



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 has been a wonderful start back to school this week including an excellent result in becoming County cricket finalists, a report of which can be found further on in the newsletter. We have also had our Spelling Bee today, please can all sponsorships be returned next week. The children did exceptionally well across all year groups, we are very proud of the hard work all children and families have put into learning their spellings. The winners were: Will (R), Caiden (1), Amber (2), William (3), Lily (4), Gethin (5), Archie (6).

We also started handing out our Reception starter packs this week; the children were delighted to receive their golden ticket into Reception!

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Mr Weston into our school as a KS2 Teaching Assistant and also a qualified sports coach bringing additional level of expertise into our school.



HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND!



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WOW MOMENTS!

Violet (year R) has passed her Stage 2 swimming and is now working towards Stage 3 in the 'big' pool.

Bailey (year 4) received players' player trophy at his football presentation.

Olivia (yr 6) received a trophy for most improved player at her football presentation evening for Shipdham Under 12s

Arthur (year 1) has moved up to level 2 in swimming after only starting a few weeks ago!

Jacob (year 2) went to the Suffolk show with his calf and received a fourth place.

Joseph (Nursery) also took part at the Suffolk show and received second place.

Miles (year 4) was the 'most improved player' trophy at his football teams end of season presentation last weekend!

Rosie (year 3) has moved up to Stage 4 in swimming.



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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpiicUMV7>

This week's overall attendance – 95% Oceania Class (yr 1) 99%

Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **George** is our shining light of the week for showing his community skills within our class. George works well with his peers in group work and imaginative play and is particularly caring towards them too.
- Antarctica (yr R) **Sonny** for his fantastic effort and work in phonics and reading this week.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Dylan** for returning to school after the half term full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to learn!
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Sienna** for taking great responsibility for her learning. Sienna has shown a growing independence this week and has contributed well to learning discussions.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Eliza** for beginning to contribute in class more and showing more independence and confidence in maths.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Arthur** for radiating our half-termly value of community. Every morning, Arthur comes in the classroom eager to support setting up for the day. Whether this be finishing off handing out books or Chromebooks, Arthur is always so helpful.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Sophie** for settling into the class so well. She has already shown herself to be a hard worker and a kind friend. Great start Sophie!
- N America Class (yr 6) **Evie** for showing our new value of community at this week's Cricket tournament. Evie was excellent at motivating and encouraging her team-mates.

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What is the seaside and where is it?
2	Where in the world is Kenya?
3	How do we know about first civilisations in Ancient Greece
4	Where in the world is the USA and what is the climate like there?
5	How was Baghdad built?
6	What is protest?

Antarctica Class (year R)

Antarctica class have been busy trying to solve the mysteries this week after they received a video showing some gingerbread people running through their classroom during the half term holiday! The children are trying to work out where the gingerbread people are now and also who sent us the video. They have been busy writing notes to ask different people across school...so far, the culprit hasn't been found although Mrs O'Sullivan has spotted some crumbs on Mr Wade's desk!



South America Class (year 4)

To start off our DT unit on American food this half term, the children had a wonderful experience trying some of the most well-known American goodies. We learnt about different types of food and children had the opportunity to try lots of different things. They enjoyed it thoroughly- especially making their own desserts and left with full bellies.



Cricket Competition

Some of the children in years 5 and 6 took part in two cricket competitions at Horsford Cricket Club this week. Team TB had a mixed and girls team. Both teams did well both winning their group and getting through to the semi-finals. The girls team went on to win and are now through to county finals and the mixed team came 4th. The competition value was teamwork and this was awarded to Evie and Taylor for being supportive and encouraging to their team mates.



2023/2024 Term Dates

The dates for the next school year have now been put in the diary, please see further on in the Newsletter

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held on Monday 3rd July in the morning. Years 3,4,5 & 6 will start at 9.15am and Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will start at 10.45am. Parents are invited to bring a picnic and stay until 12.45pm

A couple of reminders ...

Lateness – We have noted that a few children are arriving to school late each morning, after 8.50am. Please be reminded that gates open at 8.40am and children should be in school by 8.50am ready to learn. If for any unforeseen circumstance children will be late please make sure the school office is informed of the reason, either in advance or when dropping them off at the main reception area.

Norfolk Show – If you intend taking your child out of school for the school, please complete a 'Leave of Absence' request available from the school office or the school website ahead of time.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

Excitingly, our children starting in Reception Class in September have taken home their starter packs. Included in the packs are some resources to keep them busy over summer and continue to practise all of the learning we have done this year! We have been practising our set 1 single letter sounds and splitting into groups for extra phonics learning this week. Our new focus book is 'Come on, Daisy' and we have used our Talk for Writing approach to learn the story, re-telling it using actions. In Maths, we have extended what we already know about numbers and learnt about the composition of them too. We have a new doctors role play area in our classroom which has been popular with the children this week! Our afternoons have seen us exploring minibeasts, following child interest, and we have been looking after our plants.



Next week

We will continue with our literacy sessions focused around the book 'Come on, Daisy'. Our phonics input will recap set 1 single sounds, as well as introducing set 1 special friends. We will also look at building words with magnetic letters on whiteboards during our carpet session. We will then go into groups for letter formation and writing. In Maths, we will look at 'What comes after?' During our afternoons, we will look at making healthy choices as part of Healthy Eating Week. We will spot minibeast and signs of minibeasts in our outdoor areas. Linked to our role play area, we will look at various videos, showing children what it's like to go to the doctors, hospital, dentist, opticians etc. We will also continue to build and extend our role play with the children!

Learning links at home

- Can you make a rock creature? Look for a pebble or stone and then paint it to look like a minibeast or an animal.
- Can you make your own ice lollies or flavoured ice cubes? Ask a grown-up to help you prepare them and then, check on them later to see how they have changed.
- Have a water fight in the garden!



DIARY DATES

June

- 13th New Reception September 2023 Stay and Play 1.30-2.30pm
- 14th FOSS Fathers' Day Shop
- 16th FOSS Fathers' Day Shop
- 19th Nursery Open Afternoon 1-2pm followed by stay and play
- 21st New Reception September 2023 Family information session 5.30pm
- 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
- 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

