



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

With only a short four-day week, we have achieved so much. Our Year 2 and 6 have been readying themselves for next week's exams and learning the importance of rest, healthy eating and positive self-belief. The rest of the school has been excitably working on their learning projects. In Year 3 today they finished their adventure stories about the Iron Man; Year 4 were writing character descriptions from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Year 5 were typing newspaper articles about the Titanic sinking.

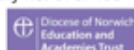
In Year 1, alongside learning about the Queen's coronation in 1953, they learned about the King's Coronation happening this weekend. Also, in year 1 we said a fond farewell to Miss Baker, whose last day was today. We all wish her every success in her new role as a High School Science Teacher.

In Forest Schools today, with the Coronation being the theme, the children had the choice of making a royal crown, a royal sceptre or a royal painting all using natural materials. They talked about the orb and sceptre, their ancient history and the powerful meaning of them for the monarchy. All the children did an amazing job!

We also wish to thank the kitchen staff for making excellent picnic lunches for our children. They were brimming with homemade excellent Coronation themed lunch treats. Our children enjoyed the short period outside in the sunshine before the thunderstorm sent us inside. **We hope you have wonderful bank holiday weekend!**



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Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery

Yelyzaveta is our shining light of the week for settling into the classroom so confidently. She has already made friendships with lots of the children, in her class as well as others!

Antarctica (yr R)

Oscar for always trying his best and being polite around the classroom and wider school; saying 'please' and 'thank you' and checking in with others.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Reggie for always showing great manners, remembering to use 'please' and 'thank you' and showing gratitude.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Jacob for showing a great attitude to learning and independence in class this week. Jacob has been super enthusiastic to contribute to class discussions.

Europe Class (yr 3)

Eva for working hard in English having a great attitude towards her writing and sharing some great ideas.

S America Class (yr 4)

Rosie for working hard with her times tables and in her maths learning. Rosie has persevered and her confidence is beginning to grow!

Asia Class (yr 5)

Matthew for working hard in maths and persevering when he found the work challenging.

N America Class (yr 6)

Lexi for having really positive attitude to all of the revision and working really hard this week.

WOW MOMENTS!

Daisy (yr 6) was awarded student of the month at her local martial arts group last night. Her instructor said Daisy is the one student who comes in every week and smashes class, working her best at all times and he is proud of her progress.

Jake, Quinn and Izzy (Yr 4, Yr 2) participated in the Shipdham community litter pick last weekend to help tidy the village in preparation for the Coronation celebration!

Ellsie (yr 2) has passed stage 7 of swimming and has moved up a group. Well done Ellsie!

Caleb (yr 5) represented Norfolk in a county tennis tournament in Hertfordshire last weekend. His attitude on the court was good, he played really well and he was a good support to his teammates too.

Harrison (yr 2) received a trophy in perseverance in football.



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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

This week's overall attendance – 94.3% North America Class (yr 6) 98.94%



OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What is it like to live in Wales?
2	How did Nelson Mandela fight against racism?
3	How have the flora and fauna of different biomes adapted to life there?
4	What did the Ancient Mayans believe?
5	How important were the British Empire and trade during the Industrial Revolution?
6	How can you locate places on a map?

Year 1 Phonics Presentation

Mr Johnson will be holding a phonics presentation and workshop for parents on Thursday 11th 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.

Parents Book Look

Tuesday 23rd 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.

Coronation Celebration at Bullock Park

There will be Coronation celebrations at Bullock Park bank holiday Monday from 2pm to 6pm. The Friends of Shipdham School will be having a stall with fun activities and a teddy tombola. If you are going along please call by and support them.

Thank you 😊



South America Class (yr 4)

In our Science unit this half term, we are looking at sound. This week we have been discussing how to protect our hearing. We completed an experiment in groups where we had to use different materials to make headphones and test the best ones to see if sound had been muffled.



Antarctica Class (yr R)

To finish off their learning on the story of 'Supertato', Antarctica class created their own Supertato characters. The children worked independently, practising their fine motor and creative skills to create some wonderful superheroes! Alongside this, the children have innovated the story in Literacy this week and written their own adventure stories.



Africa Class (yr 2)

This week in Art the children have been printing, practicing their skills using different tools.



ALL STARS CRICKET AT BRADENHAM CRICKET CLUB

All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from 5-8 years old with 8 weeks of non-stop fun. The activity and game based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment.

**Bradenham Green,
Sat 20 May - Sat 08 Jul 2023
10:15 - 11:15
5-8 years old**

Please click on the following link for more information:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/0b05780e-b196-4fb7-8752-b69f8ca2cdaa>

Families in hardship and needing wider support

In addition to the offer of the meal voucher for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Attached is a Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) Information leaflet that can be shared with families. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the NAS, which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service. Families may get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website which includes an online application form at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme> or if they cannot access the internet, they can call 0344 800 8020.

DIARY DATES

May

- 8th Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
- 8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week
- 15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week
- 17th Reception Class – Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing
- 23rd Year 5 Trip to Gressenhall – 'Victorian Whodunnit'
- 23rd Parents Book Look – 3pm – 3.20pm*

Half term Monday 29th May – Friday June 2nd

June

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th School reopens
- 19th Nursery Open Afternoon 1-2pm followed by stay and play
- 23rd Yr 1 Phonics Presentation to parents 2.45pm*
- 28th Choir to perform at Royal Norfolk Show
- 29th Years 3,4 and 5 to attend Royal Norfolk Show (choir performing)

July

- 5th – 7th Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
 - 20th Move up Day
 - 21st Last day of term
- * New addition



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have been caring for our plants, inside the classroom on the window sills and outside in our greenhouse. It won't be long before we can plant these out! During our phonics sessions, we have learnt sounds 'w' and 'z'. We began story mapping 'The Runaway Pea' in literacy. In maths we have looked at 'more than' and 'fewer than' and will consolidate this in following weeks. We also enjoyed our Coronation celebrations, with our special coronation picnic lunch on Friday!



Next week

Next week in our phonics sessions, we will learn new sound 'x' and consolidate all phonemes learnt so far, before we move onto special friends! We will continue our learning surrounding our story book 'The Runaway Pea', finishing off story mapping and making marks of our own. We will also make our own adventure story. In maths, we will look at 2D shapes. Having talked lots about plants and their life cycles, we will move onto a focus on animal life cycles.

Learning links at home

- Go on a bug hunt. What did you find? Can you draw a picture of the different insects you found?
- Make the most of the spring sunshine and get outside to do some mark making. You could use a tub of water and a paintbrush, chalks or even a broom and water.
- Help your grown up to hang the washing on the line in the spring sunshine and help to develop your motor skills at the same time, squeezing the pegs together is a great workout for your fingers!

