ALL SAINTS' THURLESTONE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at school, with lots of exciting learning taking place across all year groups.

Our KS1 pupils had a wonderful time making crumble this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience and were very proud of their delicious creations.

In KS2, pupils have been working with the artist they have been studying, Martin Bush. They greatly enjoyed the opportunity to learn from and work alongside an artist, developing their own creative skills and producing some fantastic artwork.

Year 6 were the final group to take part in the paddleboarding sessions. What a lovely morning it was to be out on the water! The children demonstrated excellent enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork, and the sessions have been a real highlight for many pupils this term.

Please take a moment to check the **Dates for the Diary** section, as we have added several important events for the coming weeks:

- Reception Welcome Service at the church next week.
- Harvest Festival.
- Parent Consultation Meetings.
- KS1 and KS2 Art Gallery during the final week of half term, where families are invited into school to view the wonderful artwork produced this half term.

Please note that there has been a date change for the KS2 Art Gallery event. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask that families check the updated Dates for the Diary carefully to ensure they have the correct date.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th October- 9:00am Reception welcome service at church- all welcome
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 discovering the world of colours, playing many games of eye spy to recognise our colours. The children having been exploring the story of 'Elmer' to support them with the world of colours. On Wednesday we were joined by Mrs Shea from Tesco to create a rainbow using fruit, the best part was trying all the different fruits. The children were given the opportunity to decorate a biscuit using different coloured fondants, to create their version of Elmer.



Yarmer (Reception and year 1)

This week, Yarmer have been busy developing their speaking and listening skills through our poem "Hullabaloo." The children have been learning the poem by heart, drawing pictures to help them remember the words and discussing as a class which actions would best match each part. We also had great fun experimenting with our voices, thinking carefully about how different animals and words in the poem might sound.

In Maths, our Year 1 children have been learning to compare numbers using greater than, less than and equal to, while Reception have been exploring and representing the number 1 in a variety of practical ways.

A highlight of the week was our crumble workshop, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The children loved taking part and learning through this hands-on experience.

In RHE, we have discussed why it is important to communicate how we are feeling to others so that we can understand, support and care for one another. The children have had thoughtful conversations and have grown in confidence in expressing their emotions.

Leas Foot (Year 2)

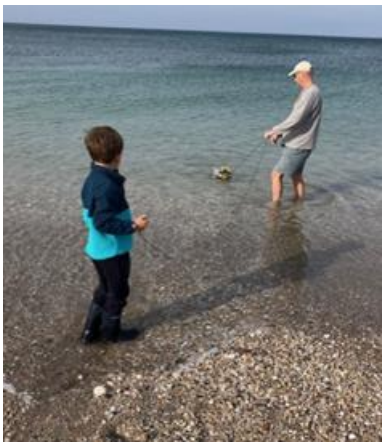
We had another fantastic day at the beach on Tuesday. We took the digital microscope and the children used it to really observe in detail some of their finds. We also fished for plankton.

As mathematicians we have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, using 100 squares to help. Please could you support your child at home to count in 2's, 5's and tens; I have included a QR code that links to a fun 100 square that the children can use (choose the 1to 100 option) and be confident in finding their way around a 100 square.

As geographers we explored weather patterns in the UK, different types of weather and weather forecasts. The children wrote their own weather forecast from the information on the Met Office website.

Harvest has been the topic of discussion in our RE lessons and the children have each written a line in a Harvest poem.





Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

We have had another wonderful week this week in Sedgewell Cove! In our English learning we have been looking at metaphors and coming up with some super adverbs, describing the wolfs actions, in the story -The True Story of The Three Little Pigs.

We had to pleasure of having Martin Bush in with us for an art session on Thursday. The children got really stuck in and loved exploring his absract work, making mark using chalk and oil pastels to begin with, then moving onto black and white colours and then all colours. Rather than paint brushes, we used pieces of card to move the paints around. We are really excited to show this in our art exhibition!

As mathematicians this week, we have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000! We have been focusing on which number is in the correct column to know where to round. When rounding to the nearest 10, we focus on the ones column to see if it is below 4 to round down, or 5 or above to round up. When rounding to the nearest 100, we look in the 10s column, and then to the nearest 1000 we focus on the 100s column.

Well done on some fantastic learning Sedgewell Cove!

Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

We have had another great week in Butter Cove! This week, we have finished our sentence stacking lessons in writing and have begun planning and drafting our independent writes. It has been wonderful to hear the children's ideas and see their imaginations flourish. As mathematicians, we have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. Year 5 have even challenged themselves by exploring rounding to the nearest 10,000! On Thursday, we welcomed Martin Bush into our classroom. It was an unforgettable day, and we thoroughly enjoyed learning from him first-hand as we created our own abstract artwork. The children were inspired by his creativity and loved developing their artistic skills!



Bantham (Year 5 and 6)

We have all had another great week with lots of fun activities amongst our curriculum learning. As writers we are now planning our story and will be drafting and publishing our Big Writes next week. We continue our Place Value journey and grow in confidence with our understanding. We have throughly enjoyed our enrichment activities this week with another glorious session on the beach for Forest School where we loved rock pooling and exploring the wonders of the water. We had local artist Martin Bush visit us yesterday and we loved our abstract art workshop and this morning Year 6 had their turn Paddleboarding and I'm incredibly proud of the children who faced new challenges and learnt new skills and also to those who are experienced who offered support and guidance to their friends.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. Some brilliant attendance in this week's classes, thank you for all your efforts with this!

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

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	97.3%
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	99.1%
Leas Foot (Year 2)	92.5%
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	96.7%
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	98.3%
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	98.7%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Clara Lorimer
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Bodhi Clinton-Bailey
Leas Foot (Year 2)	Tabby
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Effie Mundy
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Phoebe Dudding
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	Dexter Arthur

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet 4 + letter formation sheet Y1 – Maths activity sheet 4 + 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)	Homophones spellings sheet Y3 homework – Rounding to 10 and 100 and TTRS. Y4 homework – Rounding to 10 and 1000 and TTRS.
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Spellings and a Reading Comprehension 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.