



**Friday 24th October 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements across our school. This week, I've had the absolute pleasure of working closely with our talented Year 6 writers. Their creativity, imagination, and thoughtful ideas have truly impressed me — it's been a joy to see their writing flourish.

I've also been blown away by the final art pieces produced by the children across the school. The care, effort, and pride they've put into their work is evident in every piece. They should all feel incredibly proud of their final outcomes.

We're also really pleased to have a brand-new set of books in school, generously purchased by our fantastic FTS. These will be a brilliant addition to our library- thank you for your continued support!

As we head into the break, I hope you all enjoy a restful and well-deserved half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead — one that's always filled with festive cheer and plenty of Christmas activities to look forward to!

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

### **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October- School Photographs (Siblings and individuals)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October Half Term**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- Non-Pupil Day**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025- 1<sup>st</sup> day of term for children

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November- Odd socks day for anti-bullying week

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November-Thurlestone Hotel Christmas shopping even-Choir to sing

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Christmas lunch

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Lunch time Christmas shop

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December-KS1 Nativity

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Carols on the Green @5:30pm -Choir to sing

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of autumn term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – NON-PUPIL DAY**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- First day of Spring term

### **Steeple Cove Nursery**

This week in Steeple Cove we have been celebrating Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The children have been channelling their inner artists and have created Rangoli patterns, making Diyas and even Mrs Shea from Tesco joined us to make suncatchers. The children have listened to traditional Hindu music to dance along with and on Tuesday we enjoyed our final music session with Mrs Bickle for the year. We can't wait to welcome all our new starters after half term. Have a fantastic break everyone!



### Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

This week, Yarmer have been busy completing our art unit inspired by Yvonne Coomber, creating and evaluating the most wonderful final pieces — full of colour and creativity! In RHE, we've been discussing what makes a good friend and exploring the similarities and differences between our families. In RE, Reception have been learning about *Hinduism* and made beautiful *Rakhi bracelets* to celebrate friendship and love, while Year 1 have been thinking about how they might feel and why during different parts of the story *Jonah and the Fish*. It's been a thoughtful, creative, and reflective week in Yarmer!

### Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)

This week in Leas Foot, we have been continuing our maths learning about addition and subtraction. We have been focusing on number facts, including doubles and near doubles. These skills progress throughout the year with higher numbers and more reasoning and problem solving. As geographers, we have been learning about human and physical features. We learnt that physical features are natural and have often been around for a very long time. Whereas human features are something made by humans. For example, roads, bridges and houses. As we were unable to go on our welly walk because of high winds, please can you spend time with your children to identify human and physical features when out and about over the half term.

### Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

Sedgewell have been writing some poetic phrases this week about Autumn and have been exploring how we can use personification to make the season sound human-like. I have been blown away by some of the beautifully creative lines that the children have written. The highlight of our week was beginning our Forest School sessions again. The children explored, created, built and crafted with huge smiles on their faces which was an absolute joy to see.



### Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

Butter Cove have been working hard this week and have managed to write their own BFG dream story, using direct speech with an ellipsis and even using some of the BFG language to aid their creativity. In maths, they are learning the relationship between multiplication and division and have used their fingers to understand the 9 x tables. French has been excellent, where they are able to say whether they have a pet or not using 'mais' (but) with some very good accents. We had our first Forest School session on Tuesday and it was lovely to see the children enjoy nature and get involved in a variety of outdoor activities. We have another 4 sessions after half term.

### Bantham (Year 6)

This week in Bantham, we have been finishing off our maths block, applying what we have learnt to problems and exploring the order in which we should solve operations. During our writing lessons, we have welcomed in Mrs Ruston to our lessons and enjoyed her exploring some key skills - show not tell to portray emotions as well as using speech to move on our writing. In History we have also explored an important invention the Romans gave to us – roads!

## Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. Last week our attendance fell below 95%. We are hoping to have a real focus on attendance after half term. Watch this space for some incentives and targets.

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

<b>Whole school attendance (Target 98%)</b>	94.8%
<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	98.5% Excellent work Yarmer!!
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)</b>	95%
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	96.3%
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	93.7%
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	91.1%

## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

<b>Steeple Cove Nursery</b>	Ira Fitzhugh
<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	Sam Hannaford
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)</b>	Ettie Rinagl-Toy
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	Loki Jones
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	Matias Brownjohn
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	Isobel Richardson

## Home learning

<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	R – Maths activity sheet + letter formation Y1 – Maths activity sheet + spellings
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)</b>	Year 1 – Spellings and Maths Activity Sheet Year 2 – Spellings and Maths Activity Sheet  As we didn't go on our welly walk, please spend time showing your children human and physical features while out and about over the half term.
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	This week I would like you to be creative and make something to represent our learning on the Romans!
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	If they have time, please can they carry out a project on the Romans as they have really enjoyed learning about life in ancient Rome.
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	This week I would like you to be creative and make something to represent our learning on the Romans!

### A message from Miss Tucker

Yarmer are continuing to develop their classroom environment. If anyone has any **open shelving units, baskets, or domestic role-play items** they no longer need, please let Miss Tucker know.

