



# 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

Wow! What a week at TB! Following a wonderful, inclusive and enjoyable Fete, ran by FOSS on Saturday. We are so thankful and grateful to all who attended, and made the fete such a huge success. **An amazing £1204.91 was raised!**

We went into the week awaiting our SATs results...we are absolutely delighted to share some amazing news! For the second year in a row, Thomas Bullock has achieved outstanding End of Key Stage 2 SATs results. Please see results below, this year we exceeded last year's high!

Subject	Met the Expected Standard: Thomas Bullock	Met the Expected Standard: Nationally	Met the Greater Depth Standard: Thomas Bullock	Met the Greater Depth Standard: Nationally	Average scaled score: Thomas Bullock	Average Scaled score: Nationally
Reading, Writing, Maths (combined)	85%	59%	26%	7%	-	-
Reading	89%	73%	59%	29%	110	105
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	96%	72%	52%	30%	110	104
Maths	100%	73%	52%	23%	110	105
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	89%	71%	26%	12%	-	-
Science (Teaching Assessments)	89%	80%	-	-	-	-

Based on 2023 Key Stage 2 National Headlines provided by the Department for Education 11th July 2023:

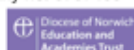
<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/key-stage-2-attainment-national-headlines>

We could not be prouder of our children's accomplishments and the incredible team, from our Outstanding Nursery to our incredible Year 6 who work so hard with your children, each and every day, to ensure excellent starting points and outcomes.

Furthermore, our Nursery has proven itself a true success! 90% of our own Nursery pupils from TB, joining our Reception class are already at or exceeding Reception Age Related starting points. In Year 1 phonics, we are above National and sitting in-line with National, and above Norfolk at EYFS GLD and Year 2. Our Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables (MTC) is above National. In fact, in the MTC we are in the top 8% of the country! All results are provisional and will be published on our website as soon as they are verified.



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## ***Shining Lights of the Week!***

Ark Nursery	<b>Louis</b> for being a consistently kind member of our class.
Antarctica (yr R)	<b>Kayden-Lee</b> for wonderful creations and artwork this week during our learning on Van Gogh and observational drawing.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	<b>Bobbie</b> for his brilliantly innovated version of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers in English.
Africa Class (yr 2)	<b>All of Africa Class</b> for representing Thomas Bullock incredibly well whilst on our trip to Banham Zoo. You all made us very proud!
Europe Class (yr 3)	<b>Pria-</b> for being a well mannered and sensible member of the class, always working hard in everything she does.
S America Class (yr 4)	<b>Mason</b> for his perseverance in maths this week. Mason has listened well and shown enthusiasm in coordinates and has been eager to complete the tasks set.
Asia Class (yr 5)	<b>Erin</b> for the perseverance she has shown in maths this week.
North America Class (yr 6)	<b>All of North America Class</b> for their super effort and dedication to the end of year performance.

***This week's overall attendance – 95.8% Asia Class (yr 1) 96.1%***

### OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

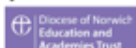
Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	Can we plan our trip to the seaside?
2	What are the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK?
3	What were the lasting achievements of the ancient Greeks?
4	What is it like om New York and in New York City?
5	How did the Islamic Empire come to an end?

#### Yr 6 Production

**There are still tickets available for next week's production  
'Treachery at Traitors Quay'  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 5.45pm  
Please contact the school office if you would like tickets!**

#### PE Next Week

**Due to the Leavers' Service and Move Up Day there will be no PE on the following days for the following classes. Please come to school in full school uniform.  
Wednesday – Years Reception, 1 and 5  
Thursday – Years 4 and 5**



## Oceania Class (yr 1)

Year One had a fantastic trip to Wells at the beginning of the week. They started their adventure by being shown around the heritage centre where Isaac told them all about what Wells used to look like in the past - they even got to take part in a secret code quiz and do a spot of 'fishing'! Then they went for lunch and a seaside story in the woodland area before heading to the beach for some shell collecting and classification, building sandcastles and making sand sculptures. They all had such a great time and some fell asleep on the way home!



## Europe Class (yr 3)

Year 3 had a fantastic day dressed up as Ancient Greeks (they all looked fabulous). They tried different foods such as rice wrapped in vine leaves, olives, hummus and flatbreads, Greek salad and lamb shish. They also learnt a traditional dance called the Zorba, learnt some Greek words and finished off their Greek pottery.



### PLEASE TAKE NOTE ...

We have been made aware that some children are drinking the new and well known drink Prime. We would just like to make you aware of the difference between the two types of Prime drink.

Prime hydration - which contains no- caffeine.

Prime or Prime energy - which contains 6xs as much caffeine as coca- cola.



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## Africa Class (year 2)

The children had a brilliant trip to Banham Zoo. They were fascinated by the facts they have learnt and the animals they have seen. They went to education talks about meerkats and giraffes. They also went to an 'Amazing Animals Display' where we learnt lots about animals.



## Oceania Class (year 1)

Year 1 had a great time playing with mud in Forest school this morning, even Mr Wade had a face pack!



### Lost Property and Uniform sale

We will be putting out Lost Property at the front after school on Monday next week. Please have a good look through. Afterwards all lost property will go to the Friends of Shipdham School.

There will be a sale of uniform items on Tuesday at the end of the school day by FOSS all items 50p

## 'Ready, Set, Read!' with Summer Reading Challenge at Norfolk libraries

The free Summer Reading Challenge is here! Presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries, it's a fun way to help encourage children to keep reading during the summer holiday.

Sign up at your local library today to receive your child's pack and start the challenge.

It's aimed at primary school aged children, but all are welcome to join, and there is a special mini challenge for under 5s.

The goal is for children to read six books over the summer and collect stickers and solve puzzles as they work their way through the challenge. Those who complete it receive a medal and a certificate. Children can set their own reading goals and choose what they want to read.

This year the theme is a sporting one, and libraries across Norfolk are looking forward to running events such as active story times, dancing, creative games, learning the science behind how exactly Beckham bends it, playing robot football and much more!

It can be completed in libraries or online. Children need to join the library to take part and to pick up their free pack. Find out more at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

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# The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

We have been consolidating in phonics and maths this week. In Literacy, we've sequenced the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, creating our own story maps. We have planted out our flowers, peppers, courgettes and pumpkins into the vegetable bed outside our classroom, near the field. We can't wait to see how these have grown over summer! Miss Bell-Tye will send update photos on Tapestry too. We have talked transitions ALL week and the children are super familiar with their September routines and our Reception classroom and staff. We've also been looking back on old photos and talking about how much we have grown and developed.



Next week

Next week will see our final celebrations of the year! We have lots of fun activities planned, alongside our Graduation celebration for our older children on Thursday. We can't wait!

## DIARY DATES

### July

- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Greek 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
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Disco
- 20<sup>th</sup> Move up Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm Nursery Class Graduation
- 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> INSET days
- 21<sup>st</sup> School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Children return to School**

### October

**Half term 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October inclusive**

### November

- 17<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations year R to 6

### December

- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term
- Christmas Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### January 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Children return to School**

### February

**Half term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February inclusive**

### March

- 18<sup>th</sup> School Photographer (Class photos)
- 28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed
- Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

### MAY

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday
- Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### JULY

- 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term
- 19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed
- \*New Addition