



Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been a real pleasure to welcome the children from **West Alvington** who joined us on Wednesday. The hall was filled with energy and enthusiasm as they performed their sea shanties with confidence and joy. It was wonderful to see them singing alongside our visiting sea shanty group—an experience that brought music, history, and community spirit together beautifully.

The children also took part in a wonderfully muddy **Forest School** session, embracing the outdoors with curiosity and excitement. From exploring the woodland to getting stuck into hands-on activities, they made the very most of the fresh air (and the mud!).

We thoroughly enjoyed having them with us and look forward to more opportunities to collaborate and learn together.

Finally, a reminder that our **Praise Worship** will take place on **Monday afternoon at 2:50pm**. We hope to see many of you there.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th February- NSPCC Number dress up day
Wednesday 11th February- Forest School
Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February – Half Term
Monday 23rd February- Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February- Parent consultations
Wednesday 4th March- Forest School
Thursday 5th March- World book day
Monday 9th March- Friday 13th March -Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 16th March- Startpoint Tamar bridge trip (drop off and pick up Ivybridge train station)
Wednesday 18th March- Forest School
Thursday 26th March- Easter service
Wednesday 1st April- Forest School

NSPCC Number Day- Friday 6th February

We will be celebrating all things number this day, including having a number dress up day to raise money for NSPCC. You could wear a favourite sports top or cap, or even

a onesie. You could get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!



Start Point (Reception – Year 2)

On Wednesday, our class enjoyed an exciting and memorable day packed with music, nature and creativity.

We were visited by a fantastic group of *sea shanty singers*, who filled the school with lively tunes and taught us some songs of our own. We even joined in with some singing ourselves, which created a brilliant atmosphere full of smiles and rhythm.

We were also joined by our friends from **West Alvington**, and together we took part in a special Forest School session. It was lovely to spend time outdoors exploring, collaborating, and enjoying nature as a team.

As *artists*, we put the finishing touches on our **Andy Goldsworthy-inspired sculptures**. Using natural materials found outside, the children created beautiful, thoughtful pieces of environmental art that they were very proud of.

As *scientists*, we carried out an investigation to test **how absorbent different materials are**. The children made predictions, tested each material carefully, and recorded their findings like real researchers.



Croft (Year 3 -Year 6)

✍️ As writers we have started our new topic about Plastic Pollution. Our new writing purpose is writing to persuade, with our final outcome being a persuasive pitch (speech). This week we have learnt about persuasive writing and researched facts and figures about plastic pollution around the world to inform our writing.



🎵 In Music we had a wonderful visit from The Sea Shanty singers and were also joined by children from West Alvington. The children absolutely loved this experience, some singing solos and others finding great joy in singing as a larger group with children from WA.

🌍 As Geographers, we are learning about Natural Disasters. We looked specifically at the terrible storm of 1917, that completely destroyed the village of Hallsands. The children were really interested to learn about such a local disaster and enjoyed examining the photographs.

🗑️ As artists, we are working on Henry Moore sculptures. These are our plasticine sculptures inspired by Henry Moore and the pipe cleaners are armatures (a wire structure to support the sculpture like a skeleton).



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	Star of the Week 	Value of the Week 
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	Effie for her amazing maths work and independently being able to explain and prove her answers	Wynne for showing the value of responsibility and always having such thought out answers in lessons
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	Phoebe for despite being absent at the start of the week, putting in lots of extra effort to catch up with all the work when she returned.	Ella for showing the value of responsibility towards her learning, always putting in extra effort to complete work to the best of her ability.

Attendance

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%
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	93.7%
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	95.7%

Home learning

Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spellings to practice at home - Reading
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollama – Spelling & Grammar website - Reading at least 4 times each week. - Times Tables Rockstars. - Spellings.

