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"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,

What an exciting couple of weeks we've had!
Today is Number Day, and we've loved seeing our pupils dressed in all things number-related. Our school displays have beautifully transformed to showcase the fantastic Maths learning and knowledge our pupils have developed this term. Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating next week's Children's Mental Health Week and E-Safety Day. Our Digital Leaders have been working hard preparing for our E-Safety Collective Worship Assembly.

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week, "This Is My Place," reminds us how important it is for children to feel safe, heard, and valued at home. Parents can help support children's mental health and wellbeing by keeping simple routines, checking in regularly, and making time to talk or play together. On Monday, we invite everyone to come to school wearing clothes that help them show who they are. Whether that's bright colours, a sports kit, or comfy clothes, children are welcome to come in whatever makes them feel confident and happy.

On Friday, our Student Council will be holding a heart-warming Valentine's cake sale to raise money for children's charities and help our Friends group buy new outdoor equipment. We would be grateful for cake or treat donations for the sale (50p–£1), which can be dropped at the school office on Friday morning. Children can also join in the fun by wearing red, pink, or hearts, and bringing a £1 donation for our chosen charity.

We've also been busy with more Bikeability at Thomas Bullock, and we're delighted that even more of our Year 5 children have successfully completed the course. Well done to all the children for building their cycling skills and road safety awareness!

We're thrilled to share some wonderful news – we've been chosen as a Best Practice Federation for the Norfolk Learning Collaboration, one of only a few across the County! We have already had executive leaders visit this week at both schools. This is a huge honour that allows us to invite executive leaders, learn from others, and continuously improve our practice.

We also want to thank you for supporting the school's expectations around school uniform this term. Your continued cooperation with PE and daily uniform makes a big difference. If you have any questions about uniform, please check our website or ask at the school office.

Thank you again for your continued support.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5th March.** As usual, children will be invited to dress up as a character from a book and we look forward to seeing all their creations! The school kitchen will be serving a special themed lunch on that day (details to follow) and classes will be taking part in book related activities.

Uniform

Could all parents please ensure that their child's name is clearly labelled on all items of school uniform, including coats. If uniform has been purchased from the FOSS shop, or if they have been brought second hand elsewhere, please make sure any previous names have been removed and replaced with the current pupil's name. This helps us return lost items of clothing as quickly and easily as possible.

Medication reminder

A reminder that any medication needed during the school day must be handed in to the school office and should not be kept in pupils' bags. All medication must be clearly labelled and accompanied by a completed medication consent form, which can be collected from the office.

Sickness

Please be reminded that Children with vomiting or diarrhoea must stay home for at least 48 hours after their last episode to prevent spreading infections.

Thomas Bullock Primary and Nursery Academy

invite Parents and Children from age 2 to our

FREE SPRING 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.

This week's overall attendance 95.9% - Europe Class (Yr3) 99.06%

Shining Lights of the Week for 30th January

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Dora** for always arriving to Nursery with a big smile and happy attitude. She is so kind and has been amazing at listening and joining in with others.
Antarctica (Yr R)	**Betty** for being determined with her handwriting and letter formation; trying really hard to write them beautifully.
Arctic Class (Yr R)	**Woody** for his cheerful attitude towards school and his peers. Woody always has a smile upon his face and faces every challenge with a "can do attitude." Thanks for keeping us all smiling in Arctic class.
Oceania Class (Yr 1)	**Eddie S** for always modelling the types of behaviour we love to see in school. He has a fantastic attitude towards his learning and always puts in maximum effort!
Africa Class (Yr 2)	**Aurora** for showing great creativity in her English writing. She has demonstrated growing independence and confidently expresses her ideas with care.
Europe Class (Yr 3)	**Georgia** for her persistent attitude to improve her work. She is taking her time when completing tasks to make sure they are of good quality over quantity! Keep working hard and focusing!
S America Class (Yr 4)	**James** for working hard in maths this week. He has been a great listener and learning partner, and is feeling more confident with his division skills. It has been lovely to see how proud he is of his progress.
Asia Class (Yr 5)	**Rudi** for his really thoughtful and engaging narrative writing and his commitment to improving his handwriting, especially making his ascenders the correct height!
N America Class (Yr 6)	**Freddie** for his calmness and positive attitude during test week. He gave 100% effort and showing great problem-solving skills across all the papers.

