



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,

This week we have hosted a number of educators from across Norfolk, to see and learn from our school's good practice in Maths, group work and how we use PiXL. We have also held our last local governing body meeting of the year on Monday and had our Academy Group Executive Principle in for the day yesterday. It is fantastic to hear the many comments about how well our children communicate and evidence their learning, in a calm and enriching environment across our school from Nursery through to Year 6. We are very proud of our children and school.

Yesterday, I delivered a Thanksgiving Collective Worship, reminding our children to consider what they are truly thankful for and so many of our children were grateful for their families. I would encourage you to discuss this over the weekend with your children.

We have a few notices of the exciting Christmas events to come in the calendar below, but to bring to your attention some quick highlights:

- December 5th – James and the Giant Peach Panto in school for the afternoon
- December 8th - Christmas Jumper Day- please bring donations for FOSS raffle
- December 9th - Christmas Party Afternoon- please come in sensible shoes and party clothes
- December 12th - EYFS and KS1 Nativity- 9:30am and 2pm (tickets through the office)
- December 13th - Year 1 Trip to Holkham Hall
- December 13th - Year N-6 Christingle making afternoon
- December 14th - Christmas Lunch- children to wear Christmas Jumpers- No book bags required today
- December 14th - Christingle and Crib Service at Church (School only)
- December 15th - FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- December 16th - FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- December 16th – Carol Service 2.00pm at Church – Parents welcome and collection from the Church with completion of form by 9/12. <https://forms.gle/9BBmevyTPgSEtDB36>
- December 16th - Christmas Around Europe – MFL Learning Day- No book bags required today
- First Day Back- 4th January 2023

Congratulations to our student council for running and organising our bake sales for Children in Need and anti-bullying week activities last week- they have set a new challenge to draw a picture of 'What it is like to live in Shipdham?' details explained further on in the Newsletter. As you can see the final total raised was an amazing:

£305.86

Thank you once again to everyone who supported such a worthwhile cause.



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Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	Apphia for always showing our value of responsibility within our classroom. Apphia often tidies resources away once she has finished using them, as well as helping her friends with their tidying too!
Antarctica Class (yr R)	Hugo for his excellent enthusiasm and creative contributions to our Nativity rehearsals so far. Hugo has been our star singer!
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Arthur for consistently showing responsibility for his learning. He is good at making links to previous learning and often challenges himself to go further. In a Maths activity to make 15, he challenged himself to make a more difficult question.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Freya for always being a responsible member of the class. Freya always looks for ways to help adults and other members of her class. Super job!
Europe Class (yr 3)	Arthur for his enthusiasm in maths every lesson. showing fabulous reasoning skills.
S. America Class (yr 4)	Jake for his effort in his English work this week. Jake has been taking special care checking to make sure he has included everything in his writing. Great job Jake!
Asia Class (yr 5)	Isabelle F for the effort she consistently puts into her work. Isabelle is also always keen to contribute answers and ideas. Well done!
N. America Class (yr 6)	Ezmae always has her hand up with suggestions and has produced some lovely descriptive writing in her English lessons this week.

WOW MOMENTS!

Eva (yr 3) and Leon (yr R) ran their first junior park run last weekend!

*Please remember to continue to send in you **WOW** moments for achievements out of school:*

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijCUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 95.4%
South America Class (yr 4) – 98.6%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Week
1	How do we know that some toys are from the past?
2	Why did the Great Fire of London spread so quickly?
3	How did life change in Iron Age Britain?
4	What did the Romans believe, and did they bring their beliefs with them to Britain?
5	What was life like in Viking Britain?
6	Sustainability: how does this challenge effect the globe?



E-Safety

Bereal is the latest trending social media app. Allowing people to see others in their authentic day- to-day lives, sharing photos. It shares two pictures a selfie and an image of the immediate surroundings. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a photo of what they're doing at that exact moment.

In the guide attached to this Newsletter you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as strangers, location sharing and visible personal data.

