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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Year 2 & 6 SATS

A huge well done to all of our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils for all of their hard work during their SATs weeks!
We are so proud of the determination, resilience, and positive attitude you have shown throughout. You have all worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of yourselves!

We would like to wish all of our Year 4 children the very best of luck with their MTCs next half term and all of our Year 1 children good luck with their Phonics Screening Checks.
We are incredibly proud of all the hard work, determination and effort they have shown in preparing, and we know they will all do their very best.

Children's Advice & Duty Service (CAD'S)

How to raise a concern-
- See something
- Here 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

We hope you have a wonderful and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Summer Term Reminders

As we move into the warmer weather, please can we ask for your support in helping children stay safe and comfortable throughout the school day.

We recommend that children have suncream applied before coming to school. Children may also bring a named bottle of roll-on suncream. Children can then reapply their suncream themselves during the day if needed.

Please also remember to send children in with:
- A named sun hat.
- A named water bottle.

Thank you for your support as we head into the summer term.

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school, this includes on school trips and sporting events. Thank you for your continued support.

WOWs

Matilda (Year 2) Matilda received a medal and certificate for rugby season.
Matilda is so invested in her local community, once again inspiring us all. Rather than sitting at home she has been encouraging other friends with litter picking, and has been collecting several bags of litter over past couple of weeks in and around Shipdham.

Arlo (Year 2) Arlo took part in the Children's Pretty Muddy 5K in support of Cancer Research UK. He successfully raised £300 for the charity and completed the course in an impressive 35 minutes.

Esme (Year 2) Esme done her first ever motocross race meeting over the weekend and grabbed herself a trophy! Well done Esme!

Isabella (Yr2) Over the last two weekends, Isabella has performed at both the Costessey Fete and the Applause Dance Competition in Colchester, performing a solo and several group dances.

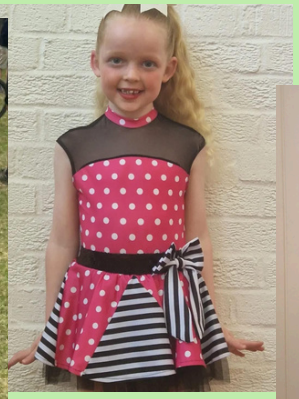
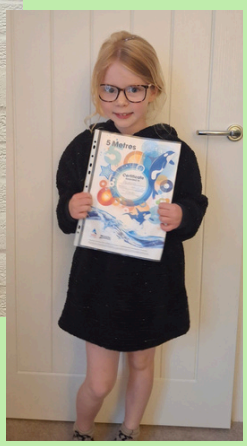
Aurora (Yr 2) Aurora has completed her 5m in swimming, Well done Aurora!

Will (Year 3) Will participated in jdt's 25th anniversary showcase at St Nicholas church in Dereham singing Wonder by Emile Sande. He did brilliantly and was not nervous at all!

Caiden (Year 4) Caiden played in J.D.T's 25th anniversary concert on Saturday playing drums. There was a large crowd and he played perfectly, playing a song he had made harder and also included parts he had made up himself! Caiden received a lovely medal for being a part of the performance! Well done!

Theo (Year 4) Last weekend was a busy and successful one for Theo! On Saturday, he took part in a football tournament where he made some fantastic saves and was named Player of the Tournament in his team. Later that evening, at his end-of-year rugby presentation evening, he received a certificate and medal in recognition of his strong tackling, excellent work ethic and outstanding sportsmanship.

Harrison (Year 5) On Saturday, Harrison had the amazing opportunity to play with his Necton team at the Norwich City football stadium. It was an incredible experience for him.

Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school
https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7

Shining Lights of the Week - 15th May

Ark Class (Nursey)
Alfred for actively participating in class discussions and confidently sharing his ideas during circle time. He has shown great progress in expressing his thoughts using his words, and we are incredibly proud of the confidence and enthusiasm he brings each day.

Arctic Class (Yr R)
Arthur for showing great resilience during handwriting this week. He has persevered all week and finally got those finger spaces in his writing.

Antarctica Class (Yr R)
Alfred for showing brilliant determination and resilience in everything he does and for not always taking the easy route when faced with a challenge. Well done!

Oceania Class (Yr 1)
Archie for settling in so well to life in Year One at Thomas Bullock. He has quickly made friends and picked up all of our routines without a hitch!

Africa Class (Yr 2)
Johan for showing great resilience in his learning. He has shown a fantastic attitude towards challenges in learning tasks.

Europe Class (Yr 3) **Flynn** is for his resilience in school and daily life. He has had to overcome struggles but remained calm and positive. We are so proud of you Flynn, keep the positive attitude.

