

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well.

This week the Eco Team have been busily planting dozens of bulbs to beautify our village. We are truly proud of their commitment to caring for our environment.



In other news, our talented students in Key Stage Two have been engaging in sculpture lessons inspired by the work of Anthony Gormley. They have been unleashing their creativity and working with various materials to bring their artistic visions to life.

As Father Daniel has moved on to a new Parish we are thrilled to have special visitors from the local church joining us for assemblies to ensure our partnership with All Saints Thurlestone Church continues to thrive. This provides a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain an understanding of the importance of community and our school values.

Exciting times are ahead as the Thurlestone Premier League will be launching soon! Mr F is beyond excited! Our budding sports enthusiasts will have the chance to showcase their talent and demonstrate their team spirit. We can't wait to witness the friendly rivalry and cheer on our incredible young football stars. More details will follow in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out!



Parent and carer consultation appointments are now available to book online. We look forward to welcoming you to school to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Coombe



## Parent Information

### What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school



<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

### Childcare funding information for Nursery Aged Children

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/new-working-entitlements-for-2-year-olds/>

### Parent information sessions around funding for childcare

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Key Dates	
Tuesday 7th February	Parent Consultations
Weds 8th February	Parent Consultations
12th - 16th February	Half Term
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Bantham Trip to Buckland Abbey
Wednesday 21st February	Sedgewell Cove Trip to Buckland Abbey
Thursday 22nd February	Butter Cove Trip to Buckland Abbey
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Year 5 & 6 to Residential to Heatree House
28th March	Last Day of Spring Term

### Some important information for next week

- Forest school on Tuesday for Reception and Sedgewell Cove- Pete has asked please can you make sure that your child has waterproof trousers as well as suitable coat and wellies. The weather is looking really wet next week and we want to make sure the sessions still go ahead. •
- PE for all classes every Friday (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day)

# 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 Steeple Cove have been focusing on ..... '2D shapes'*

*The children really enjoyed recreating a 2D shapes in rice, they chose a shape to trace with their fingers to make the shape as well as counting the sides and corners to learn how many corners shape are made of.*

*We've been making pictures using only 2D shapes, the children named the shapes they were using to make their pictures. The children made pictures of rockets, boats, houses, tractors and so much more.*

*In the afternoon the children have been getting crafty by searching through magazines to find shapes to cut out. Then the children stuck them on to the corresponding shape to make a shaped collage.*

*The children became shape investigators this week by completing the shape hunt outside, the children were challenged to find eight different 2D shapes. The children are now experts at identify 2D shapes.*

*On Wednesday Steeple Cove ventured out of the classroom and visited the mobile library where we were greeted by Heidi, the librarian. The children explored different stories and it was amazing to see children reading together and meeting the*

*community. We can't wait to go back and visit the mobile library next time.*





### Star of the Week!



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Roisin

Roisin has been recognised for her kindness this week as she has been taking care of a new friend that has join the class, Roisin has been helping them with the routine, it's fantastic to see such caring behaviour.

Well Done, Roisin

## Yearmer Reception / Year One

This week the Reception children have blown me away with their incredible writing. All the hard work that they have been putting into learning their sounds is really starting to pay off! We read the book 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. It is a beautiful story about a boy who wishes beyond anything that he could catch a star. The children thought about what their biggest wish might be and wrote a sentence about this. Some wishes included: 'I wish I had piles and piles of gold.' 'I wish I had a magic necklace that turned me into a mermaid', 'I wish I was a ninja.', 'I wish I lived in France.' Within their maths learning, the Year Ones have been deepening their understanding of numbers to 20. They have been leaning about how to use their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help them workout number bonds to 20. Within their Art, the children have begun to study the photographer and sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. The children learnt that Goldsworthy creates many of his sculptures using natural materials that he finds within the environment. Much of his work is temporary and therefore can only be seen through photographs. The children spent time analysing and critiquing Goldsworthy's work and will work towards creating a piece in the style of Goldsworthy.

