



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

Today, alongside our shining lights, we were delighted to celebrate Miss Bell-Tye who won a 'Highly Commendable' Outstanding Teacher Award in the National Pearson Teaching Awards, this was originally nominated by one of our school families. With this in mind, we are very excited to invite all our families to join with us for our Nightingale Federation Church Service, which will be led by the Bishop of Lynn, Reverend Laura and Reverend Tuck. This is due to take place at 9:15am (ending no later than 10am) on Monday July 8th, at Dereham St Nicholas Church. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be attending across both schools and a letter with a permission slip will follow next week.

Finally the sun is shining, and the children have enjoyed a lovely sunny end to the week. It was a joy to see them all outside at lunch and break times playing games and running around in our wonderful outside space. Children took part in two sporting competitions this week and we are extremely proud of their achievements and teamwork in both events. A report for both follows further down in the newsletter.

Next week, year 2 are looking forward to their trip to Banham Zoo where they be attending alongside the year 1/2 class from our Federation School Lyng Primary and we are very excited to be taking years 3, 4 and 5 to the Royal Norfolk Show on Thursday. Apart from enjoying all that it offers our School Choir will be singing on the Norfolk Music Hub School Stage at 3pm, if you are attending please do come along and support them – they are brilliant!

WOW MOMENTS!

Jacob (yr 2) achieved a gold certification of achievement in karate this week.

Ben (yr 5) over the course of this last week, he has taken himself off and, with no adult help, made a bird box. He googled the size that bird box holes need to be and made this a home suitable for a tit or tree sparrow.

Rosie (yr 4) Last week Rosie competed in her first Pony Club Hunter Trial with Noodles. She had a clear cross country round and went on to complete two clear show jumping rounds as well.

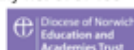


Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school

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Shining Lights of the Week

- Ark Nursery **Izak** for his growing confidence, kindness towards his peers and his fantastic ideas during carpet time!
- Antarctica Class (R) **Aurora** for being such a kind and caring member of our class. She is always looking to help others and this week has shown an enthusiasm for looking after the world around us.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Freddie** for his brilliant acting skills when retelling the story of 'Lost and Found' with a partner - his freeze frames were fantastic!
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Hugo** for working incredibly hard in all areas of our learning this week. Hugo has shown a positive attitude towards learning and has produced wonderful and thoughtful work.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Martha** for her excellent poster to inform us of the different types of lines in maths.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Lana** for her fabulous descriptive writing in English. Lana has thought carefully about the language she has used to build suspense as well as using figurative devices to add lots of detail.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Darcey** for the effort put into her writing this week. She produced an effective piece of writing using all her senses to describe what it would have been like to be in Baghdad hundreds of years ago.
- North America (yr 6) **James** is our shining light this week for his effort for his parts in the year 6 end of year show. He is trying really hard to use his voice and speak his words clearly.

This week's overall attendance 95% Asia Class (yr 5) 98.8%

Next Academic Year Term Dates

Please note all the term dates have now been added to the Diary Dates. There has been one amendment, as follows:

The Inset Day on Friday 25th October has been moved to Monday 2nd June, therefore school **will** be open on 25th October

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What human features are found at the seaside?
2	What is the landscape of Kenya Like?
3	What was the Golden Age of Greece?
4	What is the physical landscape like across the USA?
5	How did Baghdad become a centre of learning?
6	How have people protested for gender equality?



Antarctica Class (yr R)

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our Father's Day celebrations last Friday, we had an incredible turn out! The children were very confident to stand up and share what they loved about their Dads as well as sharing stories and songs together. We were super lucky with the weather and we were able to enjoy a game of duck duck goose!



Oceania Class (yr 1)

Year One have been busy making moving pictures in DT this week as part of our 'mechanisms' topic. These are our slider pictures where the image slides from side to side. We incorporated this new skill into our fathers / special person day cards - we hope you liked them?!



North America Class (yr 6)

The children enjoyed different activities and games linked to transition in preparation for their move to high school. We are very grateful to Reverend Laura for her time on Wednesday afternoon. The year 6s really enjoyed the session!



