday 10th November. **Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Please make a £1 donation - or any donation you think appropriate. Thank you**



**Children In Need Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – To mark 2025, we want you to get sponsored to do 25 of anything; 25 kilometers on a bike, 25 cupcakes baked, a 25-minute football tournament.. whatever you like! Take a look...**

**<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/children-in-need/whats-happening/>**

**West Alvington will be holding 25 cupcakes baked cake sale @ 3.15pm 14.11.25.**

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day**  
**Tuesday 11th November – Revise and Shine SATs Club (Tues & Fri 8am – 8.30am)**  
**Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Service War Memorial Kingsbridge**  
**Wednesday 12th November- Forest School Oak & Chestnut**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Cake Sale @ 3.15pm**  
**Wednesday 26th November- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut**  
**Wednesday 3rd December – Christmas Lunch**  
**Wednesday 3rd December – Nativity & KS2 Carol Service 2pm @ All Saints Church**  
**Wednesday 10th December- Forest School Oak & Chestnut**  
**Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day**  
**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 December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
**Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY**  
**Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term**

## *Chestnut*

Our wee Chestnutters have settled seamlessly back into the groove of nursery life and the exciting prospect of Bonfire and Firework celebrations. We have learnt about keeping safe on the night as well as all the excitement of the fizz, pops and bangs. We have created our own sparklers and rockets to bring colour and energy to our creations.



## Hazel

As scientists this week we went on a senses walk around the school to explore what we can see, touch, smell and taste. As mathematicians we are learning about place value. Could you please practise counting in forwards and backwards in 10's from any given number. We have started a new design and technology project exploring how leavers and sliders work. The nativity is only 4 weeks away so we have started practising and will be sorting out costumes soon. We will let you know if your child needs to bring anything in for this. We are planning a walk around the village on Monday for Geography so please can children bring in wellies and a waterproof coat.



## Oak Class

It's been a fantastic start to the half term in Oak Class, with plenty of hands-on learning, creative thinking, and cross-curricular connections. We've launched our new DT unit with a burst of creativity! The children have been thinking about innovative lamp designs, exploring materials, shapes, and functions. We learnt about the history of electricity, sparking curiosity about how inventions have evolved over time. Our new text for English, *The Diary of Iliona*, has captivated the class. This diary-style narrative offers a rich window into Roman life, perfectly complementing our history unit. The children are already making thoughtful connections between Iliona's experiences and what they've learned about Roman Britain. In science, Year 3 have been investigating plants, sketching detailed diagrams and identifying key features such as roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. Years 5 & 6 have been busy classifying animals, learning how scientists group living things based on characteristics. From mammals to mollusks, the class has shown great enthusiasm and precision.

### REMINDER

**Revise & Shine SATs Club** begins next week! Tuesday and Friday 8am – 8.30 am.

*Useful links for Year 6 parents preparing for SATs include:*

*BBC Bitesize for general revision, Times Tables Rock Stars for maths fluency, and Topmarks for a wide range of interactive games. For practise papers, sites like [satspapers.org](http://satspapers.org) and [ixl.com](http://ixl.com) are very helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions.*



# Revise and Shine SATs Club



Every Tuesday & Friday  
8:00 – 8:30 AM



in Oak Classroom

All Year 6 pupils preparing for SATs – come along for fun, focused revision and a great start to your day!

- Quick, engaging SATs practice
- Build confidence and skills
- Free breakfast snacks!
- Earn rewards for attendance and effort

✦ No need to sign up – just turn up and shine! ✦

## Revision Links:

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/ks2-sats-online-10-minute-tests?srsId=AfmBOopdDOWyhibiHKDljA66crAOFb7CLhdHaYrQwtOpg8Qy6rwKp9W1>



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## Stars of the Week

Hazel's star of the week goes to Sylvie for practising the Nativity songs.

Oak's star of the week goes to Junior for his marvelous maths skills.

Chestnut's star of the week goes to Teddie for sparkling with enthusiasm

## Values of the Week

In Hazel, Michael for the value of Friendship as he always includes others in his play.

In Oak, Finley for the value of Friendship shown to Oak Class by sharing his origami skills.



## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.4%

Class attendance is currently:

Hazel Attendance 98.2%      Oak Attendance 92.9%

### Home Learning – Hazel

Please read 3 times a week, books are still changed on a Thursday.

Reading- please ensure adults sign the reading diary. Practise counting forward and backwards n 10's from any given number.

We will be sending reading books home over half term but please make sure they are returned on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you

### Home Learning – Oak

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

#### Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring their reading diaries into school every day.

#### Home Learning 7.11.25

This week, as part of our Computing curriculum learning, Oak Class will give me an example of an animation that they have seen at school or outside of school. You could enjoy



*watching one together. How was it made? What questions do they have about animation?*

*They have a resource sheet to complete for their Home Learning.*