Shining Lights of the Week for this Week

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Alfred** for his growing confidence in joining the rest of the group during carpet time and activities. He has recently arrived to school in an enthusiastic and willing manner which means he begins days the best possible way!
Antarctica Class (Yr R)	**Olivia-Grace** for her space themed homework. Olivia has been interested in our space theme and has used all her creativeness to produce an amazing piece of art work.
Arctic Class (Yr R)	**Olivia** for her amazing progress within the class. Olivia is sparkling with confidence and has really put a lot of effort in with her phonics.
Oceania Class (Yr 1)	**Eddie C** for demonstrating excellent knowledge when doubling numbers and put this to good use today during our Number Day activities!
Africa Class (Yr 2)	**Billy-Joe** for his wonderful enthusiasm and positive attitude toward learning. He has shown great determination and effort to make positive choices.
Europe Class (Yr 3)	**Jude** for his consistent focus in the classroom. His strong concentration has resulted in good quality work in all subjects. keep up the good work, Jude!
S America Class (Yr 4)	**Reggie** for his exceptionally kind and caring behaviours. He is a thoughtful, supportive partner and friend, and his wonderful manners reflect his kind character.
Asia Class (Yr 5)	**Ollie** for his dedication to making sure his ascenders are just the right height. He has been working so hard on this—keep going, Ollie!
N America Class (Yr 6)	**Reece** for his excellent war story. He created excellent ideas and stuck with them all the way through his writing.

WOW MOMENTS

Elodie (Yr 2) Elodie has greatly improved in her tennis lessons and has persevered to strengthen her ground strokes and serve. She is a fab team player and gaining confidence every lesson!
Matilda (Yr 2) Matilda had a very memorable weekend, firstly her hard work and dedication to swimming has meant she has moved up to stage 5! Secondly Matilda won player of the week at Wymondham rugby this week, she scored lots of try's and worked well as part of the team making plans / strategies to improve the game.
Isabella (Yr2) Isabella performed at her first ever dance competition last weekend and managed to come 4th in her solo and 3rd in her group dance. She was one of the youngest there and she danced beautifully.
Violet (Yr 3) Passing stage 5 at swimming after trying really hard.
Caiden (Yr 4) Caiden got Player of the Month with his football team. His attitude has been really good and supporting his team all the team!
Bobbie (Yr4) Bobbie has moved up a stage in swimming!
Bethany (Yr 4) Bethany danced in the Norfolk 'so you want to dance' competition and placed 3rd for her solo and 3rd for a duet. Her dance school Adaigo also placed 3rd for their group dance.
Edward (Yr 6) Edward built two very technical Lego builds. A Koenigsegg and a Jeep Rubicon.

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	How did trains change people's lives?
2	What is the continent of South America like?
3	Where is Italy and what are its physical features?
4	Which animals live in a tropical rainforest?
5	How are mountains formed?
6	How did the First World War end and what followed?

Number Day 2026

Thank you for all of your donations towards the NSPCC for Number Day, and for the effort the children made. Across the school, the children enjoyed a range of maths activities and problem-solving challenges throughout the day. In true Mr Johnson form, he made a big effort for Number Day, impressing the children with his outfit of a Roman Numeral!

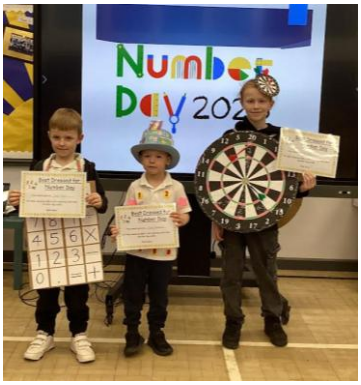
Best Dressed awarded to-

George (Yr 2)

Stanley (Yr R)

Lewis (Yr 5)

Well Done everyone!!



Oceania Class (Yr 1)

In science this week, Year One have been finding out about the 'bird' animal group. We found out that birds have beaks, wings and feathers and that most, but not all birds can fly. Then we named as many types of bird as we could - we managed to name 32 types of bird! After that we took advantage of the nice weather and went bird spotting outside

Europe Class (Yr 3)

We have been focusing on shadows and light in science this half term. Our investigation encouraged us to predict what the shadow would look like before finding out. We have learnt that opaque objects produce darker shadows!

SEND Parent Voice Results

Thank you to all of the families who took the time to complete our recent SEND Parent Voice Survey. We are delighted to share that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and reflects the strong partnership between home and school in supporting our children with SEND.

Highlights from the survey show that:

- 100% of parents/carers are aware that their child has a support plan in place and understand the help that their child receives in school.
- 100% of parents/carers are happy with the SEND support their child receives in school.
- 83.3% of parents/carers feel that their child is making 'good' progress towards their SEND targets

We are also incredibly grateful for the positive comments shared, which highlighted not only the impact of our SEND provision on learning, but also the wider emotional support and strong communication between school and home.

Parents/carers said:

"Thank you for all you do! Honestly, absolutely amazing support. I hope it continues because

it is so valuable to us!"

"Outside of helping my child/ren meet expected learning targets, they also offer emotional support in school which has benefited my child/ren and myself greatly."

"SENDCo has been very helpful and supportive with support for our children."

"School has been amazing with support."

"Listens to us as parents to ensure we work as a team to support my child and acts in a supportive and timely way to address arising issues."

We are so grateful to have received such encouraging feedback and would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Next steps: In response to a request for a parent workshop on PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance), we will be arranging this and will share further details in a future newsletter once confirmed.

Please see the link below for the Family Action NWAASS February 2026 Newsletter.