## Home Learning

Reception –

- Please continue to practise reading the single letter sounds on your keyring. Keep going with the 'special friends' (qu th ch sh nk ng) and red words. I cannot express enough how important having a secure grasp of these sounds is for your little ones reading and writing journey.
- Letter formation practice worksheet 'b' – 'boot'
- Maths – 6,7 and 8 number maze

Year 1 –

- Maths – number bonds to 20 worksheet
- Handwriting practise sheet

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.

Please note, Reception children will not be receiving a reading book until their newly taught phonic knowledge is fully embedded. Instead, they will be choosing library books for you to share with them. We will endeavour to visit the library each Friday.

RWInc reading books due in: Thursday

Library reading books due in: Thursday

New reading books: Friday

### Star of the Week!



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**Otter**

Otter has had a phenomenal week with his phonics learning. He has worked incredibly hard at learning the new sounds and has been super at reading and writing words. Well done Otter! I'm so proud of you.

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 94.87%

Let's try and improve next week!

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# Leas Foot Year One / Two

This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been exploring the work of the British Sculptor and photographer Andy Goldsworthy. The children really enjoyed seeing some of his creations and couldn't believe that he only uses natural materials. We noticed that he often creates spirals and circular sculptures. Next week, we will be using fruit pieces to start exploring and creating our own art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. As Historians, we have been finding out more about our Royal Family and who Queen Elizabeth II was. We learned that she was born in 1926 and became Queen when she was just 25 years old and that she reigned for 70 years. In our R.E learning this week we have been discussing the meaning of forgiveness and how it feels to be forgiven.

## Home Learning

Year 1 - Maths - Science project (set last week) and number bonds to 20 worksheet.

Year 2 - Science project (set last week) and a Maths task based on our learning in class this week.

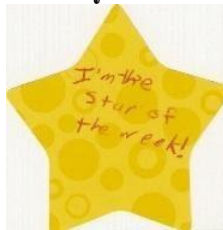
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Library reading books due in: Thursday

Home learning due in: Thursday

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Sumi

Sumi has shown such an eagerness and thirst to learn. She has engaged in all our subject conversations and applied her sound knowledge to write beautifully in History and Art. Well done Sumi



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Last week's attendance was 97.06%

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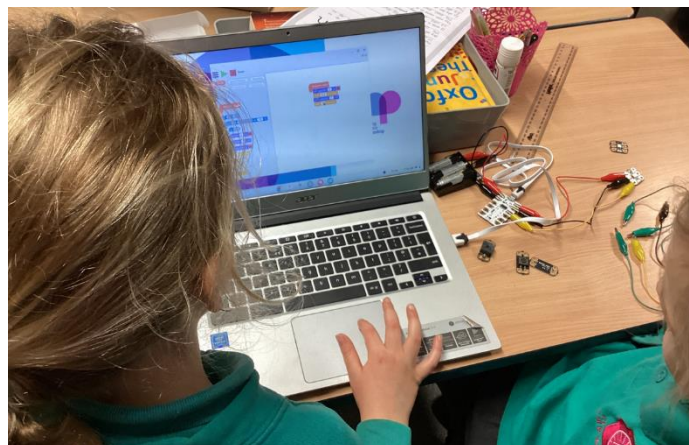


## Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

As musicians this week we have started to learn our song 'Latin Dance'. This year we are focussing on songs from different cultures. To start the learning, we practised the basic steps of a salsa and had a go at doing these with our partners. We then started to learn the song. In a few weeks we will be adding in some ukelele practise!

In computing this week, we have been programmers and used devices called crumbles. We had to work out how to set up the crumbles and connect them to the Chromebooks. Once they were connected, we used the software to make the crumbles light up, we even made some of them flash like a rainbow!

As geographers this week we have continued our learning on mountains. We have been thinking about all the different features of a mountain. We then used this knowledge to label a mountain.



## Home Learning

Home learning this year will consist of reading, spellings, maths, times tables and curriculum themed projects.

### Reading

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### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete the writing task.

### Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. These will either be set from the Year 3/4 or Year 5/6 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every

Friday.

## Star of the Week



**Frