



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

The pupils have returned from half-term ready and excited for the final 7 weeks of the Summer term. In Year 4 our pupils began their National Multiplication Times Tables Check and next week Year 1 will undertake the National Phonics Screen. Our teachers have been very impressed with their preparedness and eagerness. Thank you for your continued support at home.

This half term's value is 'Environment'. Within this week's collective worship, we have discussed the upcoming 'World Ocean Day' on Saturday 8th June and the importance of looking after the world's oceans. We also took time on Thursday to celebrate and reflect upon the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Children listened to audio recordings from the time and learnt about the huge importance of the event. Our Year 6's being our experts having enjoyed their topic on World War II earlier in the year.

Also, this week we had an excellent result in becoming County cricket finalists. Mrs Greenland and Mrs Heavens took two teams from year 5 and 6 to a WNDSSP Girls and Mixed cricket competition at Horsford Cricket club on Thursday. There was some fantastic batting and bowling from both teams. The mixed team played well and won their group and went through to the semi-finals, finishing 3rd overall. The girls team won all their games and came 1st overall and are now through to the County finals. Well done to Cole and Adelaide who were awarded the competition value certificate for Teamwork.



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Staffing Update

This week we waved goodbye to Miss Wylie in Year 1. Miss Wylie joined us at the start of the year from a Nursery setting and has worked in Year 1 and in breakfast club throughout the year. We wish Miss Wylie the best of luck in her new venture working alongside animals in a cattery. From Monday, we will welcome Miss Dorr. We are very excited to support opportunities within our Federation as they arise. Miss Dorr is a teaching assistant in Year 1-2 at Lyng Primary School but will be working in Year 1 at Thomas Bullock from Monday, which offers her an improved work-life balance being much closer to home and an opportunity to develop her skills within our federation.

Shining Lights of the Week

- Ark Nursery **Emileigh** takes great care of our school environments, tidying up and ensuring her friends are tidying too. She also shows care in our outdoor environments too, picking up litter and ensuring insects are placed somewhere safe!
- Antarctica Class (R) **Liza** for showing great care and pride of our environments and having lots of wonderful comments on keeping the wider environments happy for all.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Charlotte** for returning to school this week full of enthusiasm and readiness to learn in her final half term in Year One!
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Theo** for coming back to school with an amazing attitude, ready to learn! Theo has also taken great care of our classroom environment.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Mason** for caring deeply about the environment. He saw some litter that had been dropped and picked it up and put it in the bin without hesitating.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Ben** for showing our half term value of love and care for the environment. Ben voluntarily cleared rubbish off our school field and placed in the bins to prevent any nearby wildlife coming into contact with it and keeping our area clean.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Autumn C** for the effort she puts into her work every day and the care she takes over her presentation.
- North America (yr 6) **Eva** for her effort in writing this week, especially with her handwriting!

This week's overall attendance 94% Europe Class (yr 3) 98%

WOW MOMENTS!

Jacob (yr 3) took part in the Suffolk show this half term and came away with a 1st & 6th.

Joseph (yr R) also took part with his calf & got a 3rd & 9th.

Jacob (yr 2) achieved the silver award during his karate this week for his amazing efforts!



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjjcUMV7>

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What is the seaside and where is it?
2	Where in the world is Kenya?
3	How do we know about the first civilisations in ancient Greece?
4	Where in the world in the USA?
5	How was Baghdad built?
6	What is protest?

Africa Class (yr 2)

In Geography, the class have been investigating 'Where in the world is Kenya?'

Africa Class have discussed what they know about Africa already and what they would like to know.



South America Class (yr 4)

The Class have been working hard on their setting descriptions based on Hansel and Gretel's journey through the forest. We have been looking at the journey from day to dark using: figurative language, rhetorical questions, subordinate clauses, onomatopoeia and interesting sentence starts. Here is a sample of one of the children's work

'Deep in the dull eerie forest the night over lapsed the day. Deep inside, a chill ran through Hansel and Gretel's back as they ran through the creepy forest where trees stared down like figures. The air was damp and had a hint of sour which was painful as they breathed' (Halli K)

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Antarctica class received a video via email on Monday of this week which showed that some rogue gingerbread characters had been in their classroom while they weren't here! The children have been on a hunt for clues about them and have found lots...including flour, crumbs, ginger smells and a sweetie button. We wrote a letter to Mrs O'Sullivan and Mr Wade to see if they had let them in as they have school keys, but Mr Wade said he hadn't however Mrs O'Sullivan said that on Wednesday morning she found a sprinkling of flour on her desk and some smartie buttons. Our search continues...



