



ALL SAINTS' THURLESTONE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderfully busy week in school, filled with purposeful learning and plenty of smiling faces. The children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, focus, and growing confidence across the curriculum.

Our younger children have especially enjoyed their recent **Forest School sessions**. From discovering natural treasures to working together on outdoor activities, they have shown great curiosity and teamwork. It has been brilliant to see them so engaged with the natural environment and developing new skills each session.

Another highlight for some of our children this week has been the continued lessons learning how to play the **steel pans**. These have been a big hit with our children, who have loved experimenting with rhythm and sound. The joy on their faces as they made music together has been wonderful to witness.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February – Half Term

Monday 23rd February- Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 24th February and Wednesday 25th February- Parent consultations

Thursday 5th March- World book day

Monday 9th March- Friday 13th March -Year 5/6 Residential

Steeple Cove Nursery



Steeple Cove have been focusing on different types of weather, making weather mobiles and charts. We were very lucky to be given a big box of apples from Tesco so as a class we decided to make apple juice! The best part was the drinking! On Tuesday the children ventured off to their first Forest school session, making tree medallions. We can't wait until next Tuesday!

Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

This week has been full of exciting experiences! We enjoyed our very first Forest School session with *Forest and Beach*, spending a fantastic afternoon outdoors exploring nature and learning together with friends. In class, we've started learning about the Royal Family, discovering the important objects they have and what each one represents. It's been fascinating to explore their history and traditions! We also got creative by using fruits and vegetables to make sculptures inspired by the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children loved experimenting with shapes and textures to create their own natural masterpieces.

Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)

This week in Leas Foot we have been exploring different materials and considering their properties, in science. We have been art critics of the work by international artist, Andy Goldsworthy and thinking about what a 'sculpture' is. In maths we have been ordering and comparing numbers, by looking at how many tens and one's numbers have and we have been focussing on becoming super hand writers! As always, we have been sharing some great books in class with the children. We would very much like you to share with us some photos of your children enjoying books at home and where they might like to spend time looking them!

Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

Sedgewell has been working incredibly hard this week. As writers we have been exploring all the ways we can write about our iRobot Dog. We have stretched our mathematical brains with our multiplication skills and are getting much more confident with this. As Geographers we have begun learning about Natural Disasters and were astonished by learning about the severity of flooding in the area. We had a great Computing lesson exploring Scratch and had great fun making our sprites move and in Music we had the most amazing lesson learning to play the Steel Pan drums.

This week we also say goodbye to Miss Palmer who has been training with us recently. She has been fabulous and we wish her all the best as she completes her training.



Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

I have been really impressed with the class this week, where they have really been engaged with their learning in all areas. They have written some fabulous notes on Emperor Penguins, to aid their non-chronological report writing this half of term. In Maths, they have all mastered formal multiplication and can multiply a 3 or 4 digit, which is very impressive. In Geography, they wrote a persuasive letter to their MP, highlighting flooding in the area and the impact it has on Kingsbridge, in particular. In Art, they have got their creative juices flowing by drawing some amazing sketches, inspired by Henry Moore and then modelling these as a 3D sculpture. To finish off a great week, the children learnt about the vastness of our galaxy by being planets and experiencing how far away some are from the sun.



Bantham (Year 6)

We have had another great week in Bantham class! The children have really blown me away in our writing lessons – we have been looking at using colons and precise verbs. In Maths this week we have come to the end of our ratio unit. I have been super impressed with how well the children have applied their knowledge to real-life problems. In Geography this week It was wonderful to see the children actively engaging when learning about one of the natural disasters that we have to cope with here in the UK – flooding! The children all wrote persuasive letters to our local MP giving suggestions on ways we can help prevent the damage and chaos flooding can bring.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. As we start the new year we would really to see an improvement in our attendance, lets work together to achieve this.

The attendance this week can be seen on the table below.

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	93.8%
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	97.6%
Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)	95.8%
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	94.1%
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	92.5%
Bantham (Year 6)	90%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Peggy Brown
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Maya Knight-Vahid
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Autumn Summerfield
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Hetty Sims-Stirling
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Saskia Jones
Bantham (Year 6)	Rocco Bishop

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet: 14 + letter formation 'b' Y1 – Maths activity sheet: 2+ spellings 'igh'
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Y1 – Maths activity sheet and spellings 'igh' Y2 – Maths activity sheet and common exception word focus spellings. Children have been sent home today with QR code links to sounds and words to focus on for their RWI learning. Please can you enjoy sharing books for pleasure and send in some photos of your children reading books in cosy/interesting/unique places!
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Spellings and a Maths activity sheet about multiplication
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Spellings, the grammar sheet on fronted adverbials and TTRS
Bantham (Year 6)	Please complete the grammar sheets on nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.