



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

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Families,

This week has been an exciting one for our Year 5 and 6 children, who have been absolutely amazing at River Dart. They have thrown themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork, and we could not be prouder of them. If you'd like a little taster of what they've been up to, please do take a look at the school Facebook page, where you'll find photos and updates capturing some of their adventures.

Back at school, things have been noticeably quieter without our older pupils, but the rest of the school has been just as busy. Children across all year groups have been working hard and staying focused on their learning, showing great determination and maturity while their classmates have been away.

Looking ahead, everyone is very excited for Science Week next week, which promises to be full of curiosity, experiments and whole-school fun. We can't wait to see the buzz of scientific thinking fill the building once again!

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th March- Friday 20th March- Science Week
Wednesday 1st April- 9:00am Easter Service at church (all welcome)
Easter Bonnet parade for Steeple Cove, Yarmer and Leas Foot at Church
Friday 3rd April- Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April- Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 21st April- First day of term

Steeple Cove Nursery



This week Steeple Cove have been exploring space and the universe! We have been getting crafty by making junk model rockets that would take you up into space to explore, creating playdough aliens from our made-up planets and learning all about the different planets in our solar system and their properties. The children have been spreading the love by making their Mother's Day crafts and planting apple seeds to see when they will turn into a blossoming tree.

Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

This week in class we have been busy across a range of subjects. In Design and Technology, the children have been exploring different types of joins, including flange, tab, and slot joins, as they begin designing and constructing their own bridges. They have enjoyed experimenting with how different joins can make structures stronger and more stable. In History, we have been learning about King Charles and discussing the similarities and differences between him and Queen Elizabeth. In RHE, we have been focusing on communication and discussing how we can talk to trusted adults both inside and outside of school. The class shared thoughtful ideas about who they can go to for help and why it is important to speak up if they need support.

Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)

In Leas Foot this week we had a fabulous walk to our forest school base, where children enjoyed becoming even more imaginative with their den building and clay modelling, showing teamwork and kindness, helping and encouraging others. In PE this week children worked in small groups to create their own games, some wonderful ideas and some excellent sporting skills. Children have also shown some great creative writing skills during our morning work!



Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

Sedgewell have had a lovely week and Year 4's have loved being the oldest in the school this week! In our DERIC reading this week we have found the book about Climate Change really interesting and have made a lot of links to our learning about Natural Disasters in Geography. In our History lesson we learnt about the punishments and judicial system in the Viking Era which was fascinating. We thoroughly enjoyed our first fully dry Forest School this year and are keeping our fingers crossed for next week with our double sessions on Tuesday and Friday mornings. We had a brilliant PE lesson where we created our own activity courses where the children demonstrated great creativity and teamworking skills.



Butter Cove (Year 4)

The Year 4's have had a week with a variety of different teachers and activities and they have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They loved their 'bonus' forest school session and worked really well with Sedgewell class. The highlight was probably their PE lesson with Mr F – great teamwork. The children have embraced the changes to their week with maturity and have represented Butter Cove class really well.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. As we start the new year, we would really to 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%)	96.8%
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	91.1%
Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)	92%
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	99.6%
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	99.6%
Bantham (Year 6)	100%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Theo Kearney
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Rooney Fitzhugh
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Madison Thorn
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Rosie Hannaford- postponed until next week
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	
Bantham (Year 6)	

Commented [JS1]: @Lisa Sims-Stirling - what is Rafa's last name?

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet: 4 + letter formation 'v' Y1 – Maths activity sheet: 3+ spellings The split vowel digraphs 'a_e' and 'e_e'
Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)	Y1 – Maths activity sheet and spellings – Split vowel digraphs 'a_e' and 'e_e' Y2 – Maths activity sheet and statutory year 2 spellings.
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Spellings, a Fractions activity and TTRS please – approx. 3 x garage games at least 4 times a week.

Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Spellings and reading task. Please go on Rollama and TTRS for at least 15 minutes 4 times a week
Bantham (Year 6)	Arithmetic paper due Thursday 19 th March due to residential!