



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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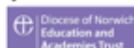
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

It certainly is beginning to 'look a lot like Christmas' both in Thomas Bullock as well as outside! We have thoroughly enjoyed our pre-Christmas week including a Pantomime, Whole School performance of our Nativity, Christmas parties and Christmas Jumper Day! Alongside this we were fortunate to have our Chief Operating Officer for the Trust visit our school on Thursday and he was very pleased with the expanded classroom completions and spaces.

After long wait- we have this week received the Department for Education and our progress and attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths is in the top 20% of schools nationally! We have achieved in the individual subjects, and grammar, punctuation and spelling as well. I will include a full data table next week and ensure it is added to our website for you to look at- but it is a huge achievement for all pupils, parents, our fabulous team and our community. We also send home a parent survey next week, so please look out for this early in the week.



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Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery

Elsie-Mae has fantastic listening ears, follows instructions well and makes good choices. Well done Elsie-Mae, keep it up!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Eva has shown responsibility for helping others in class and for her learning.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Caiden for working really hard in all areas of the curriculum and for always being responsible for this own learning. Caiden has been a particular shining light this week in memorising and singing all the songs in the Nativity.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Reuben for always setting a wonderful example to others in the class. He takes great responsibility for his own learning and supports others too.

Europe Class (yr 3)

William for showing responsibility in all lessons and having brilliant behaviours for learning. He is an amazing listener who takes pride in his work and supports others in class.

S. America Class (yr 4)

Autumn B for her hard work in maths this week. Autumn has made sure to break down calculations to make them more efficient to complete and can explain how she has worked them out. She has been doing lots of extra practice at home of her times tables and number bonds and it really shows. Great job!

Asia Class (yr 5)

Lacey for working very hard on her Gold Write task. She thought carefully about the content and organised her ideas carefully. Lacey made some effective word choices and punctuated her writing accurately.

N. America Class (yr 6)

Evie is always really helpful around class, this week as her confidence continues she has been sharing lots of ideas and produced some excellent written work.

WOW MOMENTS!

Dottie (yr R) learnt to swim during the summer and is now a very confident swimmer and is learning to dive!

Logan H (yr 5) is currently learning Metallica's Master of Puppets song on the electric guitar.

Edward Mh (yr 3) performed a drum solo at the JDT Christmas Showcase, he played Top of the World by Shawn Mendes.



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

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The week's overall attendance – 95.6%

Asia Class (yr 5) – 98.8%

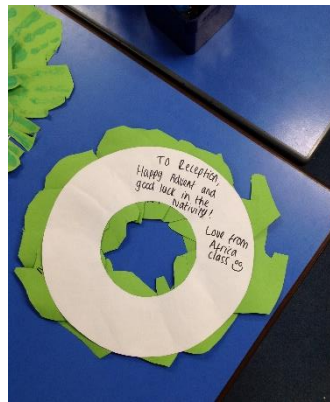


OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Week
1	How can we show visitors what we have found out?
2	How did London change after the fire?
3	How does Prehistoric Britain compare to some of the earliest world civilizations?
4	What can we learn by investigating an archaeological site?
5	How was Britain conquered between 950AD - 1066?
6	Movement of borders and people: how does this challenge effect the globe?

Africa Class (yr 2)

In RE this week we finished off making our Advent Wreaths and we gifted one to Reception, Nursery and Year 1. We have ours hanging on our door already!



E-Safety

Online Safety is an important aspect of teaching at Thomas Bullock.

Please continue to support us in understanding how to keep your children safe in this ever changing world of technology and apps.

The below website gives support to parents with all things e-safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#children>

Please also ensure if anything is brought to your attention in regards to new apps, video games etc that you think we should be made aware of, that you let us know using the e-safety form on our website.

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

Notices and Reminders

Phone Lines

Please be aware that the phone lines to the school office open at 08:00 each day and close at 16:00. It is possible to leave a message outside of these times. The option to speak to the Breakfast and After School Club (option 3) is available after 16:00 but it is only for After School Club related enquiries. Messages cannot be taken for school related enquiries.

Reminder that all children should be in school by 8:45.

We do open gates at 8:40 with a grace until 8:50- we have had a number of pupils arriving after this time - regularly. Please do ensure children are in school on-time so as to not slow learning for the class.

Reminder that School Jumpers are to be worn over PE kit on PE days, hoodies and other track suit style tops are not permitted.

Hand Hygiene

We have increased hygiene measures in school to combat any winter bugs- please do support by limiting anything additional being brought into school next week- and bringing small bookbags only please.

Guidance from the Department for Education for parents

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

Sore throat

Headache

Fever

A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel

On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have had a busy week filled with Christmas activities – so busy we have barely had a chance for photos! We've made lots of wonderful crafts and decorations that will be coming home next week. We've enjoyed seeing what the naughty elf has been up to each day and counting down the days to Christmas with our advent calendar. We have been consolidating our maths learning and making marks for the Nativity story on story mountains.

Albeit a cold forest school morning, we enjoyed looking out into the fog, crunching the frosty grass beneath our feet and exploring the thick ice we found in a wheelbarrow! We were full of giggles during our magic show this afternoon and particularly enjoyed watching the magician make balloon art.



Next week

On Monday, we have our Christmas performances at 9:30am and 2:30pm. On Tuesday, we will be making our Christingles in school, ready for our Christingle service! On Wednesday, we have our Christmas lunch (wearing our Christmas jumpers!) and our Christingle service at the church in the afternoon. On Friday, we are also heading to church for our carol service.

Learning links at home

- Practise singing our songs for the Christmas performance – 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' and 'Christmas Pudding'. Can you sign while singing to the people at home, like we have been in class?
- Watch our book advent videos on our school Facebook page, where staff from school read a Christmas themed book each day for advent!
- Practise putting on your own hat, scarf, gloves and coat – what do we put on first?



DIARY DATES

December

- 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 with uniform)
- 14th Christingle Service All Saints Church
- 15th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop
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- 16th Carol Service 2.00pm at All Saints Church (parents welcome)
- 16th Last day of term

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

January

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th School reopens

Half term week 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