



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 first half-term of the academic year has flown by, and it was wonderful to see many families at the Church for the Harvest celebrations at both schools, so beautifully led by Reverend Laura. The children performed wonderfully, and the Ethos Team guided us in prayers of thanksgiving. We collected numerous food donations as Harvest gifts, which were delivered to the Mid Norfolk Foodbank.

We were also pleased to welcome families during our recent open events. If you were unable to attend, please rest assured that we will gladly accommodate a visit at your convenience.

Thank you for attending our recent parents' evenings. We are delighted with the positive turnout for our appointments and the support shown for our school, teachers, and students. It has been a pleasure celebrating our pupils' achievements with you, and we appreciate the opportunity to discuss their learning together. **We have included a google form herewith for an Autumn Term Parent Survey, please could you complete this at your convenience.** <https://forms.gle/K3DcfdaQGbaYS92Q6>

Furthermore, I would like to express our gratitude to our Parents and The Friends of Shipdham School for their support this term. As a result of their fundraising we are excited to announce that next half term a new large-scale play equipment project will be developed on the KS2 field.

As we return from half-term, please be mindful that the weather will be turning colder. We encourage you to ensure your child is equipped with warm hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. In addition to items available in our FOSS shop, several clothing providers are currently offering a 25% discount on clothing and uniforms, making this an excellent opportunity to purchase any winter necessities.

Wishing you a wonderful half-term holiday! We look forward to welcoming all our families back after the break.

Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS)

How to raise a concern

- See something
- Hear something
- Say something

If you see something or hear something that makes you feel worried about a child living nearby please let Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership know on **0344 800 8020**. In an emergency phone 999.



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Shining Lights

- Ark Class (Nursery) **River** for showing great courage with settling into Ark Class so confidently this half term, making new friends and learning our class routines. **Ayda** for her increasing confidence this half term. She has been trying new activities, involving herself in play and is beginning to repeat more words during learning and play.
- Antarctic Class (yr R) **Eddie S & Isabella S** - for their wonderful attitudes to learning and brilliant efforts all round. They have settled into school life amazingly well and are great role models for their peers - not giving up, even when things are difficult. Well done :)
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Esme** for showing courage and determination in her cross-country event. She managed to overcome any fears she had about the race and managed to come in first place! **Leo** for showing such courage and bravery when starting at Thomas Bullock. Starting a new school can be daunting but you made it look easy.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Charlotte** for being an amazing role model. Charlotte always makes great choices and challenges herself in all areas of learning. **Hugo** for his amazing effort and attitude towards learning. Hugo always takes great time, effort and care in his work.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Theo and Daisy** are our shining lights of the half term for their amazing efforts every day at bettering themselves not only in classwork but also as friends. Well done both of you!
- S America Class (yr 4) **Rudi** is our shining light of the half term for settling into a new school and new class so well. Rudi has made shown so much courage by making lots of lovely new friends and sharing his ideas within the classroom. **Izzy** is our shining light of the half term for her growth in confidence and the courage to put up her hand in class, come to the front of the classroom, complete demonstrations and her continued excellence across the curriculum
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Jacob and Elizabeth** are our Shining Lights of the half term for the courage and determination they showed during our trip to the Horstead Centre. Well done!
- N America Class (yr 6) **Ruby** for showing a great attitude towards her learning. She always approaches any challenge with a smile on her face and courage in her heart. **Max** for all of the hard work he puts in to everything he does, he always works to the best of his ability.

This week's overall attendance 97%. Europe Class (yr 3) 99%

WOW MOMENTS!

Theo (yr 3) plays for Wymondham RFC under 8's. They played three matches against Busy St Edmund's RFC last Sunday. Theo's team won all three matches and he scored 7 tries, earning him the 'Star of the week' sticker.

Austin (yr 6) made his Scout promise this week.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMVZ>

Cross Country KS1 and KS2

On 17th October children from years 1 and 2 took part in the WNDSSP Cross Country Competition, there were 16 schools with over 250 children taking part. Year 1 had to run 600m and Year 2 800m. A special mention to the following children who were awarded a certificate for coming in the top 3 in their race - Yr 1 Girls - Esme 1st, Betsy 3rd (61 in race) Yr2 Boys – Charlie 3rd (77 in race) Elena in Yr 1 was awarded the competition value of Honesty. Well done to Team TB who came 4th overall.



On 24th October KS2 took part in the WNDSSP Cross Country Competition, there were 26 schools with over 600 children taking part. Years 3 and 4 had to run 1200m and Years 5 and 6 1500m. A special mention to Reggie in Yr 3 who came 2nd (71 in race). Tegan in Yr 3 was awarded the competition value of Honesty. Well done to Team TB who came 4th overall. This was our best ever result with 6 children getting through to county finals in November.

Yr 3 – Reggie, Dylan Yr 4 – Jemima Yr 5 – Halle Yr 6 – Esme, Cole



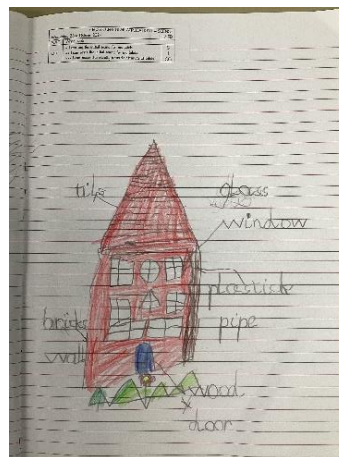
Antarctica Class (yr R)

The Class made their own story maps for their harvest story of the Little Red Hen. They practised retelling the story in the correct sequence, our mark making, drawings and writing is really coming along well – good job all!



