



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

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We are delighted to see the progress being made on the modular school currently being built on site. We are also looking forward to sharing more details about the next phase of our school rebuild project with you very soon.

A huge thank you to everyone who has reached out to contact the office and our staff to share your kind words, thanks and messages of support. Your continued kindness and encouragement are very much appreciated.

Prospective parents of pre-school and nursery children starting in September 2027 are warmly invited to our Open Days in October, which will be held at our temporary site at Letton Hall.

THOMAS BULLOCK CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY ACADEMY

Prospective parents of Pre School and Nursery children due to start school September 2027 are invited to our open afternoons at Letton Hall on:

5th October 4.30-5.30pm
7th October 4.30-5.30pm

There will be a presentation and a chance to meet the team.
Refreshments available.

For more information please contact the school office on 01362820300 or office@thomasbullock.dneat.org

The Stables, Letton Hall, Shipdham, IP25 7SA



Reminders:

- Please contact the school office each time your child is unwell by 9.20am. You can do this via email to office@thomasbullock.dneat.org or by phone 01362 820300.
- Please be reminded to label all items of your child's clothing, including water bottles, lunchboxes and wellies.
- Where possible, medical appointments should be outside of school hours. Where appointments during school time are unavoidable, we ask that parents notify the school in advance of the appointment time. We kindly request that you provide the office a copy of the appointment letter.
- A child should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. In most circumstances, a child should not miss a whole day at school for an appointment. If a whole day is taken for an appointment, we may mark your child as unauthorised absent for one school session (one school day is two legal sessions) unless you contact us with further reasons for the extended absence.
- Please be reminded that if your child has an inhaler that is required to be kept in school, these should be brought into school as soon as possible.

WOWs

Joseph (Yr 1) Joseph achieved his 10 metre swimming award last week.

Charlie (Yr 2) Charlie took part in his first hockey session at Dereham Hockey Club on Sunday. Despite not knowing anyone there, he really enjoyed it!

Caiden (Yr 5) Caiden has passed Stage 5 of swimming meaning he will now be doing full lengths in the pool! He also got the Man of the Match for the first game of the season for Shipdham United on the 5th! Well done Caiden!!

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



Shining Lights of the Week - 18th September



Ark Nursery Bailey for settling into new routines well at Letton Hall, helping her peers with daily routines and confidently sharing her holiday news with the class!

Arctic Class Elliot for arriving to school with a positive attitude and smile each day this week! He has been keen to get involved at school, and has shown kindness to others around him.

Antarctica Class Norah for making such a positive start to school life in reception. She has been a wonderful role model to her peers; showing kindness and a helpful hand whenever it is needed.

Oceania Class Myla for showing such courage and bravery during our first week at Letton Hall.

Australasia Class Tommy for his excellent contributions in Science! He has confidently shared his ideas about different everyday materials and their properties.

Africa Class Mollie for being a wonderful friend to others. She has gone above and beyond to help and support her friends this week.

Europe Class Elsie- Mae for her perseverance in the classroom. She has pushed herself to be positive even when things are out of her comfort zone.

South America Class Charlie for his wonderful manners, excellent listening skills and enthusiastic participation in his learning. He has worked hard in every lesson, showing great determination, focus and a positive attitude. Charlie is always ready to listen, engage and give his very best.

Asia Class Kelsey for her fantastic attitude towards her learning, both online and during her first week at Letton Hall. She has also shown kindness and support towards others who are new to our school. Well done, Kelsey!

North America Class Paisley for the fantastic attitude she has brought to her learning this week. She is always looking for solutions to problems and encourages those around her.



Shining Lights of the Week - 25th September

Ark Nursery Camila for settling so well into Ark class, having the confidence to join in with circle times and sharing her ideas with the class.

Arctic Class Dennis for always trying his best with his learning and being resilient each school day!

Antarctica Class Francesca for greeting us with a smile every day, and bravely settling in on the main school bus.

Oceania Class Kiaara for her fantastic efforts in Science! She was able to confidently describe the properties of everyday materials and justified her choices when exploring absorbency.

Australasia Class River for his excellent effort in Maths this week! He has confidently found one more and one less than a number and has worked very hard on his number formation.

Africa Class Eddie S for his amazing attitude towards learning. He is a great role model to others and always tries his best, showing a positive attitude and enthusiasm in everything he does.

Europe Class Louis is for his concentration in class. He has kept his head down and produced some good quality work.

South America Class Thomas for his incredible attitude to learning. He sets an amazing example to our whole class on how to be polite, have good listening and engagement in learning. Well done Thomas!

Asia Class Emma for her fantastic commitment to all aspects of school life. She listens carefully, applies what she has been taught and learns from her mistakes. Emma has high expectations of herself, always aims high and strives to do her very best.

North America Class Hadley for his excellent fluency in calculations during maths this week-great explanations to the class as well.

This week's overall attendance 96.15% -Antarctica Class (Yr R) 100%

Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

September

28th - Year 5 School Trip to West Stow

30th - Northgate Open Evening for Year 6

October

1st - Yr 1-2 Football Festival, Goals Soccer Centre- selected pupils

5th - Reception Open Afternoon 4.30pm-5.30pm at Letton Hall

7th - Reception Open Afternoon 4.30pm-5.30pm at Letton Hall

8th - Year 2 Trip to Sandringham

8th- Neatherd Open Evening for Year 6

15th - Year 6 School Trip to Norwich Castle

22nd - Whole School Trip to Banham Zoo

22nd – Break up for half term

23rd Oct - Inset day- School Closed

October Half Term

November

2nd November – Children back to school

2nd-3rd - Year 5 Residential to Horstead

27th November - Flu Vaccinations Yr R-6

December

1st- Year 1 Trip to Holkham Hall

Fri 18th Dec - Children finish at 12pm, break up for Christmas





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**September 21st, October 5th and
October 19th (all Mondays)**



3.45 pm - 4.45 pm



Dereham Library, NR19 1DZ

- For all Young Carers ages 7 upwards
- Working in partnership with Norfolk Libraries, we will have a range of crafts and board games available
- Explore what your local library has to offer, and you could become a member!
- Support available from Young Carers Education and Community Support Worker - Sally Rigby

No need to book but if you would like further information please contact sally.rigby@benjaminfoundation.co.uk



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