ALL SAINTS' THURLESTONE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another wonderful week in our school community.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to formally welcome our Reception children into our school family during our special church service. It was a lovely occasion and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this important milestone together. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and support the children. Your presence helped make the service such a memorable event for our youngest pupils as they begin their journey with us.

We have also enjoyed welcoming a number of prospective families to our Reception 2027 starter events. It has been a pleasure to share our school with them and give them a glimpse of the warm, nurturing environment that makes our community so special. We always enjoy meeting families who are considering joining us in the future.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been busy attending open mornings at Kingsbridge Community College as they begin to think about their next steps and applications for secondary school. This is an exciting time for the children, and these visits provide a valuable opportunity for them to experience secondary school life, ask questions and start considering the choices ahead of them.

As we move towards the weekend, thank you for your continued support of our school. We wish all of our families a happy and restful weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th October (pm)- Swimarathon
Monday 19th October – 9:00am Harvest festival at church- all welcome
Monday 19th October- Parents consultations
Tuesday 20th October- KS2 art gallery @2:45 (DATE CHANGE)
Wednesday 21st October – KS1 art gallery @2:45
Thursday 22nd October- Parent consultations
Friday 23rd October- Year 6 Junior Lifeskills
Friday 23rd October- Last day of term
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026 Half term
Monday 2nd November – Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 3rd November- First day of autumn term 2
Friday 18th December- Last day of term

Monday 21st December- Friday 1st January- Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027- Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027- First day of spring Term

Steeple Cove Nursery

This week Steeple Cove have been exploring numbers 1-10, discovering how the number is formed and matching the quantities. The children have been experimenting with how to match numerals and quantities with a wide range of materials. The number blocks have been a key focus for Steeple Cove this week, learning how they form their numbers and recognising that the taller the number block the greater the number.



Yarmer (Reception and year 1)

This week in Yarmer, we have been busy learning across the curriculum!

In Science, we have been talking about how to look after different animals, thinking about what they eat and drink, where they live and what they need to stay healthy and safe.

Reception have continued with Drawing Club, exploring the characters and setting from *Billy's Bucket*. They have also created their own exciting Adventure Time, imagining Billy looking into his bucket and seeing something completely new!

Meanwhile, Year 1 have been enjoying their Computing lessons, learning how to use a mouse and keyboard with increasing confidence.

We have also loved exploring our provision this week, particularly painting with watercolours, looking through non-fiction books and using our new role-play resources.

Another lovely, busy week in Yarmer!

Leas Foot (Year 2)

As artists we have started to plan our final piece of art in the style of Brain Pollard, and we painted the background in some lovely bright acrylic paints. I was so proud of the children; not only did they show care and precision in their painting, but they also did an outstanding job of clearing up!

As scientists we planned an investigation to see how our bodies react to exercise. We used an oximeter to measure the pulse rate when resting and after different exercises. The children recorded the results, and we discussed why the heart beats faster when exercising.

As mathematicians we have started a new unit of learning about addition and subtraction and this week the focus has been on number bonds to 10 and 20 and fact families. The children need to know their number bonds to 10 off by heart, so please practise this (little and often) as this will really help them with this learning.

We had another great day at the beach; the children found a starfish! Pete will look at the weather over the weekend and will let me know if we will be at the beach or in the field.

We used glockenspiels this week as part of our music lesson. The children were given the challenge of paying the melody to the sone 'Tony Chestnut' that we have been learning to sing.

This week's spellings will be a list of 10 spellings (two of these spellings were on the bottom of the list each week). New spellings will follow half term.



Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

It's been another busy week!

As writers this week, we have written and edited our alternative tales story. After looking at The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, we then used what we know about other fairy tales and wrote our own with a twist. We have now started our new unit of learning looking at the poem Still I Rise by Maya Angelou. We enjoyed looking at how the poem is written and certain skills and patterns throughout the poem. We found that there was a lot of repetition which makes an impact on the reader. We will enjoy exploring this poem more over the next few weeks. As mathematicians, we have just started a new unit about Addition and Subtraction. We will use our knowledge and learning from last year and build on this using larger numbers.

Well done everyone on another wonderful week, have a restful weekend!

Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

We have had another busy but fantastic week in Butter Cove! This week, we have finished one maths block and started our new unit on addition and subtraction. We have been exploring a range of mental strategies for adding and subtracting numbers, as well as learning how to add using the formal written method. As writers, we have edited and drafted our Big Writes and begun our exciting new poetry unit. We have been using *The River* by Valerie Bloom as our inspiration. As a class, we have started to learn the poem and are looking forward to adding actions to help bring it to life! In art, we have planned our final piece of abstract artwork. We carefully considered the emotions, feelings and moods we wanted to convey and thought about which colours and artistic techniques would best represent them.

Bantham (Year 5 and 6)

What a busy week Bantham have had again! We have written our Romantic story Big Writes and have now moved on to our new story unit based on Kensuke's Kingdom – very exciting. We are coming towards the end of our Place Value unit and will soon be moving on to Addition and Subtraction. Our Year 6 Buddies were announced at out Church Service on Tuesday and it was a proud moment for all involved. The children love having extra responsibilities in Year 6 and are looking forward to fulfilling this role. The whole class proudly took part in the votes for School Council and we held a democratic vote. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the children who were selected by their peers.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. A dip in attendance this week after a really strong start. Lets see if we can improve next week!

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

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	94.7%
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	97.1%
Leas Foot (Year 2)	94.4%
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	95.8%
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	96.6%
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	90.4%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Ira Fitzhugh
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Theo
Leas Foot (Year 2)	Skye
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	George Willis
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Rosie Hannaford
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	Harris Boxford

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet 5 + letter formation sheet Y1 – Maths activity sheet 5 + spellings sheet
Leas Foot (Year 2)	Spellings, reading, practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and using a 100 square.
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Suffix –ing spellings sheet Y3 homework – Fix the sentence activity and TTRS. Y4 homework – Fix the sentence activity and TTRS.
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Spellings and a fixing the sentence activity. Please also log on to both TTRS and Rollama at least 3-4 times a week!
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	Spellings and a Grammar activity. TTRS and Rollama at least 3-4 times a week.