



# 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 The Nightingale Federation

### Staffing announcements and Teaching Team 2024/2025

#### Farewells

This summer we will say our fond farewells to Mrs Fowler and Ms McMurray in Year 6. Mrs Fowler has worked with us for three years as our Federation English Leader. Mrs Fowler will be stepping away from teaching and spending well-earned time concentrating on her young daughter and family. Mrs Fowler has been an asset to our school and Federation with her deep knowledge of English and we are very grateful for the support she offered us to grow and develop. Ms McMurray had a temporary appointment in Year 6 working alongside Mrs Fowler and we will truly miss her expertise and enthusiasm for our pupils and Year 6.

Mrs Carter who has been our shared SENCO with Dereham Junior School from September will focus her time working as the SENCO entirely at Dereham. We have been very lucky to utilise her expertise and knowledge over the last few years.

#### Welcomes

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Henman. Mrs Henman has a number of years' experience as a leader and teacher in upper Year 5 and 6. Mrs Henman is currently teaching in Year 5 and she will be joining the UKS2 team from September. She is an expert in leading English and will be our Federation English Leader from September.

Additionally, we are excited to welcome Mr Stagg. Mr Stagg will be joining Thomas Bullock from the end of the Summer term to transition into our school after previously working in Year 2 and Year 5. Mr Stagg will be joining the Year 2 trip to the zoo as part of the KS1 to KS2 transition. Mr Stagg also has experience teaching sport in Secondary and offers another layer of excellent teaching experience to our Federation.

We are furthermore delighted to announce that Mrs Smith has been appointed as the Nightingale Federation SENCO. Mrs Smith currently works as our SENCO at Lyng but will be employed across the Federation 3 days per week from September. Mrs Carter and Mrs Smith already work incredibly closely across the Federation and this should provide for a positive transition for our SEN families.

Alongside of these appointments, we have also appointed Mrs Sturman and Miss Clifton. Both have previous experience supporting in Early Years. Mrs Sturman has also taught in Forest Schools. These appointments will allow us to continue the current expansion of our school-based, successful Nursery. Additionally, Miss Clifton and Mrs Morse (who has worked in our school kitchen for a number of years) will be leading the after-school provision from September.



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Therefore, we are pleased to share our teaching team for the following academic year and the classes they will be teaching from September. Transition meetings and discussions have already begun and the staff are currently writing transition plans and developing a programme of activities.

Class	Teacher - Main	Phase Leadership
The Ark – Nursery	Miss S Bell-Tye	
Antarctica Class – Reception	Mrs D Marjoram	EYFS Phase Leader (DSL)
Oceania Class – Year 1	Mr L Johnson	KS1 Phase Leader
Africa Class – Year 2	Miss E King	
Europe Class – Year 3	Mr J Stagg	
South America Class – Year 4	Miss O Crane	
Asia Class – Year 5	Mrs D Cross Mrs N Henman	KS2 Phase Leader (DSL)
North America Class – Year 6	Mr A Long	
SENCO	Mrs N Smith	Federation SENCO

### Teddy Bears picnic

We were excited to welcome our new reception children in to school for a Teddy Bears picnic this afternoon for our first transition session with parents. We managed to miss the rain and had a wonderful bear-theme time with snacks, story, bear hunt, colour sorting and lots more fun in our classroom. Thank you to those who joined us and we can't wait to see the children again soon for their transition sessions and from September.



## ***Shining Lights of the Week***

Ark Nursery	<b>Reggie</b> for his enthusiastic storytelling of our focus story ‘Come on Daisy’ in literacy this week. Reggie has confidently joined in with re-telling the story using our story map and actions.
Antarctica Class (R)	<b>Esme</b> for always working hard and trying to improve in everything she does. Her writing has been amazing this week!
Oceania Class (yr 1)	<b>All of Year One</b> for trying so hard with their phonics screening check – there were some tricky real and alien words in the book but they used their knowledge of ‘special friends’ and ‘Fred talk’ to help them read the word!
Africa Class (yr 2)	<b>Dexter</b> for showing a great attitude towards learning. Dexter has been super enthusiastic in all areas of our learning and has made thoughtful and confident contributions to class discussions.
Europe Class (yr 3)	<b>Reuben</b> for his hard work in Maths this week and thinking logically when considering angles as degrees of turn.
S America Class (yr 4)	<b>The whole class</b> for working hard on their Multiplication Tables check and their end of year assessments.
Asia Class (yr 5)	<b>Isla</b> for the positive attitude she has shown towards her assessment tasks this week. Well done!
North America (yr 6)	<b>Noah E</b> for impressing the moderator with his incredible writing and the effort he is putting into his characters in the end of year 6 show rehearsals.

