



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

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Amazing News!

We're delighted to announce that we have been named a finalist in the Education Today Awards 2026, in the category of Primary School of the Year!

We're incredibly proud of our whole school community and all that we achieve together. What a wonderful recognition of the hard work and dedication of our pupils, staff and families.

Fingers crossed for the awards and good luck to all the other finalists!

Reminders-

- For the health and safety of all, please be reminded that smoking of any kind, including vapes, is not permitted within 100 metres of the school gates during the start and end of the day, when pupils are entering and leaving school.
- Please park carefully and sensibly at school drop-off and collection times. Our school buses need to be able to travel safely to and from Letton Hall without any disruption. Parking on corners, near junctions or in a way that restricts access can make it difficult for the buses to pass safely and can cause delays.
- Please do not arrive at Letton Hall without prior notice. For safeguarding reasons, all visits must be arranged in advance through the school office.
- The closing date for free delivery of school photo orders to school is 12th October. Use the details on the copies of the photos that were sent home or contact Tempest directly if you require assistance.
- **Who should I contact?** Teachers can have brief conversations with parents and carers at drop-off and pick-up. However, any longer discussions should be arranged in advance by contacting the school office to schedule a telephone call.
- For all class-based and timetable enquiries these should be directed to your class teacher in the first instance, via the school office. If you require more detailed support, please direct enquiries to: the EYFS, KS1 or KS2 Phase Leader. To make an appointment with the SENCO please email the school office. General enquiries: office@thomasbullock.dneat.org. Please do be reminded that we request up to 72 working hours to respond.

Thank you!

A big thank you to the team at UEA Sportspark for their very generous donation of sports equipment to support our PE department.

Our children are going to have so much fun using the new equipment when we return to our Thomas Bullock site.

We really appreciate the kindness and support of UEA Sportspark and are incredibly grateful for their generous contribution to our school. Thank you!

A huge thank you to Mrs Crowdy and everyone involved in organising the village quiz last weekend. We're delighted to share that the quiz, which chooses a different charity to support each month, raised an amazing £334 for our school!

We are incredibly grateful for this wonderful support. Our community has continued to show such generosity and kindness, and we are truly humbled by the ongoing support we have received over recent months.

Thank you to everyone who took part, donated, organised and supported the event, it really does mean so much to us.



WOWs

Elsie- Rose (Yr 1) Elsie-Rose has gained her confidence in her swimming lessons and she is now able to swim independently with the floaties!

Gunnar (Yr1) This week Gunnar was awarded a medal in Ju Jitsu for his continued hard work and dedication since starting earlier in the year. Well done Gunnar!!

Joseph (Yr 1) Joseph was chosen as Swimmer of the Month for September at his swim school. His teacher wrote, "Joseph shows up to every lesson with a want to learn attitude, he is always setting a good example of the rules and is keen for improvement and it shows in his progress. Well done!"

Martha, Grace, Mollie, Esme & Isabella (Yr 2) The girls are part of the Dereham All Saints Lioness football team for under 8s; they have been welcomed by the Norfolk's Women and Girls Football league. They are the youngest team in the league with playing a total of 3 matches thus far. We had the pleasure to watch them WIN their first game of the season on Saturday 26th September! All the parents, coaches and supporters are so proud of how far the girls have come and grown as a team. Here's to more successes and lots of fun. Well done girls.

Teddy (Yr 4) Teddy won a medal at his jujitsu class this week. The medal is for completing his first row in his jujitsu book.

Bobbie (Yr 5) Bobbie has worked really hard on his swimming and has now moved up to stage 5

Lewis (Yr 6) Lewis earned Man of the Match on Sunday thanks to his goal stopping tackling in midfield before driving forward to score a fantastic goal of his own.

Lewis has been named as the Under 11 Player of the Month at Personal Best Soccer. Lewis earned this by showing fantastic progress, listening, staying focused and taking onboard everything they have been working on in training.



Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>



Shining Lights of the Week - 2nd October



Ark Nursery Rocco for showing great curiosity during our Autumn walk, sharing what he had found with the class and being able to identify a range of natural treasures!

Arctic Class Mia for always being a kind friend to others. She always offers a helping hand to those around her and is a brilliant role model to her peers.

Antarctica Class Gracie she has been absolutely amazing with her phonics! She is always eager to learn, listens carefully and is making fantastic progress.

Oceania Class Reggie for his great listening skills and engagement in our lessons this week. He has also been extremely helpful around the classroom, showing great care for our learning environment, well done Reggie!

