



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

It has been a hive of activity at Thomas Bullock this week. Children in year 6 have displayed their fantastic Anderson and Morrison Shelters which they presented to me. I was extremely impressed with the knowledge and skills used. The whole school spellathon showed how well our children had practised and prepared their spellings. It was a riveting spelling bee on Friday morning with many of the finalists coming to long head to heads before a winner could be established. Photos taken are further down in the newsletter. Sponsorship money has already started to come in, please make sure all money is received by the end of next week when we break up for Easter and when we will also announce how much was raised. It was also a delight to have the parents in for the Reception Mothers' Day performance and to share their wonderful work after school.

As children are now mixing more widely in school, to benefit parent drop off and pickups we have made a slight alteration to the end of the day. The children will continue to be dropped off between 08:40 and no later than 08:50 when school starts and enter the KS1 and KS2 gates when opened by the staff. In the afternoons children in years 1 to 6 will all leave at 15:15 through the KS1 or KS2 gates with members of staff. Children in year R and Nursery to be collected from the office gate at 15:15. Members of the senior leadership team and teachers will be on the gate at the beginning and end of each day for notices and discussions as required.

The work to expand and modernise our year 3 classroom, changing the size and layout, and also providing an additional classroom will start at the beginning of the Easter holiday. The work is expected to finish by the end of May and there will be minimal disruption to the class while the improvements are ongoing.

As we use White Rose for maths, they have recently shared a free one minute maths app to help children build greater confidence in number. Information here: <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

Have a wonderful sunny weekend and happy Mothering Sunday.

Shining Lights of the Week!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Reggie for persevering and making huge progress with his speech and language and writing.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Kai for persevering in Phonics. He is working so hard on memorising the graphemes and the sounds they make.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Reece for persevering with his writing this week. He has spent time focussing on what to write in his explanation texts.

Europe Class (yr 3)

Cole for persevering in English this week. Cole has worked so hard this week and has produced a wonderful report about Verona in Italy.

S. America Class (yr 4)

Logan H, for being effective with his editing and always wanting to improve his work. He listens well to feedback and responds to it quickly and efficiently.

Asia Class (yr 5)

Lacey for persevering with some challenging fraction work this week. She also completed some independent home learning creating an earthquake proof house!

N. America Class (yr 6)

Noah has shown much improved focus and attitude towards his learning with very pleasing outcomes as a result.



WOW MOMENTS!

Josh (yr 6) won ACU Eastern Centre Award 65cc class for 2021 season and was awarded a trophy and shield.

Archie (yr 3) showed perseverance over the weekend learning how to tie his laces.

Dolcie (yr 4) took part in her first synchronised swimming event for the eastern region in Stevenage.

Stanley (yr 6) took part in a Cross Country competition at Ryston with the Dereham Runners and won a medal.

Caleb (yr 4) Achieved a bronze medal in a team tennis tournament at Easton Tennis with a superb attitude throughout.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 96%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Weekly Key Learning Question
1	How have humans travelled in space?
2	Why some parts of the earth hot and some parts cold?
3	What is it like to live in Rome?
4	How is the Amazon River used?
5	What are the key physical features of Asia?
6	How do countries aim to maintain peace?

Parent Survey

Thank you for responding to our parent survey. The survey has only just closed, therefore it will take some time to collate the responses and we will inform of the outcome and next steps in due course.

North America Class (yr 6)

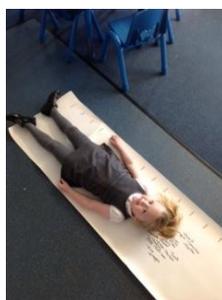
Here are a couple of photos of the year 6s with the air raid shelters they made as homework! They could use any material they wanted in making their models and they all did a fantastic job! More photos are on our social media pages.



Oceania Class (yr 1)

Pic 1: In English we had an exciting start to the week by going on an Easter egg hunt. From this we are going on to write a recount of the event using adverbs of time words such as first, next, later and finally!

Pic 2 & 3: As part of British Science week we measured ourselves and we will again at the end of the year to see how much we have grown. We also did an investigation to guess the height of different aged people.



Asia Class (yr 5)

Year 5 learnt about the history of Hato Sabure (Asian butter cookies) before making them themselves. These cookies are made from only 5 ingredients, flour, butter, sugar, egg and baking powder and date all the way back to 1887!



FOSS

The Mothers' Day lunchtime shops this week have been a huge success. The Friends of the School had many lovely things for the children to buy and there were long queues both lunchtimes. An amazing profit of **£247.42** was made.

The Friends of the school will be outside school at the end of the day next Thursday 31st March with an Easter Egg Tombola and a 'Guess the Bunny's Name'

SPELLATHON

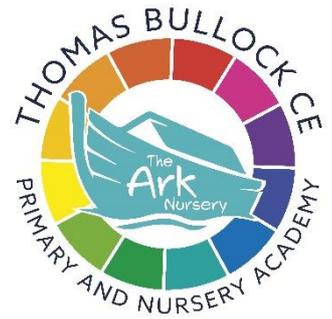
Photos below of each class finalists. The overall winner in each class:



- Antarctica – Bobbie**
- Oceania – Scarlett**
- Africa – Rosie**
- Europe – Cole**
- South America – Max J and Adelaide**
- Asia – Riley A**
- North America – Anna**



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We welcomed some frogspawn into our classroom on Monday and were excited to see that towards the end of the week, some of the frogspawn had hatched into tiny tadpoles! Having read and discussed our focus book many times, we investigated which animals we thought had fur and which we thought had feathers – some from the book and some new animals we had not heard of before. In Maths, we looked at capacity and explored: full, empty, half full, half empty, as well as floating and sinking. We have also learnt all about the sound 'p'. With Mother's Day coming up on Sunday, we painted our plant pots, decorated our cards and then planted Primroses into the pots! With the leftover primroses, we planted these into some of our school window flower beds.



Next week

We have a super fun last week of term planned, with lots of Easter activities! We will learn about the sound 'd' and read 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' and 'Ten Little Chicks'. We will continue to watch our frogspawn and tadpoles grow before they go home with Miss Bell-Tye for Easter (we will then watch the tadpoles grow into frogs when we return). In Maths, we will talk about positional language (e.g. The Easter egg is **under** the chair. The Easter egg is **next to** the pencil.)

Learning links at home

- Decorate some hard-boiled eggs to make them bright and colourful. You could use pens or paint and add some extra decorations, such as stickers, feathers, pom poms or googly eyes.
- Visit a farm or park. What animals did you see? Can you see any flowers growing? You could take some photos or draw a picture of something you saw.

Non Uniform for British Heart Foundation

One of our parents, Eva's Mum in year 2, will be running the London Marathon for the British Heart Foundation. This is a cause very close to their family's heart which we would like to support in holding a 'wear something red' day on Friday May 13th. Every donation made helps fund scientific breakthroughs – let's beat heartbreak forever and fight for every heartbeat.

DIARY DATES

March

- 29th KS2 Cross Country at Taverham Hall (selected pupils)
- 31st Reception Class visit to the Dinosaur Park
- 31st South America Class (yr 4) visit to Amazona Zoo, Cromer
- 31st North America Class (yr 6) 'VE Day Party'
- 31st Easter Special Lunch
- 31st FOSS Easter Egg Tombola and 'Guess the Bunny's Name'*

April

- 1st Easter Service at Church
- 1st Reception Class Easter Bonnet Parade 2.45pm

Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive

- 20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

- 6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

9th – 12th Year 6 SATs week

- 13th Non uniform – wear something red for British Heart Foundation fundraiser*

16th – 27th Year 2 SATs

- 27th Queen's Jubilee Celebration and Church

June

- 9th School Nursing Team – Reception class -Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

- 11th FOSS Yard Sale

- 16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

- 29th June – 1st July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

- 30th Norfolk Show – Years 3, 4 and 5.

July

- 8th Sports Day

- 9th FOSS Summer Fete

- 13th Reserve Sports Day

- 15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

- 19th Race for Life*

- 22nd July – Last day of term.

*New addition to calendar

