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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It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to Thomas Bullock following our first half of term at Letton Hall! The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, and we are delighted to see them enjoying their new surroundings. The modular building is looking fantastic and has provided us with a wonderful space for learning.

We would like to thank the children, families and staff for adapting so positively to the changes and helping make the transition back to school such a success. It is wonderful to be back together as a school community, where our children can continue to let their light shine!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and dressed up for BBC Children in Need today! We are delighted to share that we raised an incredible £168.00. Thank you for your support!



For Remembrance Day, the children spent time creating their own beautiful remembrance wreaths, taking the opportunity to reflect on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others. We also came together as a whole school for a respectful two-minute silence, allowing everyone a moment to pause, reflect and remember.



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we will start things off with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 16th November! Children are invited to wear odd socks alongside their usual school uniform to celebrate individuality, embrace our differences and show that we are all unique. It is a lovely way to remind us of the importance of kindness, acceptance and standing together as a school community.

Some reminders for the rest of term-

- Please remember that we are a nut-free school and be mindful of this when preparing your child's lunchbox.
- Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each morning. Gates open at 8.40am. Arriving promptly helps children settle into the classroom, be ready for learning and make the most of the school day.
- Now that the colder weather has arrived, please ensure children bring a warm, waterproof coat to school each day. We also ask that all children have a pair of wellies kept in school so they can continue to enjoy outdoor play whatever the weather.
- If you email or leave a voicemail requesting a call back from a member of staff, please include a brief summary of your enquiry. It is also helpful if you can indicate how urgent your query is, allowing us to direct it appropriately and respond as efficiently as possible.
- Wherever possible, please try to arrange doctor, dentist and other appointments outside of school hours. If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please provide the school office with confirmation of the appointment.
- Please park considerately and sensibly during school drop-off and collection times. We kindly ask that you are mindful of our neighbours, ensuring that driveways and access points are not blocked. Thank you.
- Please do not use the school car park for drop-off or collection at any time. Thank you.



WOWs



Matilda (Yr 3) Recently, Matilda went with her Great Grandad (chair of British Legion) and Mayor of Dereham to lay poppy crosses on the new and old cemeteries in Dereham. Matilda has been carrying out this duty for a few years now and is so proud of giving back to the soldiers. Matilda also sold poppies on the Legion stall in Tesco. Matilda was invited to march alongside her Great Grandad in the parade in Dereham on Sunday, which she was super excited about. *Well done, Matilda!*

Caiden (Yr 5) Caiden completed a drum 'Smash it' course in the half term playing drums every day and then on the Saturday took his Grade 3 exam which he passed with merit! You worked very hard Caiden! Well done!

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

Shining Lights of the Week



Ark Nursery Dan is our shining light of the week for his amazing recall of events in The Leaf Thief story as well as his use of positional language in maths games.

Arctic Class Jolie for the wonderful way she has settled into our new classroom. She has shown kindness towards others and has been a fantastic role model to her friends, always setting a brilliant example in class.

Antarctica Class Sophie is our shining light of the week. What an amazing week, Sophie! You have been so helpful, kind and caring towards others. Your thoughtfulness, beautiful manners and willingness to help those around you have really shone through. You are a wonderful friend and a shining example to everyone.
Keep being your fabulous self! We are so proud of you!

Oceania Class Henry for settling in to our new building, classroom and routines so well. He has been helping his friends find their coat peg and reminding others where to put their bags and bottles.

Australasia Class Albie is our shining light of the week for his thoughtful contributions across all lessons and consistently demonstrating a wonderful attitude towards learning. Well done, Albie!

Africa Class Mia B for showing fantastic effort across all areas of our learning. Mia approaches every task with enthusiasm and has a wonderful, positive attitude towards her learning.

Europe Class Jude is our shining light of the week for his excellent focus in his learning and contributions to class discussions. He has shown kindness at breaks and lunches too which is great to see.
Well done Jude, keep it up!

South America Class Callie for her fantastic hard work in class this week! Callie has been joining in enthusiastically with class discussions and confidently sharing her wonderful ideas. She has shown great effort and determination in her English writing, always trying her very best to include and apply the features she has been learning about.

Asia Class Reggie is our shining light this week! He is kind, listens attentively, contributes thoughtfully and takes great pride in everything he does. His positive attitude and thoughtful approach have certainly not gone unnoticed. Well done, Reggie – keep shining!

North America Class Lillie-May is our shining light of the week for her excellent and well thought answers to questions in class across the whole curriculum.

This week's overall attendance 97.74%
Best class attendance - Arctic Class (Yr R) 99.5%

Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

November
16th - Reception Trip to High Lodge
16th - Odd Sock Day
17th - Yr 1-4 Multi Sports Festival (Selected Pupils)
21st- Letton Hall Christmas Fair
27th - Flu Vaccinations Yr R-6

December
1st- Year 1 Trip to Holkham Hall
4th - FOSS Wreath Making Evening at WI Hall, Shipdham
10th & 11th - Reception Nativity Performance
12th - Reception 2027 Open Day 11.30-12.30pm
15th - Christmas Church Service at All Saints Church Shipdham, all welcome
15th - Christmas Lunch
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

Class Lists and Contact Information

In line with DNEAT Trust policy and GDPR guidance, we are unable to share class lists or pupils' contact details with parents. This includes requests for information to help with birthday party invitations, Christmas cards, or similar purposes. This policy helps us protect every child's privacy and ensures we meet our data protection responsibilities. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school community safe and compliant.

IQ Christmas Cards

Your child's IQ Christmas card designs came home this week! Orders need to be placed online by 15th November, so please make sure you submit your order before the deadline to avoid missing out!

A big thank you to FOSS for organising this lovely festive activity!



