



# 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

We know our children will welcome the weekend following a busy but wonderful week at Thomas Bullock. Ending with a wonderful bake-sale and 'wear it red' day to support the British Heart Foundation in support of Ms Richardson, a parent in our school community, who is running the London Marathon for their charitable benefit. Thank you all for taking part.

I am sure you, alongside of the local parish will join us in whole-heartedly thanking Stuart Taylor, who has children at our school, for taking his weekend to make safe, remove dead branches and fully trim the large tree at the front of Thomas Bullock. We think it looks wonderful!

We also enjoyed an extended celebration assembly praising our fantastic Year 6 children on their accomplishments in SATs this week and we look forward to supporting our Year 2s next week to have similar successes. In our celebration assembly Miss Crane led the school choir in singing one of the songs in their repertoire. They sound brilliant. Please ensure they continue to practice their words over the weekend.

With our choir in mind, I am excited to announce that we will be singing at the Jubilee Celebrations at Bullock Park and supporting our Friends of Shipdham Schools (FOSS) games and activities stands. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a restful weekend.

### ONLINE SAFETY

Following various online safety concerns, we have updated our website to include an e-safety form for parents to complete as when needed. This will allow you to inform us about worries regarding games/websites accessed or conversations had with your child at any point. This will automatically alert us and help us to keep your children safe.

<http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/keeping-safe-online/>

### Year 1 Phonics Presentation to Parents

Mr Johnson will be holding a phonics presentation and workshop for parents on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm.

Parents are encouraged to come along to find out how they can best support their child in the upcoming phonics test in June.



## Shining Lights of the Week!

<b>Antarctica Class (yr R)</b>	<b>Aiden</b> for showing responsibility for our classroom resources and belongings and encouraging others to do the same.
<b>Oceania Class (yr 1)</b>	<b>Nellie</b> for taking responsibility for her learning. She has shown great knowledge and understanding in maths this week.
<b>Africa Class (yr 2)</b>	<b>Kira</b> for taking responsibility for her learning and asking for help when she needed it in maths.
<b>Europe Class (yr 3)</b>	<b>Leila</b> for showing the value of responsibility in all that she does. She is an excellent role model for showing responsibility towards her learning.
<b>S. America Class (yr 4)</b>	<b>Max P</b> for taking responsibility towards his learning, striving for independence, and improving his knowledge of vocabulary.
<b>Asia Class (yr 5)</b>	<b>Ada</b> for taking responsibility for improving her spelling by doing extra work at home and then working hard to use them in her work.
<b>N. America Class (yr 6)</b>	<b>The whole class</b> have been amazing this week - well done Year 6. <b>Ryan</b> has really taken responsibility for his learning with excellent technique and effort throughout the week.

## WOW MOMENTS!

**Archie (yr 3)** was awarded his 50m swimming certificate.

**Adelaide and April (yr 4)** took part in the first summer league ERSA ski race in Welwyn Garden City. Adelaide won silver medal in girls under 10 single slalom race and April came 7th. Adelaide has also one silver medal in ERSA school race on Sunday 24th of April, where both Adelaide and April were representing Thomas Bullock School!

**Robin & Niall (yr 5)** Niall was awarded the 'Coaches Most Valuable Player' certificate in the finals of the Norfolk NBA for the Wymondham Hoopstars team. Also, Robin has been selected by his Hoopstar coaches to take part in the county Trials later this month, in the hope of gaining a place to represent Norfolk later on in the year.

**Harriet (yr 2)** has passed all three exams in primary ballet, tap and theatre craft achieving a distinction in each one! She is waiting for her official certificates and trophy to be awarded.

**Edward (yr 2)** created a lovely picture showing our school vision statement.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school  
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijUMV7>

**The week's overall attendance – 98%**

## OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Weekly Key Learning Question
1	What is special about Wales?
2	What are the similarities in Kenya and the UK?
3	How have the flora and fauna of different biomes adapted to live there?
4	What did the Ancient Maya believe?
5	How did Bagdad become a centre of learning?

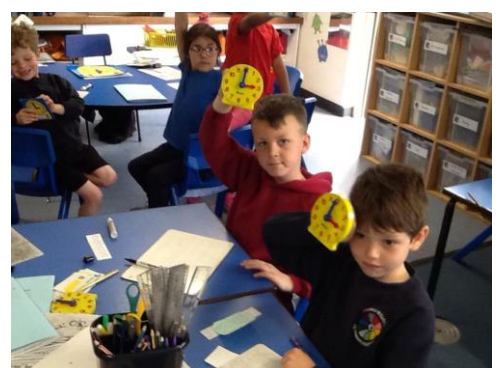
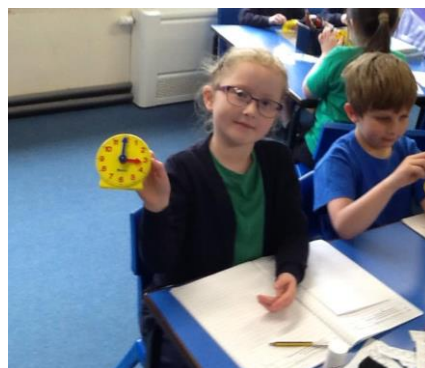
### Antarctica Class (Yr R)

The children have been using their story boards and story maps to orally retell the story of the very hungry caterpillar in pairs. They had to remember the sequence of the key events within the story and use the correct story language in their retelling. They reminded themselves how to be perfect partners and worked well together.