Australasia Class Eva for her excellent contributions and effort in English this week. She used a range of interesting adjectives in her captions and is always willing to share her ideas! Well done Eva!

Africa Class Brady for being such a kind and caring member of our class. He always looks for ways to help his friends and is extremely thoughtful and considerate towards others.

Europe Class Millie for her consistent effort in classwork. She has shown improvements already in the quality of her maths.

South America Class Eva for her incredible hard work and perseverance in Maths. Although she doesn't always find Maths easy, Eva has shown great determination and has continued to try her very best. Her positive attitude and perseverance have helped her discover a new love for Maths and we are incredibly proud.

Asia Class Jacob for his valued contributions to our science lessons. He has impressed us with his curiosity and enthusiasm, including his explanation of how throwing a frisbee can appear to 'defy the force of gravity'.

North America Class Oscar for the fantastic ideas and examples he has offered towards our descriptive writing.



Shining Lights of the Week - 9th October

Ark Nursery Ayda for her enthusiasm to join in with our number rhymes this week. She has been a great role model to the class, joining in with new rhymes, listening carefully and counting accurately

Arctic Class Alfred for always trying his best throughout the school day, and making wonderful progress. He has made positive choices each day and been a role model to others in the class!

Antarctica Class Jasmine for being a wonderful role model for her peers; demonstrating kindness and inclusivity. She always arrives with a smile in the morning.

Oceania Class Rosa for showing a great deal of curiosity and asking lots of excellent questions in a range of lessons.

Australasia Class Joseph for his consistently high attitude to learning, excellent engagement and contributions in all of our lessons. Yesterday, Joseph challenged himself by using the conjunction 'and' to extend his sentences. Keep up the good work!

Africa Class All of Year 2 for being absolute superstars on our trip to Sandringham. We are so proud of the amazing choices they made and the curiosity they demonstrated as they explored the house and gardens.

Europe Class Leo for his wonderful act of kindness at lunchtime on Thursday. He helped a younger student feel much calmer and gave a helping hand with their lunch too. Well done Leo, acts of kindness go a long way!

South America Class Hugo, for his hard work and determination in our spelling lessons this week! It has been wonderful to see him take on feedback so positively, develop his understanding of sounds when sounding out words and apply the spelling rules we have been learning. It was especially lovely to see how proud he was of himself and his progress. Well done!

Asia Class Lillah for the way in which she has taken on feedback. Lillah has put a huge amount of effort into her English this week to produce some fantastic work.

North America Class Oliver for his calm and patient attitude in the classroom. He is demonstrating fantastic attitudes to learning.

This week's overall attendance 96.88% - Australasia Class (Yr1) 98.68%

Our Reception Class of 2026!

We are so proud of our wonderful new starters and how amazingly well they have settled into school life! They have already made such a fantastic start, and it's been lovely to see them growing in confidence, making new friends and embracing all the fun and learning that Reception has to offer.

The Eastern Daily Press's annual First Class Photo Supplement will be out on Wednesday 14th October! Make sure you don't miss it so you can spot our lovely Reception children in this special photo!

Well done, everyone – we are so proud of you all!

🎄 Christmas Card Reminder 🎄

Please be reminded that completed IQ Christmas Cards need to be handed into the office by Wednesday 15th October.

We hope you enjoy creating some beautiful cards with your children. We cannot wait to see all of your wonderful designs! 🎅 ✨



FOSS will be selling Krispy Kreme Original Glazed doughnuts on Friday 16th October after school!

Only **£1** Each!

Singles available on the day. Boxes of 12 Pre-order only!



Vegan Option

£16

(Preorder only)

or

Regular option

£10

Place orders via 07814280034 by Monday 12th October

Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

October

15th - Year 6 School Trip to Norwich Castle

Week Commencing 19th - Parents Evenings, details to follow soon.

20th - KS2 Cross Country (Selected Pupils)

22nd - Whole School Trip to Banham Zoo

22nd – Break up for half term

23rd Oct - Inset day- School Closed

October Half Term

November

2nd November – Children back to school.

2nd-3rd - Year 5 Residential to Horstead

17th - Yr 1-4 Multi Sports Festival (Selected Pupils)

21st- Letton Hall Christmas Fair

27th November - Flu Vaccinations Yr R-6

December

1st- Year 1 Trip to Holkham Hall

Fri 18th Dec - Children finish at 12pm, break up for Christmas