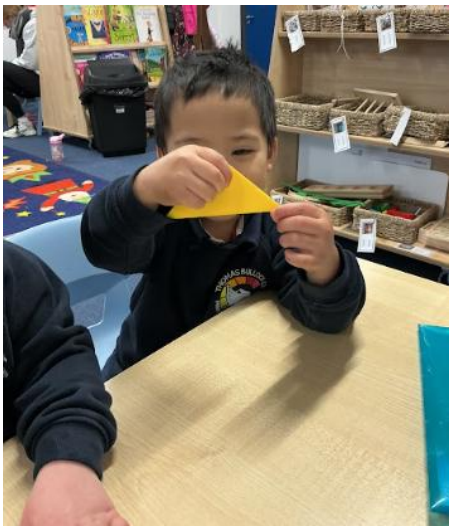
Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

This week we have been reading our new Literacy text called 'Star in the Jar'! We have explored the front cover of the text and created a class story map to retell the story next week. In maths, we have been learning all about the number 5 – recognising, counting carefully and understanding that the last number when we count, is how many there are altogether! We have also continued to learn and recognise shape names as well as counting the sides and corners of each shape. Linking to our key literacy text, we have been exploring all about space – looking at the Earth, stars, the moon and the sun, and even created our own planet paintings!

In phonics – we have continued with our Set 1 sounds – 'f', 'e', 'l' and 'h'!



Next week

We are going to continue learning and exploring our Literacy text 'Star in the Jar', focusing on orally retelling the story through our whole class story map. We will also be creating our own story maps, making marks to retell the beginning, middle and ending of the story. In maths, we will continue to learn and consolidate carefully counting and recognition of numbers 1 -5. We will look closely at the different ways of making '5' through numicon and adding dots to rockets! Linking to our space and planet learning – we will continue to look at planet Earth and discuss and explore countries around the world. We will be creating our own Valentines Day crafts, discussing who is special to us and why!

We will also be continuing with our RWI phonics lessons! We will be learning the sounds 'r' and 'j'. Here are the QR codes to practice these sounds at home!

Learning links from home:

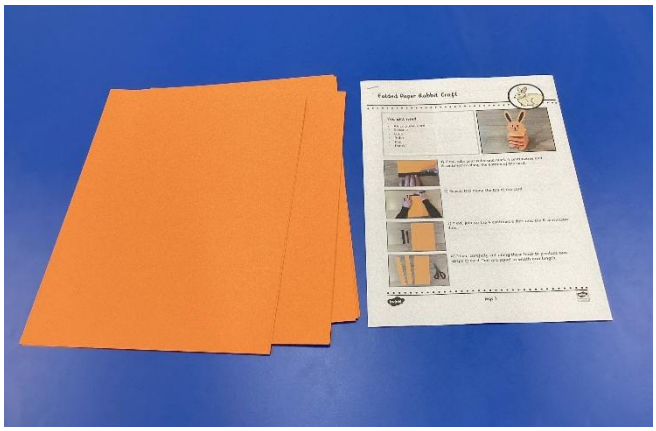
- Can you spot the number 5 whilst on walks (on car number plates/ door numbers?)
- Can you point out the number 5 on a clock/ watch/ screen?
- Dominoes – can you spot the dominoes with 5 dots on them?
- Can you spot rectangles and squares at home? How many sides do they have?
- Can you remember what a 5 sided shape is called?
- Can you point out the birthday cards that show 5 whilst shopping?
- Can you retell a familiar story? Can you draw what happened at the beginning, middle and end?
- Can you share out 5 toys – some on the bed, and some on the floor? How many are in each place? How many altogether?
- Can you see any stars in the sky? What about the moon? Is it dark or light outside?

Wraparound Care Newsletter

A warm hello from all at Wraparound Care!

As Pancake Day is fast approaching and we will be on half term on the day itself, we will be having pancakes next week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Hopefully, this will allow as many pupils as possible to enjoy some.
The children have been taking part in building challenges, paper crafts and the RSPB Birdwatch. Next week, they will have the opportunity to get involved in arts and crafts activities, celebrating Valentine's Day and the Lantern Festival by making cards and celebration lanterns.

Keep cosy and warm.



DIARY DATES

February
9th- 13th – Children's Mental Health Week*
9th – Non-Uniform Day "This Is My Place."*
10th – Safer Internet Day*
12th – Book Look 3pm (Hall open from 2.45pm)
12th – Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala at UEA*
13th – Year 5 & 6 Reading Café 9am-9.30am
13th – Non-Uniform Day, Dress in Pink, Red or Hearts*
13th – 'Heart-warming Bake Sale' at break time, run by School Council*
13th – Last day of Half Term
Half Term – 16th- 20th February 2026
23rd – Children return to School
24th – Year 3 Time and Tide Museum Trip*

March
2nd – Author Visit, Keith Hatton. Whole School Assembly*
5th – World Book Day
9th – 13th – British Science Week
16th – School Photographer – Class Photos
17th -19th – Parents Evenings*
25th – Easter Service at All Saints Church*
26th – Year 2- Amazing Africa Visitor*
27th – Last Day of Term

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

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