



# West Alvington C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Families,

What a lovely week it's been! The autumn sunshine has brought a golden glow to our days, and we've enjoyed celebrating the season together.

## Harvest Festival Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival. Your generous donations have now been collected by the local food bank, and they will make a real difference to families in need. We're so proud of our school community's kindness and spirit.

## Parent Consultations – Week Beginning Monday 13th October

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming parent consultations. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Appointment slots will be available to book soon, so please keep an eye out for further details.

## Forest School – Wednesday 8th October

We're looking for two parent volunteers to support Oak Class Forest School from 9:00am to 12:00pm. If you're able to help, please let Mrs Lowe know — your support makes a big difference!

Finally, we are hoping to become more active on our social media site. Stay connected with us on our West Alvington Facebook page for updates, photos, and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EKbbNJZyQ/>

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Forest School Oak & Chestnut  
Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultations  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 Junior Life Skills

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October- HALF TERM**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- NON-PUPIL DAY**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November- Forest School Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Forest School Oak & Chestnut

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – NON-PUPIL DAY**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- First day of Spring term

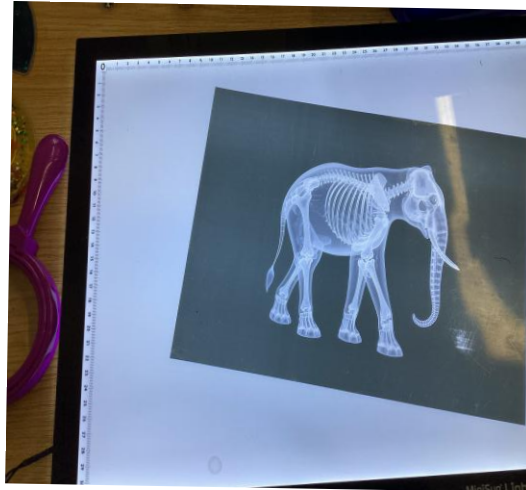
## Chestnut

This week we put the finishing touches to our Hedgehog Artwork. We now have a prickly addition in Chestnut Nursery; all we need now is a name. The children did sponge painting, leaf printing, folding and flipping and gluing to produce wonderful autumnal art. So proud.

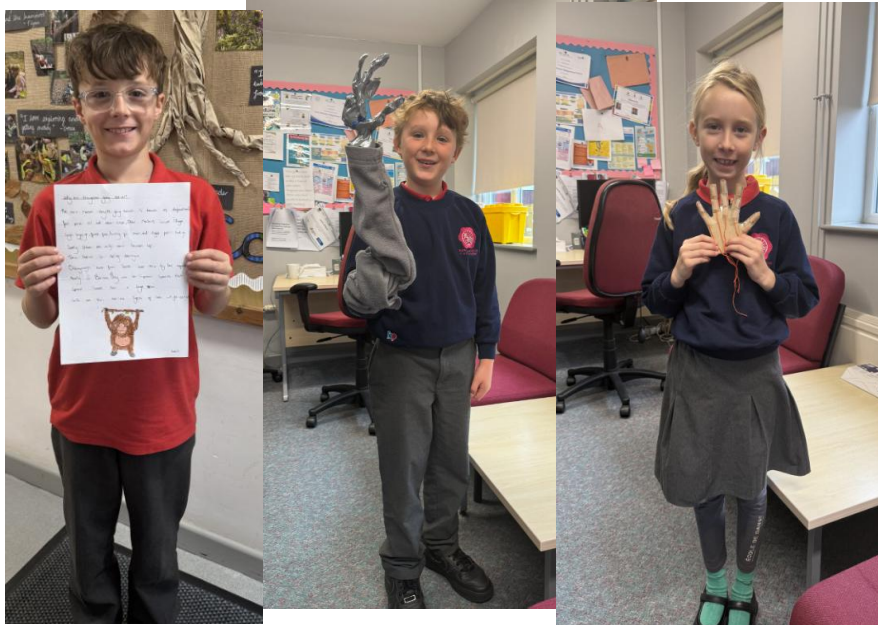


# Hazel

Vertebrates or invertebrates were the words the children used to help classify animals this week. We had some super animal xrays to help us. As mathematicians this week, we have been deepening our knowledge of number bonds up to 20! If you have time at home, try and practise number bonds to 10 your child so they can recall them off by heart. In geography, we have been looking at a map of the school and labelling different features, we hope to take them up to Eastern hill next week so they can look down at the village and see different features from another viewpoint.



# Oak Class





This week, Year 5 & 6 have been diving into the world of endangered animals. Their research has sparked thoughtful discussions about conservation and the importance of protecting our planet's biodiversity. Year 3 & 4 have been exploring the fascinating world of bionic hands. From understanding how they work to investigating their real-life applications, the children have been captivated by the blend of science and technology. This week, we've been sharpening our hockey skills through rounders-style games. It's been a fantastic way to build teamwork, coordination, and confidence on the field. We've launched our new unit on addition and subtraction, with children tackling problems and building fluency. Inspired by Becky Bettsworth's vibrant coastal scenes, we've been experimenting with geometric shapes in our own artwork. We also compared her style to that of Henry Rivers, sparking some brilliant conversations about colour, form, and artistic expression. Our topography studies took us across Dartmoor and the wider Devon landscape. We've been thinking about how terrain influences climate and the children have shown great curiosity in linking physical geography to weather patterns. Thank you for your continued support. We're proud of all the children's enthusiasm and creativity this week!

**Have a lovely weekend!**

### Stars of the Week

Hazel's star of the week goes to Hazel class for their wonderful acapella singing in our harvest festival.

Oak's star of the week goes to Toby for his amazing effort in maths and English.  
Well done!

Chestnut's star of the week goes to Freddie for working continuously on his  
resilience in all things. Amazing!



### Values of the Week

In Hazel, Ava for the value of responsibility for working hard even though she  
was feeling poorly.

In Oak, Teagan for trying her very best and always showing our school value of  
responsibility. Well done!



### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95%

Class attendance is currently:

Hazel Attendance 97%      Oak Attendance 93%

#### 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 number bonds to 10



#### 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**

Spellings – 'i' spelt y

History Research – Use  
your research sheets to  
explain why the Romans  
invaded Britain. Please  
bring in for Wednesday's  
History lesson.