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

13th March 2026

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

This week we wanted to give you a quick update on the work we have been doing in school to identify and support Young Carers. Young Carers are coming into school on Monday to deliver an assembly, helping pupils understand what it means to be a young carer and how they can access support. There is further information below.

This week has also been Science Week. We have had a number of additional activities to engage all pupils in a love of STEM. Today, Year 1 also enjoyed a visit from Mini-Monsters, who brought reptiles and invertebrates into school as part of their animals topic.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mothers' Day in School event, and to FOSS for organising some wonderful Mothers' Day Shops.

It has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm for their learning across the school this week, particularly as they explored a range of hands-on science activities and investigations. Their curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving skills have really shone through.

As we move into the coming weeks, there are several exciting events and learning opportunities planned, so please keep an eye on the diary dates and communications from school.

You will also find information below about how we will be fundraising for Red Nose Day, which takes place next week. Alongside this, we will be marking Neurodiversity Week in school – please see below for further details.

We look forward to celebrating Red Nose Day and Neurodiversity Week, next week and seeing parents in school at parents' evenings.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Spelling Bee

Please remember to keep encouraging your children to practise the spelling words as we prepare for the Spelling Bee on Friday 27th March 2026.

An Update to Wraparound Care Booking

Wraparound care must be booked **at least 24 hours in advance**. This requirement enables us to continue to ensure that appropriate staffing levels are in place to safely supervise and support all children attending the club. Advance bookings allow us to plan effectively and maintain the high standard of care we aim to provide. We appreciate your cooperation.

Reading breakfast

We are delighted to invite you to our Spring Reading Breakfast on **Tuesday 24th March** at **8:30am** in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there with your children to enjoy sharing and celebrating reading together.

Class Photos

On **Monday 16th March**, Tempest will be in school to take class photographs. Please ensure that children come to school wearing full school uniform on this day. PE kit will not be required. If your child has PE this day, please send trainers in separately. Thank you.

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Aela** for arriving to school with a positive attitude – she is always smiling and using her best listening ears! She is always excited to get involved and try her best. We are proud of how well she has settled in and become an important member of our class community.
Arctic (Yr R)	**Charlie** for her friendly helpful attitude and progress in phonics. Charlie is always so helpful and caring in class and has put in a lot of hard work to improve her speed sounds. It was also her birthday this week.
Antarctica (Yr R)	**Oliver** has shown fantastic creativity this week by coming up with lots of imaginative ideas during our class activities and using materials in new and interesting ways. His enthusiasm for trying new ideas and expressing himself has helped his learning shine and inspired others in the class.
Oceania (Yr 1)	**Isabella S** for always making the right choices and being a brilliant role model for others.
Africa Class (Yr 2)	**Elena** for always having a wonderful and positive attitude. She has worked extremely hard and has taken great responsibility for her learning.
Europe Class (Yr 3)	**Thomas** because of his consistent focus and concentration in the classroom. He is always ready to learn and has grown in confidence to engage in classroom discussion. Well done, Thomas!
S America Class (Yr 4)	**Fred** for being such a responsible member of our class. He has taken real ownership of his learning, showing great dedication and a strong work ethic in everything he does. Well done, Fred.
Asia Class (Yr 5)	**Ellsie** is our shining light this week for demonstrating outstanding responsibility in Maths through hard work, focus, and a positive attitude to learning she always completes work carefully and supports her classmates
N America (Yr 6)	**Rocco** for all the effort, hard work and artistic talent in his history work this week. Keep up the good work!

This week's overall attendance 95.8% - Europe Class (Yr 3) 98.18%

WOW MOMENTS

Mia P (Year 1) Following Mia's first regional competition representing the school, she jumped a super clear round in the 40cm against 4 other competitors to come 1st!! They were marked on style and performance and she scored very highly, which is great! Finally, her results mean that she has qualified to go to Hickstead to compete in the national finals!

Elodie (Year 2) Elodie volunteered at the weekend to repaint the sports hall in Hingham with her Dad and a group of fundraisers and volunteers. She did such a great job - we are all so proud of her!

Jude (Year 3) & Alfred (Year R) Jude and Alfred competed in their annual SPRING gymnastics competition at the weekend. Jude gained his silver medal and Alfred achieved a bronze! Well done boys.

Jacob (Year 5) Jacob did his first ever Parkrun on Sunday. Finishing 7th overall, 6th Male to finish & 5th in his age Group out of 23 people. Well done!

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 Questions
1	Why can we only find some types of transport in certain areas?
2	What is the continent of Antarctica like?
3	What are the regions, cities and landmarks of Italy?
4	How has the Amazon River shaped the land?
5	What happens when an earthquake strikes?
6	How successful was Britain in rebuilding after the Second World War?

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RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Cake sale after school! Donations welcome!

Non-Uniform day!

From scarlet socks to ruby slippers, a raspberry beret to a crimson cape (or just a classic Red Nose and Red Nose Day T-shirt combination) We are asking everyone to wear red for a £1 suggested donation. Bonus points for anyone who wears red from top to toe!

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Young Carers Assembly

Next week the children will have a visit from The Benjamin Foundation to deliver an assembly about Young Carers. The assembly will share information about who a Young Carer is and how Young Carers can receive support within school and in the community.

We are in the process of establishing a Young Carers group at Thomas Bullock which will begin after the Easter holiday.

We are committed to recognising and supporting Young Carers at Thomas Bullock . If you have any questions about Young Carers or believe that your child may be a Young Carer, please contact Mrs Smith via the school office.

Neurodiversity Week – 16th- 20th March 2026

Next week we will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week in school. During the week the children will be promoting and exploring neurodiversity. We will be learning about the positive skills and strengths of being neurodivergent and will be considering famous role models with neurodiversity. The children will be participating in an assembly and will be completing a variety of activities.

DIARY DATES

March
16th – School Photographer – Class Photos
17th -19th – Parents Evenings
19th – Reception Trip to Pensthorpe
20th – Choir singing at Norwich Cathedral
20th – Year 6 Duxford Trip
20th – Red Nose Day*
24th - Reading Breakfast 8.30am in the School Hall
25th – Easter Service at All Saints Church 2pm
26th – Year 2- Amazing Africa Visitor
27th – Spelling Bee*
27th – FOSS Donut Sale after school
27th – Last Day of Term

April
30th March– 13th April - Easter Holiday
13th – Inset Day - School Closed
14th – Children return to School
24th – FOSS Quiz Night

May
1st – Year 1 & 2 Maths Café 2.30pm-3pm
4th- May Day Bank Holiday- School Closed
6th – Year 3 Maths Café 2.30pm-3pm
11th- 14th – KS2 National Curriculum Tests (Year 6 SATs)
Half Term Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June

June
1st – Inset Day - School Closed
2nd - Children return to school

July
17th - Break up for summer – School finishes at 12pm

*New Addition

Thomas Bullock Primary and Nursery Academy

invite Parents and Children from age 2 to our

FREE AUTUMN STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Every Friday 2:00pm – 3:00pm

We will explore our fantastic new indoor/ outdoor areas through sensory stories, fine motor funky activities and lots more!

To register an interest to any of the above email office@thomasbullock.dneat.org

Funded places are available now, please contact the school office.