



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

This week is our penultimate week of the Summer Term, how quickly the week has gone!

As Headteachers, we aim to ensure that every day our children are delighted and excited by new learning and first experiences, on Monday we celebrated our Federation's achievements and becoming one fantastic family. Reverends Laura and Richard ably supported by our Governors came up and delivered an excellent service, successfully applying for £1095 worth of grants from the Shipdham Fuel Allotment Fund and Anne French Memorial Fund, to ensure it was possible that we had a church large enough and transport to and from the church for all pupils, so that the service could take place. To see all of the children and staff of Lyng CE Primary and Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery gathered together, joined by so many of the parents and families demonstrated our values and vision of community well.

The pupils represented their learning beautifully and hearing all of the federation community singing and worshipping together, led so well by Reverends Richard, Laura, Helen and Bishop Jane, was magical – and well done to Mr Wade for the music and technical wizardry!

Having been with the Thomas Bullock transport, upon arriving back Dylan and Bobby in Year 2 bounded back into school, with their families, Bobby excitedly telling me 'Mrs O'Sullivan that was great! I loved meeting all of the new children again and saying 'hello'! Dylan then said 'My favourite part was learning about the Bishop's hat and it being a shining light, just like us'.

I truly have no doubt that the Nightingale Federation will continue to go from strength to strength.



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Additionally, this week we have been delighted by Year 6 school performances, end of year services, trips to the seaside for some, the first in our transition days and of course our KS2 Year 6 results! Some of the above including Nursery to Y5 data, will be shared in detail in next weeks end of term letter, but I will just share some amazing news!

We are exceptionally proud of our externally moderated Federation End of Key Stage 2 SATs results. Please see results below, based on 2024 Key Stage 2 National Headlines provided by the Department for Education 9th July 2024: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/key-stage-2-attainment-national-headlines>

Subject	Met the Expected Standard: School	Met the Expected Standard: Nationally	Met the Greater Depth Standard: School	Met the Greater Depth Standard: Nationally	Average scaled score: School	Average Scaled score: Nationally
Reading, Writing, Maths (combined)	85%	61%	11%	8%	NA	NA
Reading	89%	74%	56%	28%	110	105
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	85%	72%	52%	32%	109	105
Maths	89%	73%	56%	24%	111	104
Writing (Externally Moderated Teacher Assessment)	85%	72%	11%	13%	NA	NA
Science (Teacher Assessment)	85%	81%	NA	NA	NA	NA

We could not be prouder of our children’s accomplishments and the incredible teams, from our Outstanding Nursery to our incredible Year 6 teams who work so hard with your children, each and every day, to ensure excellent starting points and outcomes.

We are looking forward to further celebrations next week and spending time in the final days with our wonderful Year 6 pupils and all of those pupils who will be moving on to new schools.

Additionally, Mrs Amy Taylor, who has been working at Thomas Bullock for a number of years and this year has been teaching part-time at both schools in our Federation, will be working solely based at Lyng next year. From September, Mrs Taylor will be the full-time class teacher in Reception at Lyng, ably supported by Mrs Marjoram our EYFS Leader across the Federation.

End of Year Reports will be emailed out on Monday 15th July, please look out for them in you ‘in boxes’!

We look forward to inviting everyone across the Federation to the Thomas Bullock School Fete on Saturday July 13th from 12-3pm! Please do come and see us!



WOW MOMENTS!

Ellsie (yr 3) took part in a sponsored 12 hour swimathon. Ellsie managed to swim 2 miles without stopping!

Reggie (yr 2) was invited to Snetterton as a VIP to The British Super Bike Championship. He was a VIP along with his Daddy for the OMG Yamaha Squad, Reggie met Kyle Ryde and Ryan Vickers and got their signatures.

Albert (yr 1) has just completed an Improvers' Cycling Course. Over four weeks, he learned lots of new skills, including how to use gears properly, how to use his arms for signalling, and how to negotiate various ramps and other obstacles.



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
1	How can we stay safe on our trip to the seaside?
2	What are the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK?
3	What were the lasting achievements of the Ancient Greeks?
4	What is it like in New York State and in New York City?
5	How did the Islamic Empire come to an end?
6	How can you make your mark through art?

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Year One had a wonderful time yesterday. We started our trip in the Maltings Centre where we looked around the exhibitions and played a human and physical geography bingo game! Then we went to the woods for our lunch followed by the beach! We identified some shells and played a fun food chain game. Then we made sand sculptures and sand castles and decorated them with all the shells we had collected. We even saw some seals!



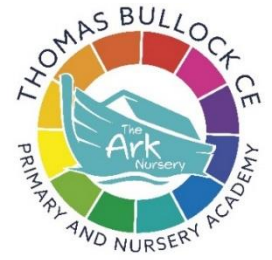
Charity Event

Well done, Betsy, Dottie and Aurora and their families who are excited to announce the total raised at their charity Football Funday for Addenbrooke's last weekend - £2660.70! They would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the day, by generously donating prizes, buying raffle tickets and turning up on the day to cheer on the football.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

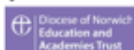


This week we have been consolidating in phonics and maths this week. In Literacy, we've sequenced the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, creating our own story maps. We have talked transitions ALL week and the children are super familiar with their September routines and our Reception classroom and staff. We've also been looking back on old photos and talking about how much we have grown and developed. We've been in our outdoor areas, collecting treasures to place on our beanstalks back in class. We've made castles using our construction resources and drawn some looking at castles in England too.



Next week

Next week will see our final celebrations of the year! We have lots of fun activities planned, alongside our Graduation celebration for our older children on Monday at 2:30pm. We can't wait!



Marvellous Makers

Free pre-school activity for children.

Enjoy sharing books together while helping your child get ready for playgroup or school.

Pick up a Marvellous Makers mini challenge card and get a sticker for every time you visit the library this summer.

You can join the Summer Reading Challenge from the 6th July with lots of exciting free activities over the summer holidays



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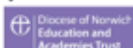
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DIARY DATES

JULY

- 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**
- 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