A class photo of the class has also been sent to the EDP for their 'top class' feature this week. Please look out for it in the EDP on Wednesday 10th July!

Yr 5/6 County Cricket Finals

The year 5/6 girls cricket team took part in the county finals held at Horsford Cricket Club representing Thomas Bullock and the WNDSSP. After a morning of games the girls went through to the Plate Competition in the afternoon. They played very well and there was some amazing bowling, batting, fielding and a few catches as well. Mrs Greenland was very proud of how the girls were supporting each other with encouragement and praise. Well done to Tigga who was Team TB's captain.

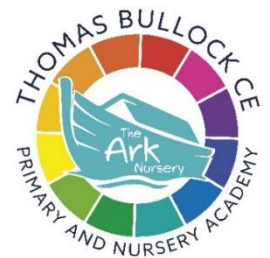


Yr 3/4 Mini Tennis Competition

Children from years 3 and 4 took part in the West Norwich & Dereham School Sports Partnership Mini Tennis Competition at Easton today. They put in a great performance against some tough opposition at the Tennis Centre in Easton, narrowly missing out on a place in the final. Evie-Mae (yr 3) and Amelia (yr 4) were awarded the competition value certificates for 'Teamwork'.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

The children are very excited to be sending out invitations to parents for our Nursery Graduation. This week, we have been practising the sounds we have learnt so far in phonics in smaller groups, with word reading and blending. We came in on Monday to a crime scene in our classroom and a video left from a local police officer. We spent the week finding clues and searching for more. Therefore, we have begun our learning surrounding 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and the children can already retell the story using our actions and story language! In Maths, we have been looking at 'What comes before?' As part of our literacy learning, we also tried Goldilocks' porridge ourselves during the afternoon. As well as this, we picked our first strawberries, blew bubbles, role played as doctors, practised for Sports Day on Monday and enjoyed the sunshine.

We also enjoyed having some of our mums, dads and grandads in for our Father's Day Stay and Play on Monday. This was our final stay and play of the school year – thank you to those who have attended throughout the year. They've been so much fun!



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Next week

We will continue our 'Goldilocks' exploration. We will have Sports Day on Monday and will begin talking about transitions. During our maths sessions, we will explore numbers to 5 even deeper than we have already!

Learning links at home

-Use everyday objects such as toys, fruits or blocks and ask your child to count them. Start with a small set of objects, like three crayons and have your child count them out loud. You could also ask them to pass you 'four brick' or 'five cars' as you play with them.

-Go on a number hunt! Hide numbered cards around your house or garden. Ask your child to find and collect the cards in numerical order. For example, they would search for the number 1 first, then the number 2 and so on until they find all five.

DIARY DATES

JUNE

- 24th Yr 2 Trip to Banham Zoo
- 24th Reception and Nursery Sports Day 11:00 to 12:00
- 27th Norfolk Show year 3, 4 and 5
- 28th Non Uniform (donations for tombola for Summer Fete)

JULY

- 1st Sports Day
- 3rd to 5th Year 6 Residential
- 8th Federation Church Service at Dereham 9.15am*
- 9th Reserve Sports Day*
- 10th Yr 6 Performance at 5.45pm
- 11th Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach
- 12th Leavers Service and End of Year Awards (afternoon)
- 12th Yr 6 BBQ @ 4.15pm and Production at 5.45pm
- 13th FOSS Summer Fete
- 15th Nursery Graduation at 2.30pm
- 16th School Disco
- 17th, 18th, 19th Year 6 transition days (Northgate & Neatherd)
- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed

2024/2025

September

2ND and 3rd INSET days

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

October

Half term 28th – 1st November

November

- 22nd Flu Vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 20th last day of term

Christmas holiday 23rd December – 6th January

February

Half term 17th -21st February

April

Easter holiday 7th-22nd April

May

5th Bank holiday

- 12th – 16th May KS2 (yr 6) SATs week*

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

- 2nd Inset Day – school closed

July

- 22nd Last day of term

Summer holiday commences 23rd July

* New addition

