



ALL SAINTS' THURLESTONE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been! We were absolutely delighted by our younger children's performance in the Nativity. It was such a joy to see their enthusiasm and talent shine through. Some voices were beautifully projected, and the confidence shown by our soloists was truly impressive. Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work and dedication, and a massive thank you to all the parents who came along to enjoy the show—it really made the occasion special.

A huge shout-out to the Friends of the School (FTS), who have been incredibly busy running the Christmas shops, which were a huge success! They are also working tirelessly to arrange today's exciting events for the Christmas Fayre and Fun Run. We know this time of year is busy for everyone, and we deeply appreciate your continued support.

Looking ahead to next week, we are looking forward to our whole school Theatre trip and we have one final Christmas celebration before the term ends. Our KS2 children will be singing carols at the church on Wednesday morning, and we warmly invite all families to join us for this festive occasion.

Thank you once again for your support and involvement—it truly makes a difference.

Wishing you all a joyful weekend!

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th December- All school Theatre Trip

Wednesday 17th December- KS2 Carols in the Church 9am- Everyone welcome

Friday 19th December – Last day of autumn term

Monday 22nd December- Friday 2nd December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

Steeple Cove Nursery

This week Steeple Cove have been incredibly festive, joining in with the Nativity on Wednesday which was absolutely fabulous! On Thursday we were joined by Mrs Shea from Tesco that supported us while we made some festive Gingerbread, these were fantastic. We cannot wait for the Christmas fair and Santa run later.



Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

This week, the children in Yarmer have been absolutely amazing, performing their nativity play *Straw and Order* for the whole school and for parents and carers. Their singing, dancing, and acting were outstanding, and they showed incredible bravery on stage. It was the perfect way to start the Christmas countdown! A huge thank you for all your support at home—it truly made a difference. We are so proud of every single performer!

Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)

We are so incredibly proud of everyone this week for their wonderful Nativity performances! The children have overcome their worries about speaking, singing and acting in front of an audience, have shown great teamwork, dedication, energy, confidence and joy. All have been absolutely brilliant. Well done to everyone! A big thank you to all families too for all your support in helping children to learn their lines, with costumes, props and encouragement. We certainly have some future stars in the making!

Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

Sedgewell class had a fantastic day on Roman Day and loved the amazing variety of activities. It really enhanced the learning we have been doing this term. It was lovely to see the children doing archery, making onagers, Celtic badges, having pretend battles and playing team games with such warm smiles on their faces. We've also made full storyboard stop motion videos in Computing and learnt about deforestation in Geography. What a busy week!



Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

Butter Cove, like the other classes, had a wonderful day immersing themselves into everything Roman. It was a great way of ending our Roman topic with knowledge and plenty of fun! In Maths, they have been learning how to work out the perimeter of shapes, even when they don't know every length of sides. Perseverance has been key, and the children have really risen to the challenge. I have been really impressed with their ICT animation; working well together and creating some excellent Roman scenes. Please can you encourage the children to go over their spellings this week and consolidate their times tables on TTRS. Many thanks.



Bantham (Year 6)

On Monday, Bantham had a fantastic Roman Day. We fully immersed ourselves in Roman life and enjoyed a series of activities to deepen our understanding. We explored who Romulus and Remus were, played Roman team games (including tug of war), played a Roman strategic game, learnt about the Roman army and legions, designed and made a pendant, thought about battle tactics and even made a model onager! This week in DT, we also finished and evaluated our lights and made further improvements to our stop motion videos in computing!



Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance.

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

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	95.8%
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	99.5%
Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)	98.6%
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	96.6%
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	91%
Banham (Year 6)	95.1%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Clara Lorimer
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Delsie Pallis
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Ofelia Doyle
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Freya Dyson
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Hannah Van Aarde
Banham (Year 6)	Noah Mucedero

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet: 12 + letter formation ‘k’ Y1 – Maths activity sheet: 6+ spellings ‘ea’
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Y1 – Maths activity sheet: 5+ spellings ‘e’ and ‘ee’ Y2 – Maths activity sheet. Spellings sheet – j or g
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Spellings and a Science Activity
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Spellings and Punctuation activity
Banham (Year 6)	Spellings and a SPaG activity.