



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

There is much to be celebrated this week at Thomas Bullock! Our children, staff teams and school has excelled at pace, but this week we are shouting our success and progress from the rooftops! Mr Wade and I have had an opportunity to spend time in every class across school and a snapshot of what we saw is further down in the Newsletter.

Please see below our KS2 (year 6) results, and we are exceedingly proud of all they have achieved. Individual school reports will be shared next week.

Subject	Met the expected standard: Thomas Bullock	Met the expected standard: Nationally	Average scaled score: Thomas Bullock	Average scaled score: Nationally
Reading, Writing, Maths (Combined)	83.3%	59%	-	-
Reading	86.7%	74%	108	105
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	93.3%	72%	109	106
Maths	90%	71%	108	104
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	86.7%	69%	-	-
Science (Teacher Assessment)	90%	79%	-	-

Based on 2022 Key Stage 2 National Headlines provided by the Department for Education 5th July 2022:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/key-stage-2-attainment-national-headlines/2021-22>

Shining Lights of the Week!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Corey for being kind and compassionate towards others. He was a brilliant ambassador for our school during our trip on Wednesday.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Jack for writing a fantastic, innovated story of 'Lost and Found'. He remembered the whole story independently and managed to change characters and other features of the story!

Africa Class (yr 2)

William for being a kind friend and showing compassion to his friends in class and on the playground.

Europe Class (yr 3)

Jake for showing courage and resilience when facing challenges this week. He has let his light shine in English and maths, producing wonderful work and trying his best.

S. America Class (yr 4)

Logan H for taking the time and effort with his writing this week. He has taken every opportunity to edit and improve his work as well as checking everything thoroughly. Well done.

Asia Class (yr 5)

Imogen for the effort she has been putting into her English work. She has listened carefully, thought about her sentence structure and had some very creative ideas.

N. America Class (yr 6)

Keifa has had an excellent week working very hard, in particular with some wonderful ideas in English.



WOW MOMENTS!

Florence (yr 2) and Jack (yr 1) helped out on the Teddy Tombola at their Church Fete, they used their Maths skills to work out change and were helpful and polite all afternoon - £41 was raised!

Archie (yr 3) received his 100m swimming certificate and also had a great time at his first football training session.

Kai (yr 1) completed some Maths work at home without any help.

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 96%

Thomas Bullock Teaching Team 2021/2022

We will share further information of who will be in classes ahead of the transition day- but please see our teaching team and the classes they will be teaching in 2022/2023. All of our teachers are known to the children and are in the process of taking part in three weeks of transitions ahead of move-up day.

Year Group	Teacher- Main
N	Miss S Bell-Tye
EYFS	Mrs D Marjoram
1	Mr L Johnson
2	Miss E King
3	Miss L Newcombe
4	Miss O Crane
5	Mrs D Cross (formerly Wall)
6	Mrs Fowler/ Mr Wade

You may notice year 5 is being taught by Mrs Cross? This is because over Easter Ms Wall married Mr Cross and from September we shall use her married name too. Please help your teachers out children, if they get it wrong!

Further excitement at Thomas Bullock! If you look carefully at Miss Turner's left hand you will see a shiny, sparkly engagement ring! I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best on her engagement.

School Games Gold Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

What's been happening in School this week ...

In Nursery, there were lots of lovely activities going on linked to their trip to Gressenhall. In one Maths session, whilst sitting in rows pretending to be on a bus, the children were using positional vocabulary to describe who was sitting near or round them. The variety and level of language was impressive.

In EYFS, we observed a phonics lesson where children were using their segmenting and blending sounds to write full, longer sentences which included capital letters and full stops independently. As well we also listened as children used excellent maths vocabulary to divide- using the terms, share, equal, parts-of, odd, even and ordinal. They then were challenged to divide groups of shells from their story in several ways. The level of challenge and their mathematical awareness was excellent!

In Year 1, the children have been consolidating their adding and subtracting in Maths. Having been very active in their Number Ninjas it was very impressive to see the range of techniques the children could use effectively to support their calculating. From sketching tens and ones to using the whole-part-whole approach, our year 1's knew what they were doing.

In Year 2, having been inspired by the book 'Guardians of the Planet' our very own eco warriors were making suggestions about how they could be 'friends to the forest as part of their non-chronological reports about eco-friendly.

In Year 3, the children have been looking at different units of measure including mass and capacity. Having investigated (outside of the classroom!) the children were able to secure their understanding before solving calculations and problems back in class. The children were very effective at converting between different units of measure and working step by step through the problems.

In Year 4, the children are continuing their own version to a new ending for the story, 'The Lost Happy Endings'. This story is fantastic- the language and illustrations absolutely captured the children's imagination. The children began by finding the features of the text- using the grammatical terms hyperbole, metaphor, personification, prepositional and expanded noun phrase, and simile. I would challenge them to give you examples of these too!

In Year 5, there were lots of different things going on with one group of children completing their cycle proficiency. For those in class, they were summarising some key events from 'The Golden Horseman of Bagdad' which they would have to catch the others up on when they returned so they could write their own portal stories.

