



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

This year I wanted to start my end of term letter with a comment in one of the huge number of thank you cards, letters and emails we received across the Federation within the last week,

"Thomas Bullock CE Academy is testimony to the notion that you can make a big impact on a child in a short space of time. We can truly say it really is an exceptional school and feels a blessing for all fortunate enough to attend."

Wow! Just wow! That is our entire team's purpose. The children, each of the 234 (and growing) pupils at our wonderful school, our purpose is to develop values so that each of our wonderful children grow strong and bright and be confident and ready for a great future.

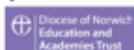
It hasn't been the easiest premises year, and has been fraught with unforeseen's! Shipdham's regular service cuts- included a water leak, closing the school for a day, and of course we have had to close the school hall whilst the specialist constructions build steel beams and remove RAAC from our school hall. But this has not slowed us down! Our team have been amazing, and the marquee helped to make our school fete the most successful ever raising over £1700!

Alongside of this in the last few weeks we have not one, but three celebration services lead by Reverend Laura. Aren't we lucky! Throughout the year we have enjoyed a number of Federation events celebrating our joined-up approach and our children have enjoyed developing relationships and making new friends, whilst our staff have continued their pledge to exceptional outcomes, constantly increasing our academic offer through a collaborative approach to working with even more excellent teachers.

On the sporting fields, led by our excellent PE teacher, we have again seen our school attend the County finals in Tennis and Cricket; Academically our school achieved outstanding End of Year 6 SATs results, in all areas, putting us at the very top of the country for progress and academic achievement for a third year in a row; and this was demonstrated at both schools in our Federation. This summer term alone we had a brilliant Sport's Day; a number of excellent Community events, including our Yard Sale, Fete and Disco; Our hilarious Year 6 Production and School Residential- lead by Mrs Fowler, Mrs McMurray and Mrs Heavens; Paid- for Trips to the Sea-side, Zoo, Author visits, food tasting and making experiences, Norfolk Show Experiences, our wonderful Choir singing on stage and much more, as well as our second annual Nursery Graduation!



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I have many thanks to give, for us to be the fantastic community school we are, with such incredible pupils, we are supported so well firstly by our supportive and positive parents, who ensure their children are ready for learning each day, have read, completed homework and have excellent learning behaviours; A huge thanks goes to Jo Carroll and the Fabulous FOSS team- for outstanding efforts to continue to grow; our Brilliant Governors with Jo Tinson as our incredible Chair, who all regularly attend our school to monitor and challenge our practice in all areas; our local Church and Reverend Laura for regular work with the children; the Thomas Bullock Trust, whose funding allows our children to access trips for free or at a greatly reduced cost- especially when we have seen such rises in transport and entry costs for our regular events/trips as well as providing for music, outdoor learning and awarding our children’s fantastic success’s at the end of the year; Our local Parish Councillors and members of the Parish who attend our school and support us regularly; our DNEAT Academy Principal who ensures excellence for our children; our incredible School Business Manager- Mrs Ward and her team- who are always on-hand with support for our entire school community and always has the answer; alongside all of our amazing teachers and fantastic support staff- who give up so much of their time – out of regular schooling hours- on weekends and in holidays to make our school the best! Thank you all for helping us to ‘let our light shine brightly!’

Lastly, “Thank you.” Our staff teams who have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community offering gifts, flowers and incredible kind and thoughtful words of thanks and praise. Thank you to the many who took time to chat to us each day on the gate and especially on the last few days. We are grateful and thankful for each of you and your kind words mean so much!

END OF YEAR AWARDS 2024

Class		Significant Progress		6 Academy Values		
Nursery		Daisy		Brady		
Reception		Louis		Margot		
Year 1		Flynn		Violet		
Year 2		Dylan		Tegan		
Year 3		Jack		Lllie-May		
Year 4		Theo		Pria		
Year 5		Fern		James		
Class	Significant Progress	6 Academy Values	PE	Environment	Attainment	Governors’ Future Leader
Year 6	Lacey	Dolcie	Tigga & Caleb	Sophie	Logan B	Noah E



We wish our wonderful year 6 class every happiness and success as they move up to their High Schools in September.

WOW MOMENTS!

Pria (yr 4) performed her first dance and musical theatre show at Dereham Memorial Hall las weekend!

Matilda (yr R) has been litter picking around the village and at Bullock Park. She chose to do this herself - 'because it's important to look after the world'

Adelaide & April (yr 6) Adelaide and April took part in a lot of ski competitions (girls under 12 category) in the last couple of months. April got 3rd place in ERSA race in Ipswich and 3 place in individual slalom race on snow in Milton Keynes, finishing ahead of Adelaide! She was very proud of her achievements! Adelaide came third in the whole GBR race in Norwich, which was amazing and she came third last Saturday in the individual slalom race on the snow in Hemel Hempstead! Well done girls!



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

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Wraparound Care

Just a reminder that the link to book wraparound care for the Autumn term will remain open throughout the summer holiday.

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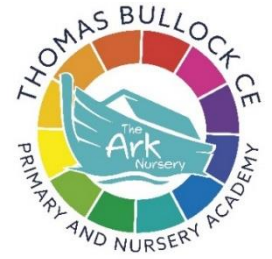
Shining Lights of the Half Term

- Ark Nursery **Alfred** for showing great care for our classroom and outdoor environments.
Izak for his fantastic ideas during our Understanding the World carpet time sessions.
- Antarctica Class (yr R) **Matilda & Stuart** for showing great care and passion in looking after our environments both in school and wider.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Martha** for always sharing tips on how to keep the classroom tidy and ways in which to keep the planet healthy.
Georgia for always recycling materials and objects in an effort to reduce waste.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Bobbie** for showing great care for our environment. Bobbie has been busy building insect hotels over his break and lunch times to help look after our wildlife.
Theo for showing great care for our environment. Theo always tidies away the outdoor play equipment and indoor learning resources. He helps make sure we have tidy learning environments.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Mason** has shown his compassion for the environment by picking up litter from around the school and inspiring his classmates to do the same.
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- Asia Class (yr 5) **Rosie** for being an excellent member of the Eco-council this year.
Ben for his caring attitude towards all creatures no matter how small!
- N America Class (yr 6) **Caleb** for being an excellent member of the Eco-council this year.
Isaac for his caring attitude to the environment both in and out of school.

Have a lovely summer and see you September 4th!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

What a special week it has been! We have enjoyed celebrating all children's successes, especially our nursery graduates. It was wonderful to have so many parents in for our graduation celebration. We are all so proud of the children and all they have achieved this year. They are so ready for Reception!



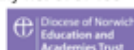
We also wanted to say a huge thank you to FOSS for the ice lollies they provided for our nursery children on our final two days of school before summer!

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for all of your continued support over the past year and for the very kind words written in cards and gifts given this week. It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow and develop in confidence and knowledge.

Have a wonderful Summer holiday and rest with your loved ones. We are super excited for September!



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DIARY DATES

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

6th Yr R School Nursing Team Vision & Hearing, Height & Weight

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



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