



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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## NEWSLETTER

13th September 2024

Dear parents, carers and friends of The Nightingale Federation

We have had a wonderful week and half back in school now. All of our children have re-joined ready to learn and grow this year. Additionally, it has been a delight seeing how well the Reception class have settled into our school and routines this week. Thank you to all of the families for supporting our pupils return.

We have a number of exciting projects planned for the year ahead and our first opportunity to see your child's learning environment is the upcoming book look. Please do look at the dates within the calendar below for events to come, these are regularly updated.

Fortunately, the warmer weather is due to return next week so please do continue to send children in with water bottles and hats for the next few weeks to come.

Have a wonderful weekend.

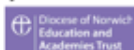
### *Shining Lights of the Week*

- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Johan** for demonstrating our school value of 'courage' all week. He has come into school with confidence and a big smile on his face!
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Violet** for settling into Year 2 incredibly well. Violet has grasped our rules and routines wonderfully and has supported her friends to do the same.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Amelia** for great efforts in her maths and English. Great start to year 3!
- S America Class (yr 4) **Harrison** for his outstanding enthusiasm and participation towards all learning especially in Maths. Harrison has settled well into the routines of Year 4 and is a positive member of our classroom.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Freddie** for the positive start he has made to Year 5.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Cole** has shown a really mature attitude and great enthusiasm for his learning this week.

**This week's overall attendance 98.6%**  
**Joint best class Oceania (yr 1) and S America (yr 4) 99.6%**



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### Open Afternoon and Evening

Do you have a child due to start school September 2025? Please join us for an information session and school tour on either of the following dates.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9am-10am**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 5pm – 6pm**

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

**15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October (year 2 only)**  
**22nd and 23rd October (all other year groups)**

The SENCo will only be available on 15<sup>th</sup> October for year 2 and 22<sup>nd</sup> October for other year groups.

**How to book an appointment will be sent out in due course.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School Photographer will be visiting next week on 23rd September to take individual pupil photographs, if they have a sibling in school they will also be photographed together.

Year 1 will be having PE, please can they come to school dressed in full uniform and bring their PE kits to change into on this occasion.

### Friends of Shipdham School (FOSS)

#### AGM

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm**

**At The Golden Dog, Shipdham**

**Everyone welcome!**

FOSS do any amazing job raising thousands of pounds each year for the children of our school.

Please come along and support them as they make their plans for the year ahead. They are always grateful to anyone who can spare some time to help – no matter how little!

## OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	Where do we go to school and what is it like there?
2	What is a Monarch?
3	Where are the mountains and hills in the UK?
4	Who were the Romans and why did Julius Caesar want to invade Britain?
5	What happened after the Romans left?
6	How do artefacts inform us about prehistory in Britain?

### Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Just a reminder to all our families that you may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits (Universal Credit, Income Support etc) If you are unsure, please submit a claim, either online

at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38166> or ask the school office for an application form. Registering for free meals also means the school receives extra funding for valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.



## WOW MOMENTS!

**Isabella (yr 1)** At the start of the summer holidays, Isabella performed in her first ever dance show and performed a solo. Over the summer, Isabella also learnt how to ride her bike without stabilisers.

**Elsa (yr 6)** got her Gold medal in Cheerleading over the summer for completing the Gold level of Cheer.

**Jacob (yr 4) and Joseph (yr 1)** took part in the Aylsham Show during the holiday. Jacob was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place and then went onto be awarded champion handler and Joseph came away with second place.

**Joseph (yr 1)** has completed his level two swimming and is very excited to be in the big pool!!

**Stuart (yr 1)** rode his horse Apple on the road independently for the first time.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school  
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijc>  
**UMV7**

### Non Uniform Days

#### **Jeans for Genes - Friday 20th September**

We are very pleased to offer our pupils the opportunity to support 'Jeans for Genes' on Friday 20th September. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. Pupils may replace the bottom half of their uniform only, please, with denim that day, and we suggest a donation to be paid online through the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jeansforgenesday29837>

#### **Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October**

World Mental Health Day is on Thursday 10th October. As a school, we will be supporting the day and raising awareness by wearing an item of yellow clothing. The children will complete themed PSHE activities during the day and discuss the importance of talking about our feelings in class and in our daily collective worship too.



## South America Class (yr 4)

Year 4 have completed some fantastic homework based on the Romans. Martha's gelatine Roman Bath was fab! In Year 4, we completed an archaeological dig based on Roman artefacts. The children completed artefact sheets based on pieces they found interesting making inferences about their purposes. In Maths this week, we have been gaining a better understanding of place value. We made human number lines to help us to understand the value of intervals depending on the start and end points.



## Oceania Class (yr 1)

In Geography, Year One has been finding out about our local area. We are starting very local by exploring the school grounds using an aerial map to find our way round. Soon, we hope to explore further afield and go for a walk around the village of Shipdham!



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

The children are settling into school life and routine fantastically, making new friends and enjoying all of our classroom resources. They have met lots of our lovely staff and explored our school and all of our outdoor areas too. Our new starters have particularly enjoyed visiting the woods!

Alongside singing many nursery rhymes and reading many stories, we have begun our focus on the book 'The Colour Monster'. Within this, we have discussed feelings and what they might look and feel like, whilst matching them to the colours we are learning about in maths too. We've also talked about times when we might feel happy, sad or angry. We've look at ourselves in mirrors – pulling faces and noticing the features of our faces. We then had a go at mark making for our self-portraits. We will compare these with future self-portraits to see how our mark making changes. We were also introduced to our date, birthday, weather and display and took our first photo of what we can see when we look outside of our classroom. Over the year, we will compare these monthly photos and talk about the changes we can see. We have also loved seeing our friends and family out at play time too!



Next week

Our learning will continue to centre around the story of 'The Colour Monster' where we will continue to talk about feelings and explore colour and colour mixing. We will play lots of speaking and listening games, sing lots of songs and nursery rhymes and share stories with repeated words or phrases to encourage us to join in with retelling them.

## Learning links at home

- Go on a colour hunt around your home or garden – what can you find that is red? Yellow? Blue? Green?
- Can you count how many objects you found?
- Have discussions at home about the people in your family – who do you live with? Who else is in your family? Where do they live?

Tapestry should now be up and running – please let Miss Bell-Tye know (at the gate or via emailing the office if you have any issues). As per the email request, please upload / email a family photo(s) to display in our role play home corner and to help with our discussions during our 'All About Me' theme this term!



# DIARY DATES

2024/2025

## September

- 16<sup>th</sup> Reception Parents Phonics Workshop 2.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jeans for Genes Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Book Look for parents- all classes at 3pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
- 25<sup>th</sup> FOSS AGM 7.30pm at The Golden Dog

## October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr 2 trip to Sandringham
- 10<sup>th</sup> World Mental Health Day
- 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Meetings – Year 2 only
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 residential to The Horstead Centre
- 21<sup>st</sup> Yr 6 School Nursing Team NCMP
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival in Church at 1.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Parent/Teacher Meetings (all years, not year 2)

**Half term 28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> November**

## November

- 15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Flu Vaccinations year R to 6

## December

- 10<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 20<sup>th</sup> last day of term

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

## February

**Half term 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> February**

## April

**Easter holiday 7<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April**

## May

- 5<sup>th</sup> **Bank holiday**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Yr R School Nursing Team Vision & Hearing, Height & Weight
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May KS2 (yr 6) SATs week

**Half term 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May**

## June

2<sup>nd</sup> **Inset Day – school closed**

## July

22<sup>nd</sup> **Last day of term**

**Summer holiday commences 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

\* New addition





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