Africa Class (yr 2)

The class had a tour of the church earlier in the week and afterwards met with Rev Laura who explained how the church prepares for Christmas. The children then asked the questions they had prepared about The Nativity Story.



Europe Class (yr 3)

The class had a fabulous time at Time and Tide Museum this week. We went back in time to meet different members of prehistory focussing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We learnt so much about each era through various hands-on activities and axe and spear throwing were keen favourites !



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Calling all budding artists! The Student Council need your help! Please can you draw what it is like to live in Shipdham. The Student Councillors would like you to draw on the piece of card going home today, your representation of Shipdham – or living in Shipdham. Ideas could be different places hidden in our village, you could draw you and your friends or family at your favourite place in Shipdham, going to or from School or even at/outside of your home. Please use colouring pens and colouring pencils. The best drawings will be chosen by People and Places to be displayed on the outside of the construction site for the new housing in Shipdham as well as being displayed by our student council in School.

Good luck!
Please return by the morning of Monday 5th December.

Friends of Shipdham School

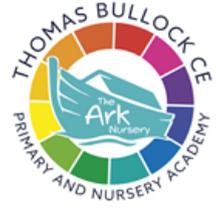
The ever-popular FOSS Christmas lunchtime shops will be in action on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December. There will be lots of Christmas gifts for the children to buy priced between 10p to £2.50!

Reindeer food and hot chocolate crackers coming soon! We will let you know when they are available.

KS2 (year 6) SATs Week

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of the King will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 test week, we have now received confirmation that the tests will take place in the same week with the tests following the same order but each taking one day later than originally planned. Therefore, **tests will take place each day from Tuesday 9th May through to and including Friday 12th May.**

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have been practising our songs and some sign-along actions for our Early Years, and Key Stage One Christmas performance! We wrote some instructions for making Gruffalo crumble cupcakes. We measured out the ingredients, mixed them together and put the mixture in the cupcake cases, before delivering them to the school kitchen for them to go in the oven! We then decorated them with orange Gruffalo eyes! In Maths, we were introduced to ABAB patterns. The children created their own fantastic patterns – some on paper, some with coloured pasta pieces as a necklace and some with natural resources. We even made our own movement ABAB patterns! With Mrs Taylor, we started our Savannah art, which we will continue with next week!



Next week

Next week brings our first week focusing on the story of 'The Nativity' in Literacy. We will also continue learning our songs and signs for the Christmas performance. In Maths, we will continue with noticing and extending ABAB patterns. We will also look at the story book of 'Pattern Fish' to help us with our understanding of patterns. Next Thursday is the first day of December so we will have some exciting additions to the classroom!

Learning links at home

- Collect 2 colours of wooden blocks / lego. Use the 2 colours to make a train, snake or tower with an ABAB pattern. E.g., red brick, yellow brick, red brick, yellow brick.
- Learn a simple movement rhythm. E.g. clap hands, stamp feet, clap hands, stamp feet.

DIARY DATES

November

- 30th Yr4 trip to Time and Tide Museum
- 30th KS1 Gymnastic Festival at Easton Gymnastics Club

December

- 5th James and the Giant Peach – theatre visit to whole school
- 8th Christmas Jumper Day
- 9th FOSS Christmas Party/Disco afternoon
- 12th 9.30am Nativity performance to parents
- 12th 2pm Nativity performance to parents
- 13th Yr 1 Trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Event
- 14th Christmas Lunch (wear your Christmas Jumper)
- 14th Carol Service 2.30pm at All Saints Church
- 15th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop*
- 16th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop*
- 16th Christingle Service 9.30am at All Saints Church
- 16th Last day of term

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

January

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th School reopens

Half term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

March

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

April

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

- 17th INSET Day
- 18th School reopens

May

- 1st Bank Holiday
- 8th Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
- 8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week
- 15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week

Half term Monday 29th May – Friday June 2nd

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th School reopens

July

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

* New addition