S America Class (Yr 4) **Cleo** for her perseverance and dedication towards securing her multiplication tables fluently. She has turned her heatmap green and is obtaining 25 on all her practice tests. Well done, Cleo.

Asia Class (Yr 5) **Jacob** is our shining light. Throughout the week, he has shown great resilience and growing independence in his learning. His determination and positive attitude have helped him produce some impressive work.

N America Class (Yr 6) **All of Year 6** for their handwork, resilience and “can do attitude” during SATs week. Well done!

Shining Lights of the Half Term

Ark Class (Nursey)
Alfred for showing perseverance and always trying his best at everything he sets out to achieve. We are super proud of the progress he has made so far!
Summer for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of resilience. She always tries her hardest to complete tasks as best as she can. We are very proud of her progress and growing confidence!

Arctic Class (Yr R)
Olivia has shown willingness to get involved and push herself to enable her to achieve her best!
Arthur has persevered with his handwriting with a "can do" attitude and shown a willingness to give everything a try!

Antarctica Class (Yr R)
Albie & Myla for showing brilliant resilience. They have both kept trying even when things got tricky this term and always do their best with a big smile and a positive attitude.

Oceania Class (Yr 1)
Harry for persevering through challenges, navigating his way over hurdles and shown a willingness to give everything a try!
Isabella O for working really hard to approach challenges with confidence and perspective!

Africa Class (Yr 2)
Elena for showing fantastic resilience in all areas of her learning. She has worked extremely hard and consistently demonstrated a positive attitude when overcoming challenges.
Bertie for showing incredible resilience in his English writing. He has approached every challenge with a fantastic 'can do' attitude and always strives to do his very best in everything he does.

Europe Class (Yr 3)
Callie for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of resilience. She has persevered in maths to overcome some tough challenges. It has been great watching her try and try again.
Reggie for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of resilience. He has persevered through challenges, navigated his way over hurdles and shown a willingness to give everything a try!

S America Class (Yr 4)
Hugo and Sienna for their resilience and perseverance in practising their times tables ahead of our multiplication check after half term. They have both worked incredibly hard to improve their fluency, speed, and accuracy in recalling their times tables, and we have seen huge progress in their scores. Well done to both of them for their fantastic effort and determination!

Asia Class (Yr 5)
Jacob for showing resilience. He has demonstrated determination and perseverance throughout the half term. He is setting himself goals and, on many occasions, going beyond them
Evie-Mae for showing resilience. She approaches learning tasks with determination and sees them through to the end, even when the path is not always straightforward.

N America Class (Yr 6)
Halle F and Theo for their dedication and resilience in finding ways to make progress in their learning. They always listen to feedback and are curious as to how they can improve and this shows in their work this half term.

This week's overall attendance 95.31% - Asia Class (Yr5) 98.71%

Our Learning This Term

In **The Ark Nursery**, the children had lots of fun exploring different 2D shapes through a variety of creative and hands-on activities!

The children enjoyed painting, printing, collage making, shape sorting, and even creating their very own shape robots!

This week, **Antarctica** class had a walk down to our polytunnel. We used our senses to see, hear, touch and smell around the polytunnel. We spoke about what a plant needs to grow and how the polytunnel might help! We watered the plants growing as it was a hot day.

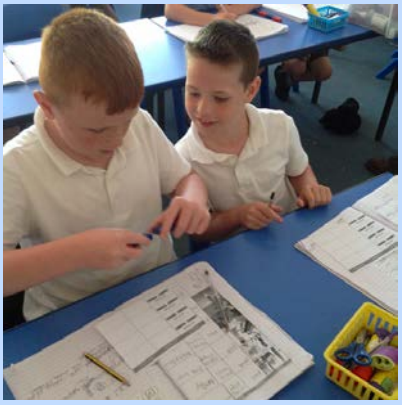
Arctic Class have been learning about Guiseppe Arcimboldo and how he created art from fruit and veg. We gave it a go and I'm sure you'll agree the results are awesome. As part of our literacy we have also been reading Handa's Surprise which seemed like a good excuse to make a massive fruit salad!

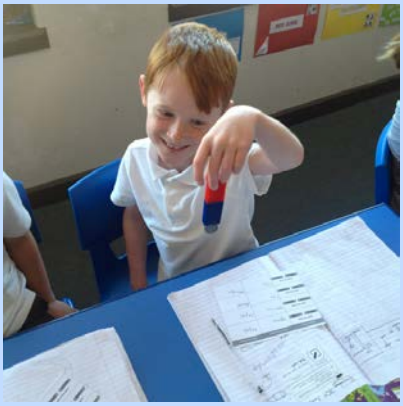
Our **Year 1 Maths Café** was full of fun and learning!
Dominic the Domino Man and the children showed off a fantastic range of skills they've been learning, including subitising, addition, and even a bit of singing (with our grown-ups joining in too!).
We also had great fun creating domino runs, what a brilliant way to explore maths together.
Thank you to everyone who joined us!