Oceania Class (yr 1)

Dear, sweet, old mother pig popped into English on Wednesday to ask the children to help her design a house for her three sons. The house has to be strong so the local big bad wolf cannot blow it down. We got our thinking caps on and used our knowledge of materials from our Science lessons to help us with this cross-curricular piece of work. We decided on bricks for the walls, plastic for the drainpipe, wood for the door, and glass for the windows. Tomorrow we will write why we chose those materials referring to their properties.



Asia Class (yr 5)

Inspired by the artist, Peter Thorpe, Year 5 have been doing some 'Space Art' to link with their work in Science on the Solar System. Like the artist, they have experimented with oil and chalk pastels to create abstract backgrounds and are honing their drawing skills to create images of space objects to go in the foregrounds. I think you will agree, they are producing some excellent work! We can't wait to see their final, finished pieces which we will share with you in due course!



Asia Class – Horstead Residential

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the Horstead Centre last week. We tackled the climbing wall and bouldering cave before whizzing down the zip line which stretched out across the garden. The sun shone for our canoeing activity and we paddled off down the river with varying levels of success – steering was quite a challenge. The crate stacking was great fun although very wobbly. We had to work together with a partner to climb as high as we could before being lowered back down to the ground. Our final activity was archery where we worked as a team to score as many points as we could – you scored extra points if you managed to hit the mini doughnuts but unfortunately none of us did. Throughout our visit we challenged ourselves to try activities that we had never done before and supported and encouraged our friends.



Reminders and Notices

Head Lice – Please keep a look out for these ‘pesky beings’. We have been informed of a couple of cases recently in EYFS.

Parking – A reminder to park carefully and considerately around school during the very busy times at drop off and pick up. Also, parking is not permitted in the school car park when dropping off children for Breakfast Club.

Christmas – We have added several dates into the diary at the end of the Newsletter for events happening over the last week of term.

DIARY DATES

2024/2025

November

- 13th Yr R Trip to High Lodge
- 15th Children in Need Day
- 18th Yr 4 Trip to Norwich Castle
- 19th Yr 3 Trip to Time and Tide Museum*
- 22nd Flu Vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 4th Christingle Service in Church (school only)*
- 10th Yr 1 trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 12th Reception Class Nativity in Church at 9.30am and 2pm*
- 17th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop
- 18th Christmas Lunch Day*
- 19th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop
- 19th Christmas Carol Service 2pm in Church (all welcome)*
- 20th FOSS Christmas Party afternoon*
- 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**
- 30th – 2nd July Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

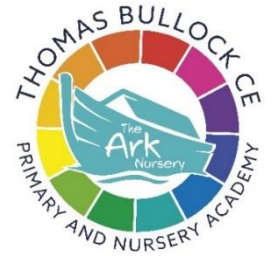
July

- 22nd **Last day of term**
- Summer holiday commences 23rd July**

* New addition



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



Last week

We have continued following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. Videos and photos of our story retelling were uploaded to Tapestry for you to see – we were super impressed! We've also been making marks and giving meaning to these marks on our own story maps, having first completed a shared one together as a class. During our afternoons, we talked all about weather and made weather wheels, as well as exploring recycling as part of Recycle Week. The children used their knowledge of materials from the week before to place classroom and outdoor objects into the correct bins. The children love their music, forest school and PE Friday's too!



This week

The children have invented new settings for our story of 'Rosie's Walk' and have practised retelling their new version of the story. We've also consolidated sorting / matching in Maths. We visited Shipdham church on Wednesday afternoon for our annual Harvest Festival where the children sang 'Oats and Beans and Barley Grow' beautifully. They loved seeing the features of the church and did some fantastic walking all the way there and back too! We explored rain a little deeper and made some rain shakers, comparing the noise of the rice falling in these to the rain we hear outside. We also spent some time outside collecting leaves and making leaf rubbings.





After Half Term

In Phonics, our focus will be instrumental sounds. Our older children will be introduced to some of our first RVI Set 1 sounds in their provision too. We will also take part in lots of activities to promote name recognition. We will continue sharing lots of books, whilst encouraging oracy. In Maths, we will look at subitising, counting and numerals.

We are very excited to welcome new friends into our classroom after half term! Now our confidence has blossomed, we will be encouraging independence with putting on our own coats, clothes, shoes and wellies and having a go with buttons and zips.

Over half term, please continue to upload photos to Tapestry of what you get up to at home. It is a fantastic talking point and the children love sharing photos with their friends!

When we return, we will focus on Bonfire Night with discussions surrounding Guy Fawkes and safety and lots of creative activities alongside too! We will then explore the story of 'The Best Diwali Ever', alongside other linked stories and non-fiction books too. Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Having made connections between features of our own and other people's families, we will begin noticing differences between people too.

Learning links at home

- Make a pattern with natural resources. You could use: acorns, leaves, conkers, sticks.
- Can you spot the pumpkins in the supermarkets? Where do you think they grow?
- We have talked lots about farmers harvesting wheat and this going to a mill to make flour. Find a recipe that uses flour and make something edible. Remember to tell us all about it and post photos to Tapestry!
- Upload photos of your half term adventures onto Tapestry for the children to discuss when we return!