



# 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

School has been so fantastically busy with parents and pupils in school this week!

### Harvest

It was lovely to see so many parents at Church as we celebrated Harvest. The children sang beautifully and there were so many donations of food presented as Harvest gifts. These will be collected by the Breckland Mobile Food Bus which calls at the church every Wednesday, offering discounted food to all. Thank you to all our families who gave so generously.



### Club/Group Meetings

Digital Leaders, Ethos, Eco-Warriors and Student Parliament have all met this week- ½ termly updates will be written by the children and shared in next week's newsletter. However further on in the Newsletter we would like to tell you about a 'crisp packet' recycling scheme we are starting in school organised by our Eco Warriors.

### Reception Open Day

We had a wonderful open afternoon for our new 2023 Reception pupils on Wednesday afternoon. Our Year 6 were excellent ambassadors showing families proudly around our school, our Chair of Governors attended alongside a number of new families and many already familiar to us, attending our Nursery with Miss Bell-Tye. We recognise that some families could not make this date, therefore we will be having two more events on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.15am for families to come and see our school. If you know of anyone who may be interested or is looking for a school for 2023- please do share this!

Please find below the link to the Norfolk County Council First Admissions to School.

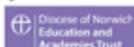
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-classes>

### Book Look

We also welcomed families into school for an Autumn book look. Thank you all so much for coming into our classes- seeing our children in their learning environment and allowing them to proudly share their books. Our children take great pride in you seeing their hard work and improvements. Mrs Carter is also thankful to families who joined her.



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## Parents' Evening

For most year groups, please be reminded there will be parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday next week, alongside of this, on Wednesday, there will be a food tasting by Aspens, of our school dinner options from 3:30pm to 5pm. Wednesday parents' evenings will take place in the hall and each meeting will be 10 minutes long. Please enter via the hall doors where there will be a seating area to wait if your teacher is not available and an opportunity to sample lunch food at this time as well. Thursday's meetings will take place online and you will be invited in via zoom links which will be sent via email next week. Please be reminded outside of Fit for Sport there is no childcare onsite on Wednesday for these meetings, if you need to move to an online appointment- please do call the office to make arrangements.

## Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	<b>Daisy</b> for showing kindness towards all her friends in Nursery.
Antarctica Class (yr R)	<b>Dottie</b> for showing kindness towards her friends in class and being a wonderful role model for all.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	<b>Tegan</b> for being so kind and helpful to other children in the class, noticing when they need a hand. She has tried hard in all the subjects, but especially with her handwriting and remembering finger spaces.
Africa Class (yr 2)	<b>Lewis G</b> for being such a kind, helpful and happy member of our class. Lewis is always going the extra mile to help his peers.
Europe Class (yr 3)	<b>Pria</b> for being a kind, helpful member of the class. Particularly in maths, supporting her peers and explaining how to solve problems. Well done!
S. America Class (yr 4)	<b>James</b> for the positive way in which he has approached this week's assessments. Well done!
Asia Class (yr 5)	<b>James</b> for the positive way in which he has approached this week's assessments. Well done!
N. America Class (yr 6)	<b>Lacey</b> has really shown our value of kindness, not only helping friends with their learning but didn't hesitate to help a friend when they were hurt.

## WOW MOMENTS!

**Dylan (yr 1)** started swimming 3 weeks ago and is making amazing progress Each week. He can now do a full length on his front and back. He is super proud of himself!

**Grace (yr 6)** and her ADC training group had the opportunity to be a mascot for the Norwich City Women match against Cambridge City after their training session on Tuesday evening. Norwich won 2-1.

Please remember to continue to send in you **WOW** moments for achievements out of school: <https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijCUMV7>



**The week's overall attendance – 95.7%**  
**South America Class (yr 4) – 99.3%**



# OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Week
1	What is it like in our local area?
2	How did the Stewarts battle for power?
3	In which ways is the land used in the UK?
4	What caused the decline and fall of Roman Britain?
5	How do we know about the Anglo Saxons?
6	How do we know about the Ancient Egyptians?

## Tag Rugby

Some of the children in years 5 and 6 took part in a Tag Rugby competition at Crusaders Rugby Club with over 100 children taking part. After a good start winning our first game 3-1 we ended up 7th out of 12 schools. Well done to Team TB for a great effort. The competition value was Teamwork, which was awarded to Olivia in Yr 6.



## Antarctica Class (Yr R)

Reception class enjoyed performing to year three and six, their recently learnt Talk4Writing story of the Little Red Hen. The children showed great confidence as they showed off their verbal retelling with actions - well done all!