**This week’s overall attendance 95% Asia Class (yr 4) 98%**

### ***WOW MOMENTS!***

**Miles (yr 5)** received the trophy for ‘coaches player of the season’ at his clubs presentation day.

**Caleb (yr 6)** spent his half term running away with the circus, and took part in daily skills workshops. He spent a lot of time learning to crack a 6 foot bull whip, and displayed his talents in the final show, even using the whip to break spaghetti sticks held in his mouth!

**Violet (yr 1)** was chosen as the winner of the Bluey colouring competition at Pensthorpe and won free tickets and a goody bag with her certificate.

**Amelia (yr 4)** has been moving up a group in horse riding; completing riding without a leader.



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 Question of the week
<b>1</b>	What physical features are found at the seaside?
<b>2</b>	What is the climate like in Kenya?
<b>3</b>	How was ancient Greece organised?
<b>4</b>	What are the states of the USA and how do their population vary?
<b>5</b>	What was the Golden Age of Islam?
<b>6</b>	How have people protested to protect the environment?



## Antarctica Class (year R)

On Thursday afternoon, Antarctica class used clay to create their own magic porridge pots. Mrs Marjoram demonstrated the different modelling techniques they could use and the children then got busy making their own creations! They are waiting for them to dry before they can paint them and then take them home.



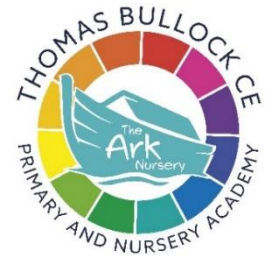
## Europe Class (yr 3)

Europe Class are learning about Ancient Greece this half term and this week they have been studying the repeating patterns that can be found on their pottery and having a go at recreating these in our sketchbooks.



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



During our phonics sessions, we've continued practising our word building skills during phonics. We've consolidated our learning surrounding our focus book 'Come on, Daisy'. The children have particularly loved this book and learning about the moral of the story! They made actions for the story, helped to make a giant story map and used this to orally re-tell the story – lots of the children could re-tell the story almost word for word! We were introduced to number lines in maths and have completed various activities practising 'What comes after?' too. During our afternoons, we did some RE learning, explored insects further, explored our outdoor areas and learnt about 'people who help us'. We continue to practise for Sports Day too (this is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June as per prior communication). We've also been busy making Father's Day cards, in readiness for Sunday. Please do join us on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2-3pm for further Father's Day celebrations.



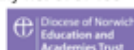
Next week

We will continue recapping our RWI sounds, building words, reading words and learning red words. We will begin our literacy learning on traditional tales – our focus story won't be revealed to children until they've spotted something on Monday morning when they come into class! We will look at 'What comes before?' in maths. We will extend our doctors role play further, explore looking after insects and animals, continue our RE learning, learn more about sun safety and look at where a range of insects live! Our art will focus around drawing and painting animals from our focus stories.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Graduation / End of Year Celebration for our nursery leavers 2:30-3:15pm



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## Learning links at home

- When you spot numbers in the environment around you, for instance door numbers on the way to school, identify them! What comes after that number?
- Sing counting rhymes that recite the numbers in order, e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive or One, Two Buckle My Shoe. Pause – what number comes next?

**THE ARK NURSERY**

AT THOMAS BULLOCK PRIMARY AND NURSERY ACADEMY

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

**MONDAY 17TH JUNE  
2-3PM**

JOIN US FOR OUR FATHER'S DAY THEMED STAY AND PLAY, WITH THEMED ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE MEN IN OUR LIVES!

*Stay &*  
**PLAY**

# DIARY DATES

## JUNE

- 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Rev Laura – ‘Moving up to High School’
- 24<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Trip to Banham Zoo
- 24<sup>th</sup> Reception and Nursery Sports Day 11:00 to 12:00
- 27<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Show year 3, 4 and 5
- 28<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform (donations for tombola for Summer Fete)

## JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sports Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential
- 8<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Performance at 5.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach
- 12<sup>th</sup> Leavers Service and End of Year Awards (afternoon)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 BBQ @ 4.15pm and Production at 5.45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> FOSS Summer Fete
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nursery Graduation at 2.30pm\*
- 16<sup>th</sup> School Disco
- 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 transition days (Northgate & Neatherd)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term
- 19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

## 2024/2025

### September

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET days

- 4<sup>th</sup> School re-opens and children return
- 23<sup>rd</sup> School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)

### October

#### Half term 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> November (inclusive)

25<sup>th</sup> (INSET day)

### November

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Flu Vaccinations year R to 6

### December

- 20<sup>th</sup> last day of term

#### Christmas holiday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January

\* New addition