Our Learning This Term

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Year 2 Maths Café**!
We loved sharing the story The Shopping Basket by John Burningham, and it was fantastic to see our grown-ups getting involved in addition and money activities alongside the children.
A wonderful morning of learning and teamwork, thank you for your support!

This half term, **Year 3** explored magnets and forces. They discovered that opposite poles attract.
To end the lesson, they investigated objects around the classroom to see whether they were attracted to a magnetic field or repelled. There was lots of curiosity and great scientific thinking on display!





Year 4 visited the Harris and James chocolate factory as part of their learning about the Ancient Mayans and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. During the workshop, they learned about the process of how cocoa is transformed into chocolate and explored real cacao beans. The children had the opportunity to open the beans themselves to discover the cacao nibs inside. They discussed how modern factories use machines for this process, whereas the Mayans would have used stones and rollers to crush the beans and remove the nibs by hand.

Our **Year 5** pupils have shown fantastic resilience and creativity during their DT textiles project this term! They have developed a range of practical skills, including measuring and cutting fabric, using back stitch to join panels, and experimenting with tie-dye techniques to create unique designs.
Mrs Henman's garden even turned into a colourful drying line over the weekend, while Mr Pearce became quite the expert at threading needles!

We are incredibly proud to share that our five pupils from Thomas Bullock have successfully completed the **TCS Mini London Marathon**!

Representing the only primary school in Norfolk to take part, the children ran the 1-mile central London course with fantastic enthusiasm, finishing at the official marathon line and taking in iconic landmarks along the way. The experience also included a warm-up with Joe Wicks, which they reported to be great fun!

A huge thank you to Mr Stagg for securing the places and supporting the children on the day.

On 21st May, all of the **Year 5** girls took part in the WNDSSP 'This Girl Can' Festival. The girls took part in a carousel of activities, working together and striving to achieve their personal best. They had the opportunity to try a range of activities including bowling, archery, Hoopstars, ESKA Karate, kayaking, tennis, darts and cricket.

Well done to Scarlett, who was awarded the festival values certificate for Self-Belief. An excellent achievement!

Please see our term dates below for the new academic year, to help with planning your diary dates:

Autumn 2026
Tues 1st Sep 2026 - Inset day
Wed 2nd Sep - Children back to school
Fri 23rd Oct - Inset day
Fri 18th Dec - Children finish at **12pm, break up for Christmas**

Spring 2027
Mon 4th Jan 2027 - Inset day
Tues 5th Jan - Children back to school
Thurs 25th March - Children finish at **12pm, break up for Easter**

Summer 2027
Mon 12th April 2027 - Inset day
Tues 13th April - Children back to school
Mon 7th June - Inset day
Wed 21st July - Children finish at **12pm, break up for summer**

Diary Dates

May
22nd- Last day of term
Half Term- 25th May – 1st June

June
1st – Inset Day - School Closed
2nd - Children return to School
4th - Year 5/6 Mixed Cricket at Langley. Selected Pupils*
4th - Year 5/6 Girls Cricket at Langley. Selected Pupils*
5th - Rescheduled FOSS Quiz and Chips Night
10th - Year 3/4 Athletics Competition at UEA Sportspark. Selected Pupils*
13th - FOSS Village Yard Sale*
17th - FOSS Fathers Day Lunchtime Shop
19th - FOSS Fathers Day Lunchtime Shop
22nd - Year R, KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (9am-12pm- STC Weather Dependant)
22nd- Nursery Sports Day (Afternoon Times TBC - STC Weather Dependant)
24th - The Royal Norfolk Show 2026- Years 3,4 &5*
29th - 1st July - Year 6 Residential to Overstrand

July
2nd - Year 2 Trip to Banham Zoo
7th - Year 5&6 Mini Tennis Competition. Selected Pupils*
7th, 8th & 9th - Wayland High School transition days*
10th - FOSS Summer Fete- 3.30pm-6.30pm*
13th - Year 6 Production afternoon and evening, 2 performances. Times TBC*
14th- Year 6 Leavers and Awards Service at All Saints Church 10:00 (provisional)*
15th - Move up Day - All year groups*
16th - Move up Day- All year groups*
15th, 16th &17th - Dereham High Schools transition days*
17th - Break up for summer – School finishes at 12pm

September
1st- Inset Day- School Closed
2nd- Children Return to School

*New Addition