FRIENDS OF SHIPDHAM SCHOOL

There are several big fundraising events planned in the lead up to the end of term and your support is always very much appreciated to make these events as successful as possible. Our initiative currently is to enhance the outdoor areas for KS1 and KS2.

Fathers' Day Lunchtime Shops

The lunchtime shops are being held on Thursday and Friday next week. There will be lots of lovely gifts for the children to choose from priced between 10p and £1.50.

Yard Sale

A reminder that the annual village yard sale is being held on Saturday 15th June. There are lots of yards already booked in, deadline for booking is Tuesday 11th June. Forms available from the school office or email friendsofshipdhamschool@gmail.com Maps and food will be available from the FOSS team at Bullock Park from 9am.

Non School Uniform Day

There will be non-school uniform day on Friday 28th June in exchange for an item for the tombola stall at the Summer Fete.

Summer Fete

We are looking forward to our annual fete on Saturday 13th July where there will be lots of fun activities and displays to keep the family entertained. **Helpers for the fete are needed!** If anyone can spare some time with the organisation or on the day, no matter how little, it would be very much appreciated just let Mrs Gibb in the school office know or email friendsofshipdhamschool@gmail.com Thank you!

School Disco – Save the Date!

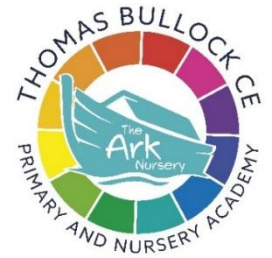
The end of term FOSS school disco will be held on Tuesday 16th July. The Friends will be sending out ticket information in the coming days.

Thank you for your support!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We have been practising our set 1 single letter sounds and splitting into groups for extra phonics learning this week. Our new focus book is 'Come on, Daisy' and we have used our Talk for Writing approach to learn the story, re-telling it using actions.

We even learnt red word 'the' and spotted it in the text! In Maths, we have extended what we already know about numbers and learnt about the composition of them too. We have a new doctors role play area in our classroom which has been popular with the children already and this will be added to and modelled over the coming weeks. Our afternoons have seen us exploring minibeasts, following child interest, and we have been looking after our plants too. We measured the sunflowers and placed them in order from shortest to tallest. We also designed our own kites and tested them outside – we decided that the weather wasn't quite windy enough but they flew super high when we ran with them!

We've been excitedly practising for Sports Day with Mrs Greenland today. Letters with more information about Sports Day started to go out today and will continue next week – please return these by Monday 17th June. Thank you!

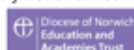


Next week

We will continue with our literacy sessions focused around the book 'Come on, Daisy'. Our phonics input will recap set 1 single sounds, as well as introducing set 1 special friends. We will also look at building words with magnetic letters on whiteboards during our carpet session. We will then go into groups for letter formation and writing. In Maths, we will look at 'What comes after?' During our afternoons, we will look at making healthy choices as part of Healthy Eating Week. We will spot minibeast and signs of minibeasts in our outdoor areas. Linked to our role play area, we will look at various videos, showing children what it's like to go to the doctors, hospital, dentist, opticians etc. We will also continue to build and extend our role play with the children!

Learning links at home

- Can you make a rock creature? Look for a pebble or stone and then paint it to look like a minibeast or an animal.
- Can you make your own ice lollies or flavoured ice cubes? Ask a grown-up to help you prepare them and then, check on them later to see how they have changed.
- Have a water fight in the garden!



DIARY DATES

JUNE

- 11th Teddy Bears Picnic for new Reception Class (Sept 24)*
- 13th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day shop
- 14th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day shop
- 14th Reception Class Fathers' Day celebration 2.30pm*
- 15th FOSS Yard Sale
- 19th Yr 6 Rev Laura – 'Moving up to High School'
- 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 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*
- 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 25th – 1st November (inclusive)

25th (INSET day)

November

22nd Flu Vaccinations year R to 6

December

20th last day of term

Christmas holiday 23rd December – 6th January

* New addition