



# 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 The Nightingale Federation

We were excited to hold our first Federation team building sports event this week at Thomas Bullock. The event, run in partnership with the West Norfolk and Dereham School Sports Partnership, saw children from both Lyng and Thomas Bullock join together for a morning of team building and sports activities. Children in years 3 to 5 participated in a range of activities designed to build resilience, a sense of joined school community, develop creativity and demonstrate kindness. It was a joy to see the mixed school teams working well together, letting 'their light shine' and earning points for their team in each activity. A range of certificates, including 'Light for Health', values-based awards for 'Resilience', and 'Teamwork' were awarded at the end.

As a Headteacher, I feel privileged to be able to oversee these two fantastic schools and offer opportunities for them to integrate. It was a delight to see the children working together and hearing how much they enjoyed feeling part of a larger learning community.

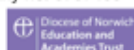


Years 2 and 6 have been readying themselves for their upcoming exams, learning the importance of rest, healthy eating and positive self-belief. The rest of the school have been working hard on their learning projects and enjoying the beautiful weather.

We were lucky to see the weather hold on the bank holiday for the annual Drinkings event. We would like to thank FOSS who held a teddy tombola and 'guess the name' draw, raising a total of £86.50. We are grateful for their continued hard work and support. Please be reminded that the annual yard sale will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Booking forms can be found in the FOSS shop and school foyer.



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## Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Nursery	<b>Kora</b> for her super storytelling and singing. Kora can often be heard retelling familiar phrases from our stories to her peers and singing as she plays!
Antarctica Class (R)	<b>Matilda</b> for her wonderful resilience and independent efforts in writing this week.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	<b>Harrison</b> for working really hard in phonics and reading and putting in extra effort at our afterschool phonics sessions!
Africa Class (yr 2)	<b>Reggie</b> for his growing confidence and super efforts in class. Reggie is always keen to contribute to class discussions and share his wonderful ideas with others.
Europe Class (yr 3)	<b>Lily</b> for her excellent listening skills to acquire new knowledge about the Muslim faith in RE and then using that knowledge in her work.
America Class (yr 4)	<b>Edward</b> for his pleasant and well-mannered attitude. Edward sets a great example to other pupils in our class, encouraging others to listen when we show 5 as well as radiating his enthusiasm.
Asia Class (yr 5)	<b>Harry T</b> for working hard in maths this week and challenging himself with reasoning and problem-solving questions.
North America (yr 6)	<b>Jacob</b> is our shining light this week for working so hard to improve his maths in our revision sessions this week!

**This week's overall attendance 95.4%      South America Class (yr 4) 99.01%**

### WOW MOMENTS!

**Daisy (yr 2)** has learnt how to ride her bike!  
**Eva (Yr 4)** has moved up to Stage 5 in swimming.

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school  
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjcUMV7>

## OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	Why do people visit Northern Ireland?
2	How did Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King stand up for Black people's rights?
3	How have the flora and fauna of different biomes adapted to life there?
4	How did the Ancient Maya feed their people?
5	How did the steam engine impact the Industrial Revolution?

### WRAPAROUND CARE

In partnership with Norfolk County Council, we would like to invite you to complete a survey to help us consider/review our provision of wraparound childcare. Please could you complete this link: <https://forms.gle/svYmdfFwPZsFkDR56>

### Asia Class (yr 5)

Twenty-four children in year 5 have completed their Level 2 Bikeability Course over the last few days. The course aims to teach the children the necessary skills to ride confidently and safely on today's roads. The Level 2 course takes them from learning basic skills on the playground to cycling on local roads and



learning how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school. All children completed the course successfully and received a certificate and badge in celebration assembly. The instructors both commented on how polite and attentive the children were throughout their two morning of training.

### Antarctica Class (Yr R)

This week in class we read our new story of Handa's Surprise. Afterwards we took our own basket of fruit to our friends and later made fruit kebabs to determine which was our favourite! A big 'thank you' to FOSS for buying the fruit to support our learning with this topic.

The class were also very lucky to have a visit from one of our governors, Ms Finlay who shared her story about Supertato. We discussed the character and what make a superhero. We dressed as superheroes, created superhero poses and went on our own superhero adventure. A great session and most enjoyable! Thank you so much Ms Finlay – we had the best time!

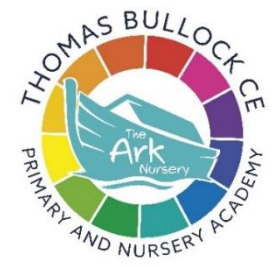


### Movie Night!

Thank you to all those who supported our EYFS fundraiser PJ movie evening! A great time was had by all as the children snuggled up in their pjs with their blankets and cushions to watch the film. We raised a fantastic £292 towards our EYFS outdoor sensory garden area plans...thank you!



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



## This week

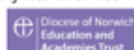


Our caterpillars are continuing to grow – we think they'll form their chrysalis soon! We have been consolidating the sounds we have learnt so far in our phonics sessions. We have continued retelling our story of 'The Runaway Pea', using our class and individual story maps, giving meaning to the marks we make as we go. During our maths sessions, we learnt all about 2D shapes. We have planted our very own runaway peas and look forward to caring for them and watching them grow. Alongside this, we explored the life cycle of a pea, as well as frogs, caterpillars and humans too! All of our plants are growing by the day – we are super excited to come in and check these each day! Some of us enjoyed joining the cinema night on Tuesday evening too!



## Next week

Next week is World Bee Day! Alongside lots of bee craft activities, we will also explore the life cycle of bees and a range of facts. We will begin learning special friends in our RWI phonics sessions, applying this new knowledge while segmenting and blending to read green words. We will also begin our daily letter formation and writing practise. Our new literacy focus book is 'Oliver's Fruit Salad', however, we will also read lots of other fruit themed books alongside this! During our maths sessions, we will recap 2D shapes and begin to explore



## DIARY DATES

### MAY

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs week

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Year 2 SATs week

**Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### JUNE

13<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day shop

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15<sup>th</sup> FOSS Yard Sale \*

19<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Rev Laura – Moving to High School

24<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Trip to Banham Zoo

27<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Show year 3, 4 and 5

### JULY

1<sup>st</sup> Sport Day

3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential

8<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day

10<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Performance at 5.45pm

11<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach

12<sup>th</sup> Leavers Service and End of Year Awards (afternoon)

12<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 BBQ @ 4.15pm and Production at 5.45pm

17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 transition days (Northgate & Neatherd)

18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

\*New Addition