



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

Our Advent of stories have begun this week with the first book being read by Mrs Ward on Wednesday. Over the next 22 days, on our Facebook page, we will be adding a Christmas story a day read by a different member of staff. We hope you enjoy listening to them.

To celebrate the start Advent in school we have had a virtual service from Rev Paul Cubitt. We have included the link below, in the event you may like to watch it with your family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQFunTq6mBE>

The school is looking shiny and bright in its' full decorated glory. We are grateful to Charlotte, Freya's Mum in year 1 for organising the donation of the tree from a local supermarket!

The children enjoyed dressing in non-uniform for the FOSS Raffle Donation Day today. We have been blown away by the immense amount of prizes that have been collected! Thank you for your support and don't forget to send in your raffle tickets ready for the draw next week!

We are delighted to have completed our phonics screening this year which is once again above national at 90%. Thank you to our KS1 team and parents for helping our children achieve exceptional reading results.



Shining Lights of the Week!

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| Antarctica Class (yr R) | Levi for his amazing attitude towards returning to school full time. His great behaviour and excitement during our school trips. |
| Oceania Class (yr 1) | Imogen for her amazing mini-book all about how Christians celebrate Christmas. |
| Africa Class (yr 2) | Reece for having a fantastic attitude to his learning, listening well in class and being an all-round good role model. |
| Europe Class (yr 3) | Arthur for working hard and challenging himself in maths this week. |
| S. America Class (yr 4) | Caleb for concentrating and applying himself across all subjects and meeting all success criteria in his writing. |
| Asia Class (yr 5) | Reggie for the perseverance, independence and creativity he has shown during forest school sessions. |
| N. America Class (yr 6) | Stanley has made excellent progress through his resilience and perseverance in lessons. |

WOW Moments!

Pippa (yr 1) completed in her first junior parkrun in freezing cold conditions, she was the 3rd fastest girl and finished with a big smile on her face.

Leila (yr 3) moved up to stage 2 in swimming.

Bailey (yr 3) was awarded man of the match in his first football game for his club.



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

The week's overall attendance - 91.5%

Oceania Class (Yr 1)

The children took part in an exciting virtual experience earlier in the week streamed live from the London Transport Museum. The theme was 'The Mystery Bus', the class joined Agent Mcfly and Agent Fox on a top-secret time travelling mission. The class became secret agents and investigated how buses in London have changed over time and explored objects from the past with the help of the dynamic duo, and an experienced member of the museum staff.



Antarctica Class (Yr R)

Following their visit to the Norwich Playhouse last week to see *The Gruffalo* the class went on another trip this week to find the Gruffalo, this time at High Lodge, Thetford Forest! They all enjoyed the many elements of the trail – making musical rhymes, obstacle courses and following the clues which led them to finding the Gruffalo and his friends hiding in the forest. After lunch, which they had in the outdoor classroom, the children enjoyed some den building before returning to School.



Europe Class (Yr 3)

This week year 3 spent the day at the Time and Tide Museum for a Stone to Iron Age workshop. The children went back in time through the Stone Age where they threw spears and learnt how to hunt deer. In the Bronze Age they learnt how to trade and in the Iron Age how to fight and throw axes. They made brooches and Torks using copper foil.



Antarctica, Oceania, Africa and Europe Classes (yr R, 1, 2 and 3)

This morning the children enjoyed a webinar by guest author Nick Sharratt. Nick read from his books 'Shark in the Park' and 'Shark in the Snow'. The children were captivated throughout and drew characters from the books as they went along following his instructions. They had a great time!



NOTICES and REMINDERS

Free School Meals Vouchers

Free school meal vouchers for the Christmas holiday period for pupils eligible for means tested free school meals will be issued. Please ensure the school has your up-to-date email details and if you feel your circumstances may have changed and you may now be eligible please let the office know or use the following link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/norfolk>

This Christmas will see an increase to £55 for the period. This is based on the usual £15 per child per week plus an additional £25 per child to help families free up household finances in advance of an anticipated rise in energy costs in January and to try and help children enjoy a better Christmas than they might otherwise have.

Norfolk Assistance Scheme

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) helps people who are in financial hardship and cannot pay their living costs. More information is available here [Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council](#)

Cleaner

A cleaner is required to start as soon as possible in January. Please contact the school office for more information.

School Uniform Reminder

Thank you for following our school uniform policy, for clarification all uniform lists can be found on the School's website.

DIARY DATES

December

- 13th Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th Year 6 School Nursing Team – Height & Weight Measurements
- 13th & 14th Lunchtime FOSS Christmas Shop
- 15th KS2 Modern Foreign Language Day
- 15th Year 1 and 2 to Holkham Hall – Christmas Experience
- 15th Yrs 5 & 6 Flu Immunisation*
- 16th Christmas Lunch and Carol Service
- 17th Stay and Play 9am-10am for non school age children (Nursery)
- 17th Children's Party afternoon

Christmas Holiday – 20th December – 5th January inclusive

- 6th January School re-opens for Spring Term 1**
- 20th FOSS Film Night 5pm

February half term – 14th – 18th February inclusive

- 21st February School re-opens for Spring Term 2

March

- 24th & 25th Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop

Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive

- 20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

- 6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

June

- 11th FOSS Yard Sale
- 16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop
- 29th June – 1st July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale*

July

- 9th FOSS Summer Fete
- 15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco
- 22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**

**** Please note change of date for return to school. This additional day has been set in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday in June which falls in half term.**