



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

**Friday 20th March 2026**

Dear Families,

This week began with an amazing whole-school Science Day workshop, which created a real buzz of excitement around the building. The children were thoroughly enthused by the hands-on activities and investigations they took part in throughout the day. Their curiosity and enthusiasm were wonderful to see, and the science show at the end of the afternoon provided a fun and memorable way to round off the experience.

We have also enjoyed some welcome sunshine this week, which has lifted everyone's spirits and encouraged lots of happy outdoor learning and play. It has been lovely to see the children making the most of the brighter weather.

Year 6 have been completing their final round of SATs practice, and we are incredibly impressed with their focus, determination, and positive attitudes. They have approached the tasks with real maturity, and we are very proud of how hard they are working as they prepare for the weeks ahead.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ruston

**Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Eye screening for Reception

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April- 9:00am

Easter Service at church and Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Yarmer and Leas Foot (all welcome)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April-

Last day of Term and FTS Easter Egg Hunt end of the day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Easter Holidays**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April- Non-Pupil Day**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April- First day of term

### Steeple Cove Nursery



This week Steeple Cove have been exploring the world! Placing animals and different modes of transport into their locations within the world, whether it be Land, air or sea. The children have been enjoying the first days of the sun by mini-beast exploring and finding the mini-beasts' habitats. To join in with the schools Science week we have been experimenting with magnets, ice and mixing colours.

### Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

This week, Yarmer had a fantastic time celebrating Science Week! The children built and launched rockets, tested which peg was strongest using sand-filled socks, and explored dinosaur features by creating their own. They matched animals by identifying features, observed melting wax crayons, and enjoyed experiments with their family groups. A highlight was the exciting science show with explosions and fire! Throughout the week, the children showed great curiosity and perseverance, especially when trying new and unfamiliar activities.

### Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)

We have had such a wonderful week celebrating Science Week! We loved our day on Monday where we built and launched rockets and watched some displays in the Parish Hall. As historians, we have been continuing our learning about the royal family. We have been creating a timeline about King Charles II's life. As mathematicians, we have started our unit about multiplication and division. Year 1s are counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, and Year 2s are also counting in 3s. We are working on groups of numbers and finding the total.

### Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

What a fun Science week we've had! It started on Monday with exciting rocket making, followed by adapting Spin Bots and a thrilling competition in the village hall. We then finished with a spectacular show with exciting demonstrations involving fire and explosions. 😊 Later in the week we all worked in family groups on different experiments – the non-yellow children in Sedgewell will enjoy watching the yellow groups homemade paper drying over the coming days. We have also been blessed with sunshine for our two Forest School sessions this week – what a treat! Amongst all this fun, we've managed some wider learning too and loved learning about volcanos and the meaning of Dharma through the Hindu story of Rama and Sita. What a jam-packed week!



### Butter Cove

It has been lovely to have the class back together after the Year 5 residential. On Monday we had a wonderful Science Day based on rockets. The children designed and made rockets and learnt all about propulsion. They were treated to a fantastic display in the afternoon, with explosions and flames to entertain them all. As mathematicians, we have started learning about Decimals, where the children are gaining in confidence and I am sure will progress over the coming weeks. In English, we have used grammar and figurative language, particularly personification, to describe a storm, adding atmosphere to our creative writing. I have enjoyed watching the children learn new programming skills with Scratch in our computing lessons, adapting programs and editing their work where necessary.

### Bantham

Last week we had a wonderful time on residential - conquering fears and having fun – but it was lovely to be back in school this week settling into our normal routines. This week we have been completing our last round of SATS papers before the real ones, and I have shared so many proud teacher moments! During our DT lesson we have been testing the strength and stability of different structures and then they created their own design criteria and plan ready to make their final piece. This week we have also celebrated Science Week and welcomed in Wonderstruck! The children have really enjoyed exploring and being curious about the world!



### Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. We would really like 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.

<b>Whole school attendance (Target 98%)</b>	93.7%
<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	95.7%
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)</b>	98% Absolutely brilliant well done!
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	95%
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	90.3%
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	90.8%

## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

<b>Steeple Cove Nursery</b>	Austin Matley
<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	Luan Skea
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)</b>	Madison Thorn (Postponed from last week)
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	Bamber Leyland and Rosie Hannaford (Postponed from last week)
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	Bea Everett-Lyons
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	Bantham Class!!

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

### Home learning

<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	R – Maths activity sheet: 5 + letter formation 'y' Y1 – Maths activity sheet: 4 + spellings The split vowel digraphs 'i_e' and 'o_e'
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)</b>	Y1 – Maths activity sheet and spellings – Split vowel digraphs 'i_e' and 'o_e' Y2 – Maths activity sheet and spellings – r spelt wr and f spelt ph words.
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	Spellings, a Fractions activity and TTRS please – approx. 3 x garage games at least 4 times a week.
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	Spellings and grammar task. Please go on Rollama and TTRS for at least 15 minutes 4 times a week
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	Arithmetic paper and SPaG Mat