



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 Games Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark for the 2022/23 Academic Year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise a school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Congratulations to Mrs Greenland for all her hard work and effort with our PE curriculum across the whole school.



Thomas Bullock Teaching Team 2023/24

Please see below our teaching team, which remains the same this year, and the classes they will be teaching from September. All of our teachers are known to the children and over the coming weeks the teachers will take part in transition conversations ahead of move up day on 20th July.

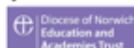
Class	Teacher - Main
The Ark – Nursery	Miss S Bell-Tye
Antarctica Class - Reception	Mrs D Marjoram
Oceania Class – Year 1	Mr L Johnson
Africa Class – Year 2	Miss E King
Europe Class – Year 3	Miss L Newcombe
South America Class – Year 4	Miss O Crane
Asia Class – Year 5	Mrs D Cross
North America Class – Year 6	Mrs B Fowler/Mr N Wade

Reminders

- Following a request from the Parish Council, please be reminded NOT to park, illegally, on verges, and not in a manner to disrupt the school bus coming into school.
- Cyclists – please remember to dismount when entering through the main school gates and walk to the cycle sheds with your bikes.



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WOW MOMENTS!

Robin (yr 6) has been awarded 'Coaches Player of the Year' for the Norfolk Hoopstars NBL under 12's team!



Please remember to continue to send in you **WOW** moments for achievements out of school:
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijUMV7>

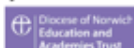
This week's overall attendance – 95.1% Europe Class (yr 3) 95.8%

Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Rosa** is our shining light of the week for her increased confidence and independence. She has settled into Ark Class brilliantly!
- Antarctica (yr R) **Henry** has made wonderful progress in reading and writing this term and is starting to show his creative side too
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Dexter** for sharing his fantastic knowledge about plants in Science. He knew all the basic parts and their special jobs.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Amber G** - for being a kind and caring member of our classroom community. She has also shown great perseverance in her writing this week.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Ben** for coming back to school after his operation and showing perseverance, focus and determination in his learning this week.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Archie** for his positive attitude towards his learning this week. Archie has worked hard and put his hand up at every opportunity to share his thoughts and ideas.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **April** for the effort she puts into her work every day. She always works hard and tries her best, volunteering answers and joining in with class discussions.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Oscar** has done incredibly well in his reading assessment this week showing excellent progress this year.

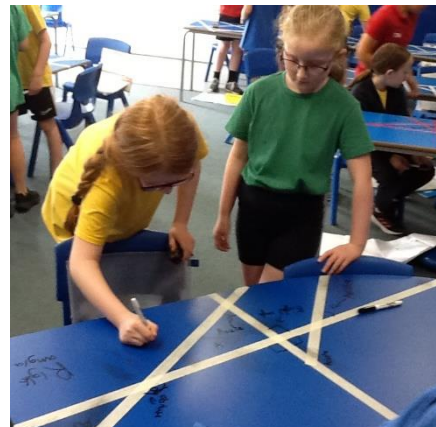
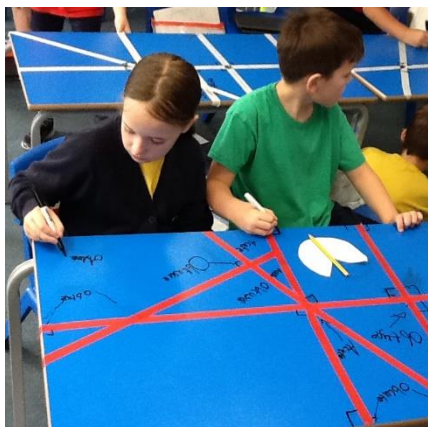
OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What do people do at the seaside today?
2	What is the landscape of Kenya like?
3	What was the Golden Age of Greece?
4	What is the physical landscape like across the USA?
5	How did Baghdad become a centre of learning?
6	How have people protested for gender equality?



Europe Class (yr 3)

The children have been learning about angles in maths this week. They focussed on recognising right angles and comparing them. They learnt the vocabulary right angle, acute angle and obtuse angle. They had fun finding the angles that had been taped onto their tables.



Africa Class (year 2)

In Maths this week, Year 2 have been looking at 'statistics'. They have been using multilink to represent information in a block diagram. They have all worked so hard to present information neatly in their books.

In Design & Technology, we have been experimenting with paper mache.



Cricket

After a successful time at a recent cricket competition the year 5/6 Girls team took part in the County Cricket Finals at Horsford Cricket Club. There were 16 schools taking part and team TB came 11th. Well done to all the girls – Lily May, Esme, Adelaide, April, Olivia M, Olivia OH, Ada and to Grace for being captain of the team.



FOSS Announcements

School Summer Fete

The summer fete is on Saturday 8th July, please see details below. The Friends would welcome any unwanted wrapping paper for the lucky dip. Please drop off at the school office, thank you!



