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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We look forward to inviting prospective parents of children in all year groups to attend an Open Morning on Saturday 12th December, from 11.30am until 12.30pm.

Parents of children due to start Reception in September 2026 are also reminded to make their application for first admission to Primary School by 15th January 2027.

Our Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 17th December. Children are welcome to wear a festive Christmas jumper alongside their usual school uniform to help us celebrate the occasion!
A Google Form will be sent out in due course for you to confirm your child's lunch choice.

Christmas Tree Festival

We hope you will come along and enjoy the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church, Shipdham, from 4th–6th December.
Thomas Bullock will have some Christmas trees on display, decorated with handmade decorations created by our children.
We look forward to seeing you there!

FOSS Christmas Shop

Our FOSS team will be holding their Christmas Shop for all year groups at lunchtime on Wednesday 16th December.
This is a lovely opportunity for the children to choose some special Christmas gifts, with plenty of festive surprises to browse. Prices start at 20p! A huge thank you to FOSS for organising this lovely festive treat for our children!

A huge thank you to our wonderful FOSS team for decorating our new school Christmas tree this morning. It is looking absolutely beautiful and has certainly brought a lovely festive feel to our school! We really appreciate all your time and effort.

WOWs

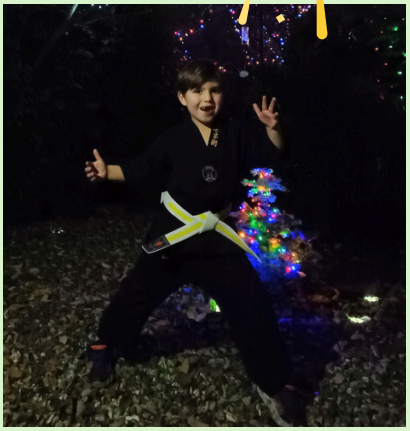
Betty (Yr 1) Betty started gymnastics last month and has amazingly achieved 4 certificates showing the skills she has learnt we are so proud of her.

Gunnar (Yr 1) Huge congratulations to Gunnar on passing his second Jiu-Jitsu grading and earning his Yellow Belt —Well done, Gunnar!

Isabella (Yr 2) Bella and her team competed in Warwick this weekend and her team came first in the first competition of the season. Bella being the youngest to compete for the club again, but she takes it all in her stride on such big stages!

Isabella (Yr3) Isabella has moved up to stage 5 in swimming and last week swam 25metres unaided.







Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school

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Shining Lights of the Week- 20th November



Ark Nursery Mila for showing kindness in class this week, sharing resources and helping to support her friends.

Arctic Class Harper H for always giving her best in phonics. She shows fantastic perseverance, approaches new challenges with a positive attitude and is always willing to have a go.

Antarctica Class Rudi for having an AMAZING week in class. It started with him being a wonderful ambassador for our school on our trip on Monday and since then he has been kind, helpful and shown excellent behaviours for learning all week. We are so proud of him!

Oceania Class Archie for trying really hard with his phonics, joining in and making great contributions to the group.

Australasia Class Kora for her excellent effort in English this week. She has focused closely on her handwriting and shared her fantastic ideas in her writing.

Africa Class Isabella S for her fantastic effort in English this week. She has taken great care to apply our learning in her wonderful writing about the Great Fire of London.

Europe Class Margot for her great focus and input to class discussions. She has worked hard to learn column method in maths even when it got tough, she persevered and succeeded!

South America Class Albert for the growing confidence he has shown in sharing his ideas during class discussions, particularly in English. His creative use of personification in his writing has been a real highlight. Well done Albert!

Asia Class James has smashed it this week! He has really let his light shine during English and Maths this week, producing excellent work that has impressed his class teachers. Oh, and he also remembered his glasses!

North America Class Ellsie for her excellent knowledge about the environment, all living things and conservation. She has been a real help in our writing about endangered animals.

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Ark Nursery Avi for making a fantastic start in Ark class, having the confidence to share his ideas and follow our class routines.

Arctic Class Maja for always trying her best and being a kind friend to all. She shows perseverance in all she does.

Antarctica Class Summer for working hard in phonics and reading; putting in lots of effort and making great progress.

Oceania Class Rupert for an amazing story based on 'Burglar Bill'. He has imaginatively innovated the story, changing the main character and lots of other parts.

Australasia Class Gunnar is our shining light of the week for his excellent effort in English this week! He has taken care in his writing and paid close attention to detail when writing a creative beginning to his burglar story.

Africa Class Daisy for being an absolute superstar in everything she does. She always shows a fantastic attitude towards her learning and makes wonderful contributions in class.

Europe Class Ellis for his admirable perseverance in maths and english. When he has found work tough, giving up has never been an option for him. Well done Ellis, keep it up!

South America Class Dottie for her amazing attitude every single day! She is always incredibly helpful, well-mannered and kind. She is a pleasure to have around and the kindness and thoughtfulness she shows to others never go unnoticed.

Asia Class Tegan, for being such a kind and positive member of Asia Class and for always approaching every learning task with enthusiasm, a positive attitude and a determination to do her best.

North America Class Kai for all the hard work and effort that he has put into his endangered animal report. I now know so much more about the red panda, thanks!

This week's overall attendance 93.76%

Best class attendance - Australasia Class (Yr 1) 98.42%

Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

December
1st- Year 1 Trip to Holkham Hall
4th - FOSS Wreath Making Evening at WI Hall, Shipdham
4th- 6th - Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church, Shipdham
10th - Reception Nativity Performance at WI Hall, Shipdham 10am & 2pm
11th - Nursery Christmas Celebration at 2.15pm
12th - Open Morning for Prospective parents 11.30am-12.30pm
15th - Christmas Church Service, 9.30am at All Saints Church, Shipdham (all welcome)
16th - FOSS Christmas Shop at Lunchtime
17th - Christmas Lunch, children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper
17th- Christmas Party afternoon
Fri 18th Dec - Children finish at 12pm, break up for Christmas

SPRING TERM

January
4th - Inset Day
5th Children back to school

February
5th - Number Day
12th- Break up for half term
22nd - Children back to school





