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

5th December 2025

Christmas Tree Festival & FOSS Concert

I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival at Shipdham Church, led beautifully by our wonderful Choir and our Music Leader, Miss Crane. Please do visit and support this lovely community event over the weekend. Our children have worked incredibly hard creating decorations. The Christmas Tree Festival is on from 5th-7th December. If you enjoyed hearing our children sing, or would like to hear even more of their festive songs, please join us for the FOSS Christmas Concert at Shipdham Church on 15 December at 6pm. This will be a wonderful community evening and an important fundraising event.

Open Days

Thanks to those of you who attended our Open Days this week. If you were not able to attend, we would be happy to organise a visit at a time or day that suits you.

Donations Request

We are kindly asking for donations of midget-gem–style unopened sweet bags. These are needed by 15th December for children to start making their Christingles, ready for our Church Service on the 17th December. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reading Cafés

This week we also held our first full Reading Cafés across the Federation! They were fantastic events and very well attended. Thank you to everyone who came. We look forward to welcoming you to more of these sessions across our Key Stages in the coming weeks.

Reminders

As the evenings grow darker earlier, we kindly ask that children wear bright or reflective clothing so they can be easily seen when walking home. For those cycling, please ensure they are wearing high-visibility clothing and that their bikes are fitted with working front and back lights.
Your support helps keep all our children safe, thank you.

Please be reminded that children need to be clear of any sickness for 48 hours from the last episode before returning to school.
Thank you so much for helping us keep everyone healthy!

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Ayda** for trying her best during her learning – especially during phonics! We are very proud of her positive attitude and willingness to learn!
Antarctica Class (Yr R)	**Riley** for being an amazing role model for her peers. She shows kindness in all that she does!
Arctic Class (Yr R)	**Terry** for his progress in phonics. Terry has been working really hard on his blending and is able to recognise and read our CVC words.
Oceania Class (Yr 1)	**Adeleine** for showing such passion when sharing a book with her parents this morning at the reading café!
Africa Class (Yr 2)	**Arlo** for being an incredibly kind and caring member of our class. He always shows great thoughtfulness towards others. Thank you, Arlo!
Europe Class (Yr 3)	**Violet** because of her wonderful attitude to learning. She is always ready to learn and works extremely hard in the classroom. Violet will always offer help to her classmates, she is a joy to have in the classroom.
S America Class (Yr 4)	**Charlie**, he has shown a wonderfully positive attitude toward improving his handwriting and the presentation of his work. Charlie has been working exceptionally hard to focus on his letter formation, and we are very proud of the progress he is making.
Asia Class (Yr 5)	**Sienna** has shown fantastic effort in English, working really hard to extend her sentences using conjunctions and use punctuation accurately in her formal letter writing.
N America Class (yr 6)	**Ben** for really contributing to all lessons. He thinks carefully about his answers and add valuable points to class discussions.

This week's overall attendance 93.5%.
Asia Class (Yr 5) 99%

Advent Christmas Stories

Please take a look at our Facebook page to enjoy our Advent stories!

Each day our wonderful teachers across the Federation are sharing a Christmas story as we countdown to Christmas and celebrate Advent together.

We'd absolutely love to see the children getting involved too! If they'd like to read a Christmas story, please feel free to send in a video, we'd be delighted to share it with their class teachers!

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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

DIARY DATES

December
5th -7th – Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church Shipdham
10th/12th – FOSS Christmas Shop at Lunchtime
11th – Year 1 trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
11th – Christmas Jumper Day
11th – Reception Class Nativity 9.30am and 2pm
12th – Santa Dash
15th – FOSS Community Carol Concert. Doors open at 5.45pm.*
17th – Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church 2pm-3pm (All welcome)
17th – Christmas Lunch with children wearing Christmas Jumpers
18th – FOSS Christmas Party Afternoon
19th – School finishes at 12pm
19th – Last day of Term
Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January 2026

January
5th – INSET DAY
6TH – Children return to School

*New Addition