



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

We are amazed that it is already the end of our first half term of the academic year. It was lovely to see so many of our families and friends in Church on Thursday as we celebrated Harvest. The children sang beautifully and the Ethos Team led us in prayers and thanksgiving. There were so many donations of food as Harvest gifts, all which were taken this morning to the Mid Norfolk Foodbank.

We also celebrated Linda Freeman's retirement with us in the church at the Harvest Festival. Linda has worked tirelessly for the last 38 years for Thomas Bullock as a lunchtime supervisor, cleaner and over 40 years supporting the buses of children coming to and from Thomas Bullock Primary School as well. She has approached every aspect of all her roles with enthusiasm, care and dedication, she has been a most loyal and hardworking member of our team and we wish her the happiest of years in retirement and hope to see her often attending events with our school.

We have exciting celebratory news! We have two Thomas Bullock babies, and future Nursery starters on their way! Miss Turner Year 5 Teaching Assistant and Breakfast Club Leader is expecting a baby in January. Miss Newcombe, Year 3 Teacher and Maths lead is also expecting a baby and due in March. We are very happy for them both and wish them the happiest of times ahead.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break.



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Shining Lights of the Half Term!

- Ark Nursery **Jessica** for always showing respect to her peers and adults. Jessica is a much-loved member of the class and takes great responsibility when it comes to tidying up too!
- Antarctica Class (R) **Arlo & Aurora** for always being respectful to others, making positive choices and being an excellent role model for their peers.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Charlotte** for consistently demonstrating the half term's value of respect. She is a brilliant role model for her classmates and the younger children in the school.
Jayden for consistently demonstrating the half term's value of respect. He is always respectful to everyone in class, giving them his full attention, using his 'looking eyes' and 'listening ears'
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Bethany** shows great respect to herself by always trying her best. She always comes to school with her looking eyes and listening ears, ready to learn.
Reggie always shows great respect to people around him. Reggie is an incredibly kind, caring and polite member of the class.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Jessica and Reuben** for consistently showing this half term's value of respect. They are kind and supportive to their peers, show fantastic learning behaviours and listen carefully in all lessons.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Halli and William** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of respect. They always offer a helping hand to others, approach their work with thought and care and radiate a positive and hard-working attitude in our classroom.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Hana and James** for consistently showing the value of respect in the way they treat other people and approach their learning.
- North America Class (YR 6) **Dolcie** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of respect. She is always respectful towards others and an excellent role model for our school
Logan B for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of respect. He is polite to everyone and has a fantastic approach to his learning.

This week's overall attendance – 96.2% Africa Class (yr 2) 97%

WOW MOMENTS!

Isabelle (yr 6) was awarded 'trainer of the week' for her netball club this week. She has been working hard to develop her footwork, passing and shooting skills.

Stuart (Reception) was so brave last weekend and held a huge Boa snake!

Joseph (Reception) was given Ball of the Week at his rugby club. He was super pleased.



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

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Oceania Class (year 1)

Year one has had a fantastic first couple of days. We have all agreed some new classroom and school rules to follow and signed it with our handprint. We have also enjoyed exploring all the new things and areas in the year one classroom.



South America Class (yr 4)

The children are really enjoying constructing their Roman catapults in Year 4. They are using accurate measuring and careful sawing.

In Science, we ended our unit recreating the digestive system. The children had so much fun seeing how the digestive system works.

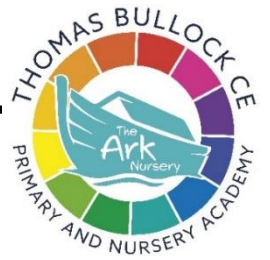


North America Class (yr 6)

This week year 6 took part in Norwich Castle's digital event for our topic, the ancient Egyptians. They enjoyed learning about different artefacts, mummification and the beliefs of the ancient Egyptians about the afterlife. They got to smell different herbs and spices that were used in the mummification process and debated whether they think it is right for archaeologists to remove items, including mummies, from the tombs of the ancient Egyptians or whether they should be left alone.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have continued following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. Videos and photos of our story retelling have been uploaded to Tapestry. We've also been making marks and giving meaning to these marks on our own story maps, having first completed a shared one together as a class. We've also consolidated sorting / matching in Maths with party rings! We explored pumpkins and Harvest further, ending our Thursday with a trip to church for our annual Harvest celebration. The children loved seeing the church for the first time and did some fantastic walking all the way there and back!



After Half Term

In Phonics, our focus will be instrumental sounds. We will also take part in lots of activities to promote name recognition. We will continue sharing lots of books, whilst encouraging oracy. In Maths, we will look at subitising, counting and numerals.

We are very excited to welcome new friends into our classroom after half term! Now our confidence has blossomed, we will be encouraging independence with putting on our own coats, clothes, shoes and wellies and having a go with buttons and zips.

Over half term, please continue to upload photos to Tapestry of what you get up to at home. It is a fantastic talking point and the children love sharing photos with their friends!

When we return, we will focus on Bonfire Night with discussions surrounding Guy Fawkes and safety and lots of creative activities alongside too! We will then explore the story of 'Rama and Sita'. Diwali is the five-



day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Having made connections between features of our own and other people's families, we will begin noticing differences between people too.

Learning links at home

- This week, you were sent home with a brown bag and some instructions. Collect some Autumn treasures (coloured leaves, acorns, conkers, pinecones) and bring them back to school in the brown bag, where we will be able to explore them further and use them in our learning sessions.
- Upload photos of your half term adventures onto Tapestry for the children to discuss when we return!

DIARY DATES

October

Half term 23rd – 27th October inclusive

30th Yr 4 Norwich Castle

November

1st Parents' Evening from 3.30pm

2nd Parents' Evening from 3.30pm

6th Maths Café for Nursery and Reception parents 2.30pm

7th Yr 6 Norwich Cathedral 'A Day to Remember'

9th Yr 3 Time & Tide Museum

17th Flu vaccinations year R to 6

December

12th Nativity (Reception Class) at 9.15am and 2pm

14th Yr 1 Holkham Hall Christmas Experience

19th Christmas Lunch Day

20th Christmas Concert & Christingle at Church (TBC)

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

