



**ALL SAINTS'
THURLESTONE**
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our children. They have worked so hard and accomplished so much, and we are all very proud of them.

It has also been wonderful to finish the term with a range of festive activities. The children had a fantastic time at the theatre this week. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for all their hard work in organising these events, and to the parents who volunteered their time to help – your support makes such a difference.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks for your support as I've settled into my new role within the hub. It has been a privilege to work with such a warm and welcoming community, and now that I'm feeling more settled managing my time across three schools, I'm looking forward to working even more closely with you in the new year.

Looking ahead, we have an Online Safety Parent Workshop coming up next term. This is a great opportunity to learn more about keeping children safe online. If you'd like to join, please do sign up – we'd love to see you there.

Finally, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy the festive break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January for another exciting term.

Best wishes,
Mrs Ruston

An update from the FTS

Since September the FTS have successfully raised £3,000! What an amazing achievement from everyone involved with this. The FTS have also very kindly donated and supported us with the following:

Lots of lovely new books for our children to enjoy.

Paid towards the whole school theatre trip.

Provided food for the Choir before their performance at the carols on the green.

They will also be paying for new netball hoops in the New Year.

A big thank you again from all of us 😊

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

Thursday 8th January – Online safety parent workshop

Steeple Cove Nursery

This week Steeple Cove have been celebrating Christmas! Making reindeer food for the children to sprinkle on their garden on Christmas eve, we made homemade Christmas decorations to brighten and dazzle everyone Christmas trees at home! This week we were also joined by Mrs Shea from Tesco- we made festive centre pieces for your tables at Christmas. Have a fantastic Christmas everyone !



Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

This week brought a wonderful burst of excitement as the children headed to the theatre to watch *Sleeping Beauty*. Reception were especially delighted to sit with their Year 6 buddies, sharing the joy of the performance and counting down their final week of term with a special treat together. It was a lovely moment of connection across the school.

Back in the classroom, the children proudly completed their DT mechanisms project. They finished the term by designing and making their own Christmas cards, each featuring a working slider mechanism and a festive scene. The creativity and care they put into their designs made for a truly charming end to their project.

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas gifts and cards — your kindness is truly appreciated.

Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)

This week, amongst various Christmas activities and our exciting theatre trip, children have been exploring making different mechanisms (levers, sliders and wheels) in Design and Technology, to design and make a moving Christmas card. There have been some very creative ideas and lots of perseverance!

Well done to everyone in Leas Foot class this week and this term! We are so proud of everyone, how hard they have worked, what they have achieved and how they have transitioned into becoming wonderful year 1 and year 2 children.

Thank you for all your kind cards and gifts! Have a lovely Christmas!

Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

As we come to the end of the term I want to say well done to everyone in Sedgewell for growing, maturing, demonstrating an incredible passion for learning and being wonderfully hard-working! We have achieved so much since September and I look forward to the next chapter in the Spring Term.

Our final week has been lovely with festivities as well as finalising our term's learning and the children have been great. I was incredibly proud of them at our brilliant trip to the Pantomime, and similarly, the children represented themselves beautifully at our Carol Service.

Thank you for the thoughtful gifts and cards and I hope you all have a lovely, restful Christmas.

Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

We have had an action-packed week in Butter Cove. The children have been brilliant, finishing off schemes of work and putting lots of effort into their writing, which is wonderful to see. I was blown away by their incredible rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and our confident readers at the Carol Service. They should be extremely proud of themselves.

I have been really impressed with them all this term and look forward to starting on the front foot in the Spring Term. I encourage them all to read as much as possible but enjoy the break to recharge and enjoy their time with family.

Thank you so much for the kind gifts and cards I have received. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and wonderful new year.

Banham (Year 6)

We have had a fantastic last week of term in Banham. The children have been working on planning, drafting, editing and publishing a persuasive letter to Mrs Ruston. The children all dazzled us on Wednesday with the KS2 Christmas Carol concert. I was super impressed with how well they all performed, how brave the soloists were and how clearly the readers read! It really was a fantastic performance to end the school term.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. As we start the new year we would really see an improvement in our attendance, let's work together to achieve this.

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

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	94.7
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	97%
Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)	96.2%
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	95.3%
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	94.3%
Banham (Year 6)	91.8%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Cece Crabtree- John
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Joseph Betson
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	All children in Leas Foot Class!
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Mylo Skea
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Cleo Barker
Banham (Year 6)	Tilly Viljoen

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Enjoy reading your school reading book, being read to, writing Christmas cards, wrapping gifts, baking and most importantly, rest.
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Enjoy reading and sharing books for pleasure and school reading book
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Enjoy Christmas, do some reading, practicing TTRS and maybe complete some activities included in the letter sent out.
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Spellings and Punctuation activity
Banham (Year 6)	Over the Christmas holidays I am sending home a reading and maths SATS paper to complete. These do not need to be timed, and they can get help from an adult.