Thomas Bullock CE Primary Celebrates Pearson Silver Finalist Success

Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy is delighted to announce that the school has been named a Silver Finalist in the Pearson National Teaching Awards in the category Making a Difference - Primary School of the Year. This places the school among the top primary schools in the country for its impact on children, families and the wider community.

The school, recently judged Outstanding in all areas under Ofsted's new Good and Improving Framework, was recognised for its exceptional transformation and for the work its leaders contribute both locally and nationally to support excellence in teaching and curriculum. In 2026, Thomas Bullock was Norfolk's highest-ranking primary school for KS2 outcomes and has been significantly above average for the past three years, consistently placing in the top ten locally and the top five per cent nationally.

A key part of the school's success is its remarkable children and the strong Christian vision and values that guide daily life. The school is committed to ensuring every child can access rich and memorable experiences. This includes fully funded trips for all pupils, free enrichment clubs and a curriculum designed to broaden horizons, build confidence and nurture character.

During the judging visit, the Pearson panel spent time exploring the school and meeting the community. They were highly impressed by the new hall, the hand painted historical timelines, the pupils' beautiful singing and the purpose-built Nursery which reflects the school's investment in early years excellence. Families who have not yet visited are warmly invited to come and see the new Nursery and experience first-hand the vibrant, ambitious and nurturing environment that makes Thomas Bullock such a special place to learn.

Judges also met with parents, staff, governors, Trust leaders and diocesan representatives who shared their pride in the school's journey and the difference it has made for children. Visitors spoke about the school's strong leadership, inclusive ethos and the enthusiasm and expertise of its staff.

Executive Headteacher Shannon O'Sullivan said
"This recognition belongs to our whole community. Our children, families, staff, governors, Trust and diocesan partners have all played a part in our journey. We are incredibly proud of the difference we make every day."

The Silver Winners will be announced on National Thank a Teacher Day on 17th June. Those selected will progress to the Gold Award stage, with the final recipients announced later this year.