



# 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 lots of people to thank! Firstly, to our amazing team who all jumped in to support our Year 6 class in one way or another during their SATs week; stepping out of class and offering wise and calming words of support to the children. A great big thank you to our amazing Year 6 team, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Heavens and Mr Wade, who have gone above and beyond to prepare our children for these assessments, both academically and emotionally. We are such a lucky school to have such an amazing team in every year group! Last, but by no means least we must pay tribute to the children in Year 6, we are incredibly proud of you all, you have shown great spirit, perseverance and positivity throughout the whole week. Well done!

Positive learning stems from positive discussions about learning at home; support with reading and interest in our children's schooling. We are grateful to our entire parent/carer family and community for your support.

Thank you too to our great kitchen team for preparing breakfast for Year 6 each morning this week. Also, to the fabulous FOSS for supporting the SATs breakfast and paying for a Pizza lunch for them today.



### Year 2 SATs

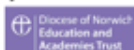
Next week begins the Year 2 SATs, please ensure you children are in school – on time each day.

### Diary Dates

Please note, there are a number of additional days in the calendar, including Year 6 end of year events and Sports Day. As a school which feeds into a number of High Schools, we thank you all for your patience, whilst we arranged a number of events in school, for a number of year groups, during the transitional period in July.



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## Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Apphia** for her wonderful story map of 'The Runaway Pea'. Apphia took her time drawing pictures for each event in the story, gave meaning to the marks she made and even wrote some initial sounds!
- Antarctica (yr R) **Flynn** for his fantastic attitudes to learning and efforts all round. He was a superstar in PE and is showing great cricket skills!
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Bethany** for being full of gratitude and thankfulness for all she has and being able to explain what makes her special and unique.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Oscar** for his super efforts in class. Oscar is always keen to contribute to class discussions and share his ideas with others.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Reece** for always being polite and helpful. He is a great role model to other children and always tries his best to support others where he can.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Millie** for always being helpful. Across school, Millie has gone above and beyond to help both staff and pupils. Millie has been on gold every day this week for her exceptional attitude. Well done and thank you!
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Isabelle** for the effort she puts into her work every day. She is conscientious and hardworking and always presents her work well. She is beginning to have confidence to share her ideas with the class and is a kind, supportive friend.
- N America Class (yr 6) The **entire class** for their hard work, perseverance and positivity throughout the SATs week - Well done Year 6!

## WOW MOMENTS!

**Arthur (yr 1)** completed his first ever swimming lesson, he was absolutely amazing swimming on his back.

**Jessica (yr 2)** was brilliant in her dancing at her ballet, tap and drama school.

**Reggie (yr 1)** took part in the community litter pick and found the biggest piece of litter - part of a bath!

**Mr Johnson** our year 1 teacher became part of a team of World Record Holders! He took part in a community event in Swaffham whereby the most amount of cream teas were consumed within the duration of the Coronation a total 1250 cream teas altogether!



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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

***This week's overall attendance – 97.2% Asia Class (yr 5) 100%***

## OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	Why do tourists visit Northern Ireland?
2	How did Rosa Parks stand up for black people's rights?
3	How have the flora and fauna of different biomes adapted to life there?
4	Which foods did the Ancient Maya eat?
5	How did the steam engine impact the Industrial Revolution?

### Parents Book Look

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 3pm – 3.20pm**

Parents are welcome to come into school to have a look through their children's books. This will be held in the school hall before pick up time.

### **SPELLATHON REMINDER - Keep practising!**

**Letters and sponsor forms were sent out recently for our upcoming Spellathon. Please keep practising and asking family and friends to sponsor you!**

**The Spellathon will take place the first week back after half term.**

### **ADDITIONAL NURSERY STAY AND PLAY SESSION**

**Following the excellent feedback regarding our Stay and Play sessions, we are offering a further time in the summer term.**

**Monday's from 2pm to 3pm starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Other 'Stay and Play' sessions are every Wednesday 2pm to 3pm and every Friday 9am to 10.30am**





## Asia Class (yr 5)

In history this week Year 5 investigated how cotton was turned from its raw state into strands of cotton that could be weaved. They also had a virtual author visit from Lindsay Littleson who wrote the book we are studying in English, 'The Titanic Detective Agency'. She told us about how she became an author, the research she needed to carry out before she wrote the book and then we had the opportunity to ask her some questions.



## North America Class (yr 6)

In the afternoons this week, year 6 have been making their own chain reactions. We looked at examples of this and they have started to build their own in groups.



## Antarctica Class (yr R)

Our reception pupils in Antarctica class have been busy using their fine motor skills to separate lupin seeds as part of their learning around plants and growth. The children replanted them and we hope to see some beautiful flowers growing in our outdoor area!



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## This week

We have learnt a new sound 'x' this week during phonics. We have continued retelling our story of 'The Runaway Pea', using our class and individual story maps. During our maths sessions, we learnt all about 2D shapes. We have planted our very own runaway peas and look forward to caring for them and watching them grow. Alongside this, we explored the life cycle of a pea, as well as frogs too! With Mrs Taylor, we designed our own pea characters and looked further at the human life cycle.



## Next week

Next week is World Bee Day! Alongside lots of bee craft activities, we will also explore the life cycle of bees and a range of facts. We will begin learning special friends in our RWI phonics sessions, applying this new knowledge while segmenting and blending to read green words. We will also begin our daily letter formation and writing practise. Our new literacy focus book is 'Oliver's Fruit Salad', however, we will also read lots of other fruit themed books alongside this! During our maths sessions, we will recap 2D shapes and begin to explore 3D shapes too. We will use our new fruit knowledge during our afternoons also, with creative and explorative activities. We will also begin placing significant events on our huge class timeline, after learning all about the different stages of life and looking at and comparing our baby photos.

## Learning links at home

- Collect different shaped recycling e.g. cereal boxes, tissue boxes, cardboard tubes, empty tubs etc. Then, get junk modelling! Use sellotape, masking tape or glue to join the containers together to make different creations. Will you make a rocket ship? Or maybe you could build a tower for Rapunzel!
- Draw some of the shapes we have learnt about this week. Can you remember their names? How many sides do they have? How many corners?
- Look at the different types of fruit in the supermarket. Which ones can you name? Which is your favourite? What colours can you see?



## DIARY DATES

### May

- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 SATS week
- 17<sup>th</sup> Reception Class – Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Trip to Gressenhall – ‘Victorian Whodunnit’
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Parents Book Look – 3pm – 3.20pm

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

### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> INSET Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> School reopens
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nursery Open Afternoon 1-2pm followed by stay and play
- 28<sup>th</sup> Choir to perform at Royal Norfolk Show
- 29<sup>th</sup> Years 3,4 and 5 to attend Royal Norfolk Show (choir performing)

### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day\*
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day\*
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Production ‘Treachery at Traitors’ Quay’ 3.30pm\*
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 BBQ 4.15pm\*
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Production ‘Treachery at Traitors’ Quay’ 5.45pm\*
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Leavers Service at Church 2pm\*
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Move up Day
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term
- \* New addition