

Dear Families,

This week, we had our first church service of the year where we welcomed our Reception children to the school family. It was a wonderful service for the children, staff and families. Thank you to our Year 6s for their preparations and to the families that joined us. Please do remember that we are opening our church services this year to all families.



Next week is set to be a busy week with various things going on.

Monday and Tuesday Mrs Sims-Stirling will be on a first aid course meaning she will not be in the office with limited access to emails.

Bikeability- **Year 5 and 6** will need their bikes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. **Year 3** will need them on Wednesday or Thursday confirmation will be given once the groups have been decided. Bikes are able to be left at school outside at the bottom of the steps near the playground at your own risk.

Census Day - Thursday

Thursday is Census Day, which is a very important day for us in terms of school funding. We kindly ask for full attendance to help us make the most of this opportunity. To mark the day, we'll be offering a free school dinner and starting the morning with an additional wake and shake and fruit kebab making in our family groups.

Year 5 and 6 Residential Meeting- Thursday

Parents of Year 5 & 6 learners are invited to attend a meeting about the upcoming River Dart Residential. Join us in school at 3:30pm with Mr Holmes to find out more.

Mrs Ruston

Autumn Term Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
29 th September – 2 nd October	Bikeability Year 3,5 and 6
6 th October	Harvest Festival drop at the Church- Parents welcome Reception intake September 2026 tours of school 13:30-14:30
13 th and 14 th October	Parent consultations after school
16 th October	Reception intake September 2026 tours of school 09:30-10:30
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.



Steeple Cove Nursery

This week's theme of the week is 'Colours'.

This week Steeple Cove have been busy learning the colours by mixing coloured potions, painting rainbows and playing 'ispy' around the room.

In Steeple Cove's music lesson this week we learnt a how to play along to 'head, shoulders, knees and toes'. The children can now follow along playing ukeleles, xylophones and keyboards.

On Thursday we were joined by Mrs Shea from Tesco, she brought different coloured fruits and vegetables so we could taste the rainbow. The children were thrilled to try new fruits, and the best one was the blackberries, they turned everyone's tongues purple!



Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Grayson

This week our fantastic star is Grayson! He has become so independent with his day-to-day activities, thriving with his communication board and confidence with trying new foods!

Well Done, Grayson!



Yarmer Reception / Year One

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Yarmer!

In Reception, the children have been learning all about the numbers 1 and 2 – exploring what they look like, how to represent them, and what they mean. They have also done brilliantly taking part in their Baseline activities – we are so proud of how well they've approached these!

In Year 1, the focus in maths has been on finding one less, comparing groups by matching, and using key vocabulary such as *greater than*, *less than*, *equal to*, *fewer*, *more*, and *same*.

In art, we've been mixing paints to create the beautiful colours inspired by the work of Yvonne Coomber, while in geography, the children used different resources to create their very own aerial view of Thurlestone – fantastic creativity and teamwork on display!

Science has been full of exploration and discovery. We carried out experiments where the children smelled different foods, guessed what they might be, and ranked them from strongest to weakest. We also went on a sound walk around the school, carefully listening to and identifying different sounds in our environment.

A special highlight this week was our welcome service at the church, where the children were officially welcomed into our school community by teachers, parents, and friends. Reception children were especially excited to meet their Year 6 buddies – and even enjoyed a little treat together!

Well done, Yarmer – what a fantastic start to the term!

Home Learning

Reception: R Maths activity sheet 2 + letter formation 'a'

Year 1: Y1 Maths activity sheet 2 + double consonant spelling sheet

Home learning due in: Thursday (please ensure folders are returned on this day)

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!



Star of the Week

Mabel

For being so brave whilst starting her new school
and immersing herself in so many new activities and
for always trying her best!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 91.7%



Leas Foot Year One / Two

This beautiful week of Autumn sunshine has been so amazing for us in Leas Foot class, especially with our forest school session on Tuesday. We had such a stunning walk along to our base, with fabulous views along the coast. The children enjoyed walking along, happily chatting, observing and questioning nature and the world around them, we certainly had some great conversations! The sun sparkling on the sea was perfect for our artwork this week, as we were focusing on 'layering', with the top layer adding detail and sparkle to our work. The children decided they needed to add glitter to represent the sun on the sea. In maths we have continued to look at number lines, estimating where numbers would go and using symbols to represent 'greater than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'. Children have worked hard in their RWI groups and have all strived to do their very best with their reading. In Science, we have been thinking about our senses this week and

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Home Learning

Year 1 – Maths activity sheet and spellings.