## Antarctica Class (yr 1)

Year 1 have had a fab morning at Forest School creating leaf kites, making things using wool and sticks and even making a spider den!



Here are some more photos of the class making designs for their Christmas Cards which will be sent home for you to order, please look out for them as they need to be returned to school by the end of next week. The class were practising their balancing in PE, playing pop up pirates to help them!



## Yoga Bugs

We have bought into a virtual programme called YogaBugs for our school, but it also gives access to families at home, more details are in the letter as an attachment to this newsletter. The parent portal will give access to Yoga and Mindfulness videos along with many more mindfulness activities and visualisations for the whole family. Please do have a look, registering is quite straight forward and we hope will be beneficial to everyone.

## Choir

There are a number of spaces at the Friday lunchtime choir club. Mrs Drake from the Norfolk Music Hub will be beginning our 'performance choir' from after half term. All children from years 2 to 6 will be invited to take part (limited to 30 children). To begin, the children will be working towards a performance at our Carol Service in December and thereafter more events are planned throughout the year including once again singing on the stage at the Royal Norfolk Show. If your child would like to join please complete the google form link - <https://forms.gle/KZ6JdFKmMgYhdJ3F8>

## Uniform Reminder

We take great pride in our children being proud of their school, please can we make a note on uniform. We appreciate we are nearing half-term, a great opportunity for you to take stock of your children's uniform and ensure everything is well-fitting and matches our sports and school uniform policies. Our children are expected to be in full school uniform daily, please see our four pictures below as a reminder of these expectations. We have noticed not all children are following this fully.



## ECO WARRIORS



Ada, one of our Eco Warriors and year 6 pupils has found a fantastic initiative that recycles crisp packets into survival items for homeless charities. She has made 'Derek' the crisp monster which will be in the main entrance area for the children to post their empty, flattened crisp packet into. Thank you to Daisy too who helped to make 'Derek' look so eye catching.



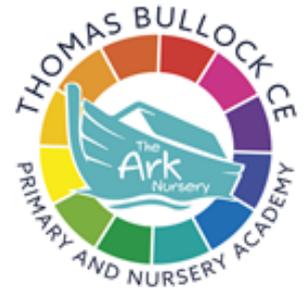
## E-Safety

### A free online safety guide on FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA's focus remains firmly on FIFA Ultimate Team – a mode in the game that can tempt players of all ages to spend actual money on recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

In the guide attached to this Newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate chat, scammers and addiction.

# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## This week

We began following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. We've learnt lots of words from the story, made up actions, acted the story out and made our own marks for each part of the story on our story maps!

We even made Christmas cards this week, albeit October – please return the Christmas card forms early next week ready to be sent off. We also enjoyed seeing some of our parents come into our classroom to see the fantastic mark making and exploring we have been up to this half term during our school 'book look'!



## Next week

We will continue to retell the story of 'Rosie's Walk'. Rosie has excitedly left us a letter in the classroom – we will explore this on Monday and follow her instructions to see what she has hidden in the school grounds!

Our rhyme of the week will be: Five Fat Sausages. We will also continue to look at sorting in Maths, with a focus on sorting objects – classroom resources and natural resources. We will have our usual specialist music and forest school sessions also!

## Learning links at home

- Make a pattern with natural resources. You could use: acorns, leaves, conkers, sticks.
- Can you spot the pumpkins in the supermarkets? Where do you think they grow?
- We have talked lots about farmers harvesting wheat and this going to a mill to make flour. Find a recipe that uses flour and make something edible. Remember to tell us all about it and post photos to Tapestry!



## DIARY DATES

### October

- 17<sup>th</sup> School Nursing Team Height & Weight Yr 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation – all classes
- 19<sup>th</sup> Parents evening (in school)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Parents evening (online)

**Half term week Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr 6 trip to Gressenhall
- 18<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon 4pm Reception 2023 Parents\*
- 18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need\*
- 21<sup>st</sup> Open Morning 9.15am Reception 2023 Parents\*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Yr 3 trip to Time and Tide Museum
- 30<sup>th</sup> Yr4 trip to Time and Tide Museum

### December

- 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Event
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day\*
- 14<sup>th</sup> Carol Service 2.30pm at All Saints Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service 9.30am at All Saints Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

**Christmas holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> School reopens

**Half term week Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

### March

- 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Year 5 one night residential to The Horstead Centre
- 20<sup>th</sup> School Photographer – whole class photos
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

### April

**Easter holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

- 17<sup>th</sup> INSET Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> School reopens

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATS week
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 SATS week

**Half term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 5<sup>th</sup> INSET Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> School reopens

### July

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
- 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

\* New addition