

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year, despite the rather wet weather! It's been lovely to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and settle quickly into their new routines. The school has a fantastic atmosphere, and it's clear that the children are excited to be back and eager to learn.

During my visits to Thurlestone this week, I've been delighted by how keen the children have been to share their learning. Their energy and positivity have been a real highlight! I have been impressed with the standard of work seen in lessons and the children are taking real pride in their exercise books. I have also been impressed to watch how well the children uphold the school values in and out of the school classroom.

As we move into the colder and wetter months, please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat each day. We aim to get outside during break and lunchtime as much as possible, even when it's drizzly.

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with the FTS and learning about the fantastic contributions they've made to our school over the past year. I'm inspired by their commitment and excited about the upcoming events already in motion. I look forward to continuing our collaboration as future plans take shape.

We hope you can join us next week for our open classrooms to meet the teachers on Monday 15th September-Friday 19th September.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ruston

Autumn Term Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
15 th - 19 th September	Meet the teacher-More info to follow.
25 th September	Reception welcome at Church- All parents to drop off, parents also welcome.
29 th September - 2 nd October	Bikeability Year 3,5 and 6.
6 th October	Harvest Festival drop at the Church- Parents welcome.
17 th October	Year 6 Junior life skills.
24 th October	School photographs- Siblings and individuals.

27 th – 31 st October	Half term
3 rd November	Non-Pupil Day
15 th December	All school trip to the Theatre-Reception-Year 6
19 th December	Last day of term

All Saints Thurlestone Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.



ALL SAINTS' THURLESTONE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

STEEPLE COVE TODDLER GROUP

9:15am - 10:45am
Every Wednesday morning during term time

Come and enjoy a cup of tea / coffee while your children play

A safe, happy, welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy

Please contact us for details:
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<https://thurlestone-lap.co.uk/>

Helps gain social skills for little ones

Open to all children from 1 year - 3 years

Messy play, music and sounds, soft play, signing, painting



Steeple Cove Nursery

This week's theme of the week is 'All about me and my family!'

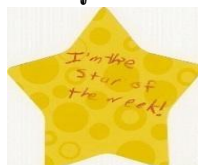
This week Steeple Cove have been very busy getting to know the new children that have joined our Steeple Cove family! The children have been busy discussing their families and how their home life runs from day to day.

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their first music lesson for the year with Mrs Bickle. They were introduced to the ukeleles, the piano and the xylophones which was great fun!

Some of you may have come across our Steeple Cove scarecrow at Kingsbridge show! Our scarecrow was based on 'Tractor Ted's farmer, Farmer Tom. We are delighted to say that we received 4th place for our scarecrow!!!



Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Olivia

Olivia is our shining star this week as we have all noticed how kind she has been to the new children in Steeple Cove. She has been taking care of each of her new friends and showing them the way of the nursery day.

Well done, Olivia!



Yarmer Reception / Year One

We've completed our first full week of school, and I couldn't be prouder of Reception and Year 1. The children have settled beautifully—learning routines, making friends, and exploring the classroom through play. A highlight was our scavenger hunt around school, where we discovered key areas like the library and hall and met the adults who help us. The children have shown real bravery, resilience and perseverance—and had lots of fun, too. In learning, we've begun **Maths** by sorting objects and practising careful counting, **Geography** by exploring our local area and creating simple maps, and **Science** by naming the different parts of the body. A brilliant start—well done, everyone!

Home Learning

In History, we are exploring the concept of past and present. If you are happy to, please could you provide some pictures for us to help the children understand the concept even further. Please see sheet in homework folder for more details.

Home learning due in: Thursday

Y1 Reading in Yarmer: Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWInc books. It is really important that they read their book at least three times a week with a grown up. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

Reception are currently learning their individual letter sounds. Once they can segment and blend these sounds to read words, they'll begin bringing a reading book home.

Please bring RWInc books into school daily. We have regular volunteers who help by listening to readers. We therefore need their books in school.

Books will be collected in for updating on Thursday and returned on Friday. The book will only be changed once it has been read a minimum of three times.

Star of the Week!



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Rooney

For an excellent start to Reception: showing incredible bravery, being a fantastic listener, and embracing every part of school life with enthusiasm.
Keep shining, Rooney!

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Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 99%



Leas Foot Year One / Two

Well done to everyone in Leas Foot class for such a successful week. We are very excited to be teaching your children this year and are unbelievably impressed by the way they have all been coming into school after the summer holidays. We are also delighted to welcome our new children to the class and school and congratulate them on how well they have settled. This week, we've been busy getting into our routines—counting and representing numbers in maths, starting our RWI lessons, exploring 'animals and humans' in science and enjoying our 'handball' PE lessons. We started the week with Art and have enjoyed exploring the colourful work of local artist 'Yvonne Coomber'. Children spent time thinking about the 'changing seasons' and the colours and feeling it brings and how Yvonne created artwork based around these ideas. Over this half term the children will be working towards producing a piece of art in the style of Yvonne Coomber and looking to our local area for inspiration. Our Geography learning this term is about our local area, which will hopefully inspire children to create some beautiful pieces of art!

