



# 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

**This week we are starting our Newsletter with an update from the Student Councillors.**

Thank you to all who donated cakes that we sold for Children in Need on Friday. The final amount raised was **£342.61!**

Following a meeting this week we have asked our classes what equipment they would like us to fundraise for this year. Both Key Stage 1 and 2 have continued to request swings. KS2 have also requested footballs, tennis equipment, basketballs, cricket equipment and both would like more goals/nets.

After speaking with the other students, we have decided to fundraise for the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research this year. For each of our fundraisers, we will donate a percentage of our funds raised to these great causes.

We have decided to do the following things before Christmas with dates to be confirmed:

- A winter bake sale, requesting bakes/cakes decorated with Christmas themes £1 per cake
- A Christmas Craft Decorating Lunchtime

We will also be starting a suggestion box for children to share their ideas with us.

***Esme (yr 6), Lily (yr 5), Amelia (yr 4), Hadley (yr 3), Dylan (yr 2), Harrison (yr 1)***

Congratulations to Cole and Esme in year 5 who proudly represented Thomas Bullock at the County Cross Country finals at High Lodge on Wednesday. They both ran exceptionally well and we are incredibly proud of them.

### Breakfast and After School Club

**The google form is now open for bookings for the first half of the Spring Term**

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## Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	<b>Harry</b> for sharing his love of reading with other children. Harry always shows enthusiasm during story times, asking questions and predicting what happens next. Harry often chooses books from the reading corner and shares them with his friends during independent learning time.
Antarctica Class (R)	<b>Harry</b> for increasing confidence to contribute ideas to class and group discussions.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	<b>Christopher</b> for demonstrating some fantastic perseverance skills and making dramatic improvements to his handwriting.
Africa Class (yr 2)	<b>Fred</b> for always using kind, honest and respectful words. Fred is an amazing role model to others!
Europe Class (yr 3)	<b>Quinn</b> for having a fantastic attitude all week with his learning across all subjects.
S America Class (yr 4)	<b>Jaylen</b> for his fantastic attitude towards learning. Jaylen has approached every task with effort and enthusiasm this week; showing his understanding of times tables and extending his sentences in English.
Asia Class (yr 5)	<b>Betsy</b> for the amazing effort she has put into her work this week
North America (yr 6)	<b>Erin</b> for her progress in maths from this week's assessments and the effort she has been putting into improving in maths.

**This week's overall attendance 96%**  
**Asia Class (yr 5) 98.9%**

## WOW MOMENTS!

**Matilda (year R)** has moved into orange hats at swimming last weekend and she received her badge and certificate.



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

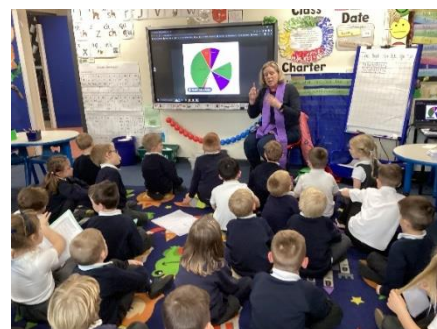
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# OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	How do we know that some toys are from the past?
2	Why did the fire spread so quickly?
3	What was life like in Iron Age Britain?
4	Why was the Roman army so successful in spreading the Roman Empire?
5	What was Danelaw?
6	What are the effects of climate change?

## Oceania Class (yr 1)

Year One had Rev. Laura in for our RE lesson today. We shared all of our learning with her about how celebrations bring communities together and she shared lots of information about celebrations that happen in the Christian church community. We found out about the different coloured stoles for different times of the year!



## North America Class (yr 6)

Year 6 have enjoyed taking their learning outside this morning for our hook into our next unit of writing which has a focus on the environment, global warming and endangered animals. The children watched video trailers for David Attenborough's documentaries and we mapped some of the vocabulary from these. After going outside to appreciate the natural world on our school field, the children wrote about how being outside makes them feel and how they feel about the destruction of our planet by humans.



## Africa Class (yr 2)

This week we have been using oil pastels to create a picture of Rudolph for our Christmas Art. They produced some lovely work whilst singing along to 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer'.





Rev Laura has asked us to share the upcoming Christmas Tree Festival at the Church. As you can see the school choir are singing at the opening concert. Everyone welcome!

**from 3.30pm Friday 8th December 2023**

**to 4pm Sunday 10th December 2023**

All Saints Church Shipdham

# Christmas Tree Festival

**Friday 8th December**  
Opening Concert at 3.30pm  
with Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

**Saturday 9th December**  
Open 9.30am - 6.00pm  
Light refreshments, craft stall and tombola available 10am - 4pm  
4pm Concert by Shipdham Community Choir

**Sunday 10th December**  
Opening 9.30am - 4pm  
4pm Closing Service -  
Carols with the Salvation Army

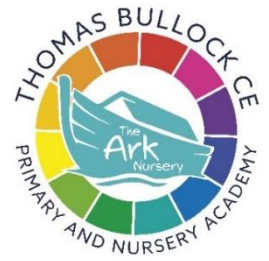


We would like to give our FOSS team and all those who supported and bought books at the charity book stall in Tesco a big thank you!

It raised a huge  
**£602.33**



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## This week

We have been practising our songs and some sign-along actions for our Christmas performance, as well as learning the story it is based on. We've story mapped the beginning of the story and have started to re-tell it. In Maths, we were introduced to ABAB patterns. The children created their own fantastic patterns – some on paper with paint and bingo dabbers and some with natural resources. We even made our own movement ABAB patterns! We've spent a couple of our afternoons talking all about The Christmas Story / Nativity, discussing how we celebrate Christmas ourselves, as well as beginning to make Christmas pictures ready to display and decorate the classroom!



## Next week

Next week, we will continue with retelling and learning our story of 'We're Going on a Star Hunt', ready for our Christmas performance (this will be recorded and sent out via Tapestry). We will also continue learning our songs and signs for the Christmas performance too. In Maths, we will continue with noticing and extending ABAB patterns. We will also look at the story book of 'Pattern Fish' to help us with our understanding of patterns. Next Friday is the first day of December so we will have some exciting additions to the classroom!

## Learning links at home

- Collect 2 colours of wooden blocks / lego. Use the 2 colours to make a train, snake or tower with an ABAB pattern. E.g., red brick, yellow brick, red brick, yellow brick.
- Learn a simple movement rhythm. E.g. clap hands, stamp feet, clap hands, stamp feet.
- Draw or paint a Christmas picture!



## DIARY DATES

### December

- 1st Yr 3 Time & Tide Museum
- 1<sup>st</sup> Non Uniform day donation toward FOSS Raffle
- 5<sup>th</sup> Reception trip to High Lodge
- 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> All Saints Church Christmas Tree Festival\*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nativity (Reception Class) at 9.15am and 2pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 15<sup>th</sup> FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 18<sup>th</sup> FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert & Christingle at Church (TBC)
- 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