



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

This week we have been visited by our Academy Group Executive Principal and the Trust Chief Executive Officer. It always is a delight to share our children's fantastic behaviours for learning widely and they were more than impressed with the fantastic work on display, the calm and purposeful learning environments and excellent progressive sequential learning in place for our children. What a joy our children are!

Christmas Concert and Christingle Service

Our Christmas Concert and Christingle Service is being held on Wednesday 20th November at All Saints Church at 1.30pm. Everyone is invited along, however children **will not** be allowed to go home directly from the Church, they will need to come back to school. Parents are welcome to walk back with their child if they would like.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is being held on Tuesday 19th December and a letter has been sent home today with the menu and booking slip. Please return all slips by next Wednesday 6th December to avoid disappointment.

Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery

Kiaara for her growing confidence and independence. Kiaara confidently takes part in role play within our classroom and often declines adult help to do things herself!

Antarctica Class (R)

Lillie-Anne for her fantastic continuing efforts all round - especially with our nativity rehearsals and her phonics work!

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Henry for his fantastic poetry in English. He really grasped rhyme and enjoyed coming up with a number of rhyming couplets.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Caiden for always being incredibly kind, caring and honest. Caiden has also shown great curiosity by asking many questions during our visit to church this week.

Europe Class (yr 3)

The whole class for their engagement and enthusiasm shown during their trip to The Time and Tide Museum this week.

S America Class (yr 4)

Sienna for her consistent hard work across all subjects. Sienna listens attentively and gives 110% into all she does every single day not just this week.

Asia Class (yr 5)

Rosie for the perseverance she has shown in maths when attempting some tricky fractions questions.

North America (yr 6)

Noah E for always being an excellent role model for behaviour. He is always sensible and kind to others.

This week's overall attendance 94.7% Africa Class (yr 2) 99.5%



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WOW MOMENTS!

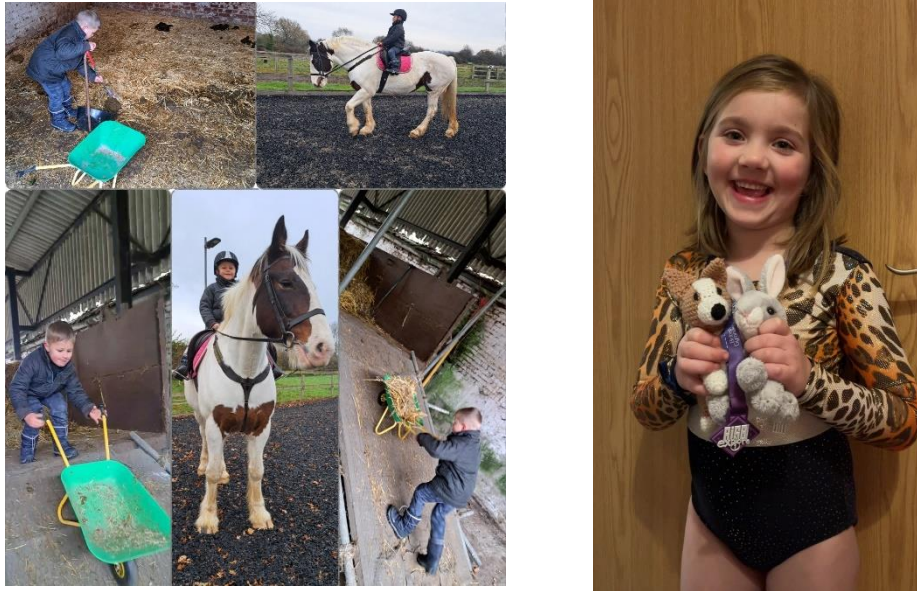
Stuart (yr R) rode the family horse Apple for the first time in the ménage last weekend all by himself without being lead & he did amazingly well! He also worked hard mucking her stable out too!

Harry (yr 1) received a Blue Peter Badge after writing a review about his favourite book 'Wacky'.

Violet (yr 1) passed her Level 1 in Gymnastics and gained her first medal last weekend.

Bailey (yr 5) received man of match their team played brilliantly and won 3-0.

Reece (yr 5) was player of the month in November for his football team and was presented with a trophy.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	How are toys today different from toys in the past?
2	What damage did the fire cause?
3	What does Stonehenge tell us about prehistoric Britain?
4	Who was Boudicca and how did she challenge Roman rule in Britain?
5	How did England become a unified country?
6	How can we make a difference to climate change?

Africa Class (yr 2)

The class enjoyed their Outdoor Learning with Miss Bell-Tye this week. They were hanging up bird food and discussing why it is so important to leave food out for birds.

They also enjoyed their visit to the Church asking Reverend Laura questions to help explore our RE question 'What does the Nativity story teach Christians about Jesus?' they had a chance to explore the many features of our Church.



Asia Class (yr 5)

Year 5 have had fun this week during Art creating wintery silhouettes for a display using water colours and very careful cutting skills!



North America Class (yr 6)

The children in year 6 enjoyed designing their model flood-proof houses this week. They thought about what materials to use to build their structure and how to fix these together, drawing a design in their books and labelling it. They are looking forward to starting their models next week!



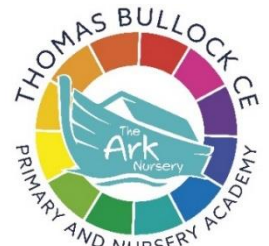
Europe Class (yr 3)

The class had an amazing day at The Time and Tide Museum today. They went back in time to meet different members of prehistory focussing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They learnt so much about each era through various hands-on activities. The Axe and Spear throwing were keen favourites!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We have had a busy week of learning, alongside beginning our festive fun! In Literacy, we have been introduced to 'The Christmas Story' and we have discussed each of the characters. In Maths, we consolidated our learning of AB patterns, as well as being introduced to ABC patterns. We mixed together ingredients, rolled out salt dough and pressed festive shapes into the dough to create Christmas decorations. They are currently drying out before we decorate them in the final weeks before Christmas! We were very excited to come into class on Wednesday to find a huge Christmas tree with twinkly lights and we certainly enjoyed decorating it with baubles together! On Thursday, we went out for a frosty walk and made snow angels.

Finally, on Friday, we found an elf sitting at the top of the tree and read a letter from him together.



Next week

Alongside lots of fun Christmas activities, we will continue practising our songs, story and actions for our recorded Christmas performance. In amongst all the excitement, we will continue looking at AB and ABC patterns, before we move onto consolidating our maths learning. We will also continue looking at The Christmas Story.

Learning links at home

- Christmas time is a time to think about ways we can be kind and helpful to others. Find a way to help someone in your family.
- Draw or paint a Christmas picture.
- Design some Christmas wrapping paper – can you use a repeating ABAB pattern in your design? You might have: green bauble, red bauble, green bauble, red bauble.
- Have a grown up cut circles, triangles, squares and rectangles out of coloured paper. Can you put them together to make a snowman? Can you give him a hat? And some buttons?



DIARY DATES

December

- 5th Reception trip to High Lodge
- 8th-10th All Saints Church Christmas Tree Festival
- 12th Nativity (Reception Class) at 9.15am and 2pm at Church*
- 14th Yr 1 Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 15th FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 18th FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 19th Christmas Lunch Day
- 20th Christmas Concert & Christingle at Church 1.30pm*
- 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