Year 2 – Maths activity sheet and spellings.

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Star of the Week

Eliza

For making the most fantastic start to Year 2! We are incredibly proud of the way you have come back since September. You have been working so hard, and it is really showing in your independent writing. Thank you for always being a wonderful friend. Keep up your hard work!

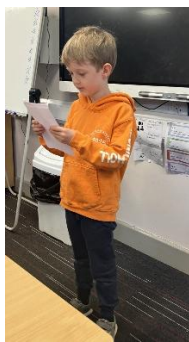
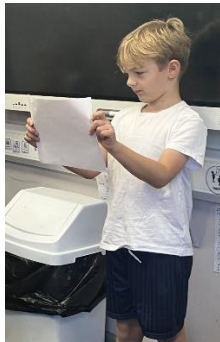
Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

This Week

The absolute highlight of our week was our wonderful children sharing their speeches and voting for our new school council representatives. I was incredibly proud of each and every child – whether it was the amazing number of children who confidently delivered their speeches to the class, or the listening children who took their role with an equal level of maturity and respect for others. I have never had so many children eager to put themselves forward and even though there will be natural disappointment for those not selected, they should all be very proud of their efforts. 😊

In Maths we have continued to learn place value and been identifying 1,10,100 or 1000 more or less than a number which involves focus and concentration to make sure you get the right number – home learning this week involves some practice for this.

As citizens of the world we have also extended our learning about differing views on the Creation of the world and have been learning about the Big Bang Theory and the views of Scientists. It has also been interesting to learn that many Scientists love finding evidence but many also have a religious worldview where they believe in scientific evidence as well as God as the creator.



Home Learning

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Reading

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Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete a Maths activity based on 1, 10, 100, 1000 more or less than a number.

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



Star of the Week

Phoebe B

Phoebe has been working incredibly hard on improving her confidence and her braveness. She is coming into school with a much bigger smile on her face which is incredible to see. We are all very proud of her progress.

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Butter Cove Four / Five

I have been really impressed with the children this week, where they are working hard and have enjoyed the sunshine during their breaks. The class football has been popular, but it has also been lovely to see the children enjoying the grounds and the climbing area.

As writers, we are coming to the end of our 'Bike Boy' unit of work, where we have been focussing on similes and the use of sense to improve our writing along with adverbial phrase. We will now be planning and writing our own descriptive narrative based on the Bike Boy text, using all the skills learnt over the past few weeks.

As mathematicians this week, we have come to the end of our Place Value unit.. The children have been learning how to round numbers up to 10,000 (Year 4) and 1,000,000 (Year 5) and understand 1,10,100,1000 and 10,000 more or less than a given number. We will be moving on to addition and subtraction using inverse operations and multi-step word problems next week.

In History, the children have learnt about why the Romans wanted an empire and why Britannia was an important island to control. In ICT, they have been learning about input and outputs and I was particularly impressed with their 'shadow drama piece' they produced in music.

Enjoy the rest of the sunshine with your lovely children.

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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.

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Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 96.3%

Star of the Week

Kaia

for her wonderful efforts with her learning, particularly in English where she strives to produce the most descriptive language she can. She is quiet in the class but when she does contribute, it is always meaningful and well-articulated. She is a kind and caring member of Butter Cove class and fully deserves this reward for all her efforts this term and not just this week.

Bantham Six

We have had another great week in Bantham this week!

As writers, we have come to the end of our sentence stacking lessons this week and I have been blown away with the incredible ideas and vocabulary that has been shared and generated during this unit. I can't wait for the children to plan and draft their independent writes next week and show off everything they have learnt.

I have also been incredibly proud of all the hard work that they have shown this week when completing their first round of SATS papers. It was fantastic to see them all give it a go and show great resilience even when they found it tricky. Well done Bantham.

We also had a glorious Thursday at the church this week, where we were able to welcome our reception children to the school. All the children blew me away with their confidence when speaking in the church. Your thoughtful words mean a lot to all the children and I know you will continue to look after them and help them shine this year.

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Home Learning

This week for home learning I have set you a reading challenge.

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Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Ben

Ben has come back to school with lots of energy and ideas and I have been particularly blown away with his writing. It is so wonderful to see you sparkle and shine doing something you love.

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Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 90.4%