In Year 6, the children continue to work hard until the end. Having been provided with some examples and suggestions the children were given the opportunity to research someone inspirational linked to their topic 'Making Our Mark'. Using the Chromebooks to support their research it will be exciting to see their finished biographies.

NORFOLK SHOW

Please click on the link below to see a variety of photos taken at the Norfolk Show last week. Also included is a recording of our wonderful choir singing on the Norfolk Music Hub's school stage.

<https://vimeo.com/727717483>

SUMMER FETE

It is the summer fete on Saturday between 12 and 3. There are lots of exciting events planned including the school choir singing between 12:15 -12:45.

Also, if you would like to join Mrs O'Sullivan on a quick school tour, including the new classrooms, she will be offering one at 2:30pm.

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Half Term Key Learning Question
1	What were seaside holidays like in the past?
2	How can we be energy efficient with water?
3	Who was Alexander the Great?
4	What are some of the most significant man-made landmarks in the USA?
5	How did Baghdad compare to London in 1000AD?

Europe Class (year 3)

In maths this week Europe Class have been learning about capacity. They experimented with water to find the capacity of lots of different objects. They then put the objects in order from the least capacity to the greatest capacity.



North America Class (year 6)

In topic, year 6 have been learning about protest and people who have 'made their mark' and stood up for what they believe in. We have looked at how artwork can be used as a way to put across people's opinions and promote change. We studied street artists like Mohammed Ali and Banksy and how their artwork has been used in this way. The children have now designed and are creating their own versions of these pieces of art, using colouring pencils, paint and stencils with stamps.



BOOK LOOKS - REMINDER

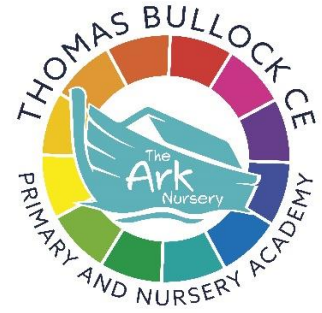
Please attend our book look – this time to be held in the classrooms! It is a great opportunity for you to see your child's current work, in their working environment.

Monday 11th July at 3pm - Reception Class, years 2, 4 and 6
Wednesday 13th July at 3pm – Nursery Class, years 1, 3 and 5

We look forward to seeing you.

NAMED BAG

Please send in a named bag, with your child by Wednesday 13th July. We will be sending books home this year, but in our path to carbon neutrality and to support transition – so that teachers can work from current starting points – we will not be sending home your child's current working books, until it is complete.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This Week

On Wednesday, we went on our first school trip to Cressenhall Rural Life Museum for their fairy tale workshop. Our job for the day was to help all of the fairy tale characters find items that a wicked witch had set a spell on and hidden! We listened to a story in the woods and went whizzing down a beanstalk slide, just like Jack did. We met the wicked witch from Snow White who showed us around her woodland home and taught us how to make potions. On the farm, we met Cinderella and her evil stepsister. We helped her to do housework and lots of jobs outside, such as milking the cows, pumping the water, washing laundry in the wash tub and painting the house magical colours! We enjoyed a bumpy tractor ride around the farm whilst we kept our eyes peeled for further hidden characters and story items. Finally, once we had found all of the items, we used our magic to freeze the witch so the ball could begin!



Next week

In Read Write Inc Phonics, we will recap all of our Set 1 sounds whilst moving onto a focus on blending. We will continue with I:I phonics sessions with the children to fill in any gaps. We will look at the book 'At the Beach' in Literacy and will learn about matching in Maths.

Learning Links at Home:

- What is your favourite thing to do at the seaside / beach? Talk about it with your grown-ups and family at home.
- Can you cut out some paper shapes and make a seaside picture? What shapes do you need?
- Can you build a model lighthouse? What can you use to make the light at the top?

2022/2023 TERM DATES

School closure dates in red

School open dates in green

Autumn Term

Inset Days – 1st & 2nd September

Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October

Half term – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December

Christmas – Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

Spring Term

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

Half term – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Easter holiday – Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

Summer Term

Inset Day – Monday 17th April

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May

Bank holiday – Monday 1st May

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Inset Day – 5th June

Tuesday 6th June – Friday July 21st

DIARY DATES

July

11th Year 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach

11th Parents invited to a Book Look in years R, 2, 4 & 6 at 3pm

12th July Year 3 Redgrave and Lopham Fen

13th Parents invited to a Book Look in years N, 1, 3 & 5 at 3pm

14th Sports Day

14th Yr 6 Production 6pm

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco (KS1 5pm-6.00pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.30pm)

15th Yr 6 BBQ – 5pm – 6.15pm

18th Race for Life (change of date)

19th Year 6 Leavers Service and Awards at All Saints Church at 2pm

20th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)

21st Move up Day

22nd Year R to 5 Awards Assembly and party afternoon

22nd July – Last day of term.

September

5th School opens for the Autumn Term

***New addition to calendar**