Thank you to all of you for your support and patience as we begin the new school year.

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Rufus

We are really impressed with the way Rufus has quietly, calmly and confidently shown a wonderful attitude and enthusiasm to learning already. He has shown fabulous listening skills, contributed some great ideas, engaging in all we do and shown a determination to impress with his independent work.

Well done, Roo!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 95.1%

Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

This Week

What a fantastic start to the year Sedgewell have had with everyone settling into the new systems brilliantly and beginning their new year with focus and enthusiasm. The Year 3 children have joined the class with maturity and an eagerness to learn and the Year 4 children have returned with an elevated sense of responsibility which has helped their new classmates to settle beautifully. 😊

As writers, we have started out new unit focused on Traditional Tales and will be using 'The Princess and the Pea' as our text to help us learn the features of the genre leading to us writing our own Traditional Tales.

As mathematicians, we begin the year focusing on Place Value where we really embed our understanding of numbers in terms of hundreds, tens and ones and thousands too for Year 4.

As geographers, we have started our learning by understanding how the world is split into continents, then gets broken down into countries, regions, counties, cities, towns and villages. The home learning this week focuses on learning where the different counties are around the country.

Everyone has really settled into great working habits – well done Sedgewell! 😊



Home Learning

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Reading

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Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete an activity identify where some UK counties are.

Spellings

Your child is bringing home a sample of words that we have been learning in school to allow you to support them child in learning words with that spelling rule. Children can practise learning the words, they can write them out on their own, or maybe as part of a sentence. They can also write sentences that you dictate to them to help them embed the spellings.



Star of the Week

Henry

Henry has returned to school with an amazing attitude and a notably improved level of confidence and independence. I was blown away by how well he completed a piece of independent writing this week. A fantastic start to Year 4 Henry – keep it up 😊

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Last week's attendance was 96.7%



Butter Cove Four / Five

I have been so impressed with Butter Cove over the past week and a bit. They have all settled in beautifully and helped me get to know the different routines that are in place, as well as working hard

The children have really stepped up, now being one of the senior classes, where I have seen lots of kindness shown to the children lower down the school; long may this last!

As writers, we have started the year focusing on the purpose writing to entertain. Using 'Bike Boy' as a hook. we have been exploring different writing techniques, using figurative language and complex sentences to really entertain the reader.

As mathematicians this week, we are consolidating our understanding of Place Value. The children have been learning how to identify numbers within ten thousand, using a variety of scaffolds to aid them as well as identify numbers along a number line. They have been working hard on their times tables too!

In Geography, they have learnt about the key cities in the United Kingdom as well as the counties and I have been really impressed with their efforts in Art, where we are studying the Artist Becky Bettsworth.

I wish all the children a relaxing weekend and a huge thank you to them for making feel incredibly welcome.

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Spellings

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I have also added some Maths to consolidate what they have been learning this week. Please make sure this is returned on Thursday.

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Tommy

For settling into class with confidence and warmth, always wearing a smile and consistently offering kind and helpful support to his friends.

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Last week's attendance was 93.3%

Bantham Six

What a fantastic week we have had in Bantham! It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back and to see them already shining in everything that they do!

This week they have shown fantastic leadership skills and resilience. I am delighted to announce that we have got 10 new family group leaders, who have stepped up and are willing and wanting to support their family group with everything that they do!

As writers, we have started the year focusing on the purpose writing to entertain. Using 'Paperman' (a short Walt Disney film) as a hook, we have been exploring a wide range of punctuation and vocabulary to use in our writing.

As mathematicians this week, we have started our first unit of work – Place Value. The children have been using a variety of scaffolds and place value charts to help them write numbers in words and numerals, compare integers and to multiply and divide numbers by 10,100 and 1,000. It has been wonderful to see how much they have remembered over the summer holidays.

Next week, Bantham are going to be starting forest school. Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat, sunscreen, coat and water bottle each week as well as some home clothes that they can change into at lunch time. Thank you to all those that have agreed to come with us and support.

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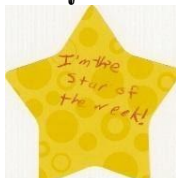
Home Learning

This week for home learning I would like you to complete the maths task I have set.

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Star of the Week!



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Murphie

Murphie always shines with everything that she does, but this week I have been super impressed with her resilience and hard work. Murphie has also created some fantastic artwork this week! Well done Murphie!

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