### Africa Class (yr 2)

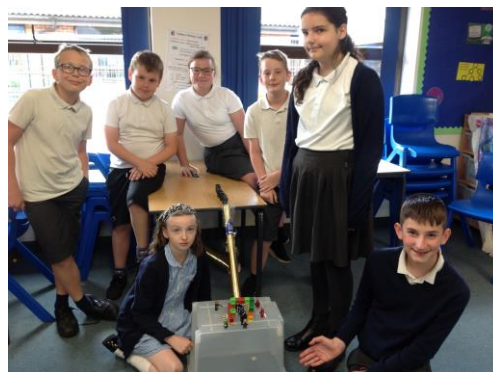
The children have been learning about telling the time this week. They re-capped o'clock and half past as well as quarter to and quarter past. The children enjoyed using the clocks to play a "show me" game.





## North America Class (yr 6)

It's been SATs week in year 6 and each morning the children have been sitting tests in Maths and English. We have been extremely proud of all the class and the way they have shown excellent resilience and confidence throughout the entire week. During the afternoons they have enjoyed completing an exciting STEAM project called Chain Reactions. It has involved them planning and creating their own chain reactions. They used different materials and items such as marbles, dominoes, pipes, balloons and multilink cubes in their chain reactions and although they found it a challenge, they worked together in teams to refine and redesign their processes to enable them to succeed.



## Europe Class (yr 3)

The class have been enjoying some cricket during PE this half term. Brett Gates, a qualified coach associated with the Norfolk Cricket Board and Bradenham Cricket Club has been teaching years 1, 2, 3 and 4 and running an after school cricket club too.



### **Friends of Shipdham School**

We are extremely grateful to all the team and the support they receive from our families for all the events they plan throughout the year. Without this valuable support our children would not have many of the extras they have today.

Over the coming weeks they have some big fundraising events planned, such as the Yard Sale, Jubilee Fete, Fathers' Day Shop and the school Summer Fete as well as supporting some 'in school' events.

Extra support for these events is always very much appreciated and if anyone feels they can offer some time or help in anyway, no matter how little, please get in touch with FOSS via their facebook page or let Mrs Ward know in the school office.

## **Free school meals**

### **Is my child eligible?**

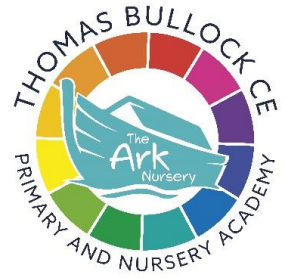
Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. It's called universal infant free school meals. You do **not** have to apply to get these meals, but if you do receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still apply. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following benefits to get free school meals:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

If you feel you may qualify for Free School Meals please complete an application form which are available from the school office or available to download from the school website.

# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## This week

Alongside lots of planting, weeding and exploring outdoors, we have enjoyed learning about our story of 'A Seed in Need'. We have verbalised and written instructions about how to plant a seed and followed these instructions to check they make sense. We revisited 2D shapes in Maths and continued to explore one more and one less.

A huge thank you to Robin from Year 5 and his mum for donating some fantastic small world resources – the children are very excited to use them in their play next week!



## Next week

Our focus sounds next week will be e, l, h, r. Our focus book for the week is Oliver's Fruit Salad. We will explore a range of fruits, with lots of linked continuous provision activities. In Maths, we will move onto 3D shapes.

## Learning links at home

- Visit a supermarket and look for different kinds of fruit. What colours are they? What do they feel like? Do you know what they are called?
- Use fruit, such as apples and pears, to print pictures with paint.
- Cut up fruit and make a fruit kebab. Can you make a pattern? It could be strawberry, banana, strawberry, banana or grape, orange, apple, grape orange, apple.

## ***DIARY DATES***

### **May**

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 Cycling Skills Course

**16<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Year 2 SATs**

19<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Presentation/Workshop for parents 2.45pm\*

26<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Trip to Africa Alive

27<sup>th</sup> Queen's Jubilee Celebration and Church

**May half term – 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

### **June**

7<sup>th</sup> Reception Class visit Gressenhall\*

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

11<sup>th</sup> FOSS Yard Sale 9am – 2pm

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

30<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Show – Years 3, 4 and 5.

### **July**

8<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

9<sup>th</sup> FOSS Summer Fete

13<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day

15<sup>th</sup> FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

19<sup>th</sup> Race for Life

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 Transition days to High Schools

21<sup>st</sup> Move up Day

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term.

**\*New addition to calendar**