Thomas Bullock CE Primary and
Nursery Academy

Sat 8th July

12-3pm

Stalls, Games, Entertainment, Archery,
Bouncy Castle, Tombolas, Raffle, Craft,
Face Painting, BBQ, Bar, Refreshments.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The School Choir will be singing at
the school fete at 2.30pm until
3.00pm

Second-hand Uniform Sale

We will be arranging a second-hand uniform sale to take place during the last week of term. All items will be 50p. Please could we ask for donations of any unwanted uniform (Thomas Bullock/Norhtgate/Neatherd), to be brought to school or the FOSS shop during the week beginning 10th July.

Tesco Second-hand Book Table

FOSS has also secured the second-hand book table at the Dereham branch during October. If you are planning on decluttering your bookcase, please could we ask that you consider donating your books to us so that we can start building up our supply.

Tesco Watton Blue Tokens

We are also lucky enough to have been selected again by Tesco Watton store for the blue tokens scheme during July, August and September. The first place charity receives £1,500, second place £1,000 and third place £500. Please keep popping in store and voting for us whenever you can!

Thank you in advance, from the FOSS Team

A huge 'thank you' to FOSS for their wonderful donation of EYFS resources!





Monday 3rd July

This will be a morning event starting at 9.15am, entrance will be through the KS2 playground gate (at the back of the school). The morning will start with our sports day parade and warm up dance. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will start with races and then clockwork sports. Years N, R, 1 and 2 will join us at 10.45am for their parade and races.

The children will need to be prepared for the weather with sunhats, sun cream and a water bottle. Children will need to wear their PE kit to school and be wearing their house Team T shirt and navy shorts/skorts.

Please can we ask for health and safety reasons you do not cross the track to go and see your child, they will be sitting in their house teams supervised by members of staff.

Picnic Lunch

You are invited to stay and bring a picnic lunch to share with your child on the field at lunchtime.

After the races children will return to classes to get ready for lunch and will then come outside and line up on the fire drill spaces near the courtyard playground to be collected.

If you are bringing a picnic lunch to share with your child please make sure they are aware. If you are not bringing a picnic for your child and want them to have a hot meal or a school packed lunch, these can be ordered and paid for in the usual way.

We ask that all parents are off the school site by 12.45pm in readiness for our afternoon of learning.

We hope you will be able to come and support your child/children and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd July.

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

The children are very excited to be sending out invitations to parents for our Nursery Graduation. We have been practising the sounds we have learnt so far in phonics in smaller groups, with word reading and blending. We have begun our learning surrounding 'Little Red Riding Hood' and the children can already retell the story using our actions and story language! In Maths, we have been looking at 'What comes before?'

We enjoyed watching the thunderstorm on Wednesday and talked about how it sounded like huge claps in the sky!



Next week

We will continue our 'Little Red Riding Hood' exploration and write a letter to persuade the wolf to not eat people. We will prepare for Sports Day and transitions. During our maths sessions, we will explore numbers to 5 even deeper than we have already!

During our afternoons, we will explore clay and snipping and threading to make spiders webs. In our outdoor learning sessions, we will observe the clouds in the sky, exploring different cloud types!

Learning links at home

- Use everyday objects such as toys, fruits or blocks and ask your child to count them. Start with a small set of objects, like three crayons and have your child count them out loud. You could also ask them to pass you 'four brick' or 'five cars' as you play with them.
- Go on a number hunt! Hide numbered cards around your house or garden. Ask your child to find and collect the cards in numerical order. For example, they would search for the number 1 first, then the number 2 and so on until they find all five.



DIARY DATES

June

- 27th Yr 3 and Yr 5 parents – Maths Café at 2.30pm
- 28th Choir to perform at Royal Norfolk Show
- 29th Years 3,4 and 5 to attend Royal Norfolk Show (choir performing)
- 30th Non-School Uniform Day- Please bring in your Tombola Prize for fete

July

- 3rd Sports Day
- 5th – 7th Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
- 8th 12 – 3pm Summer Fete
- 11th Reserve Sports Day
- 17th Yr 6 Production 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay' 3.30pm
- 18th Yr 6 BBQ 4.15pm
- 18th Yr 6 Production 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay' 5.45pm
- 19th Leavers Service at Church 2pm
- 20th Move up Day
- 20th 3pm Nursery Class Graduation*
- 21st Last day of term

September

- 1st and 4th INSET days
- 21st School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)

5th Children return to School

October

Half term 23rd – 27th October inclusive

November

- 17th Flu vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 20th Last day of term

Christmas Holiday 21st December – 3rd January

January 2024

- 3rd INSET Day

4th Children return to School

February

Half term 19th – 23rd February inclusive

March

- 18th School Photographer (Class photos)
- 28th INSET Day School Closed

Easter holiday 29th March – 12th April inclusive

MAY

- 6th Bank holiday

Half term 27th – 31st May

JULY

- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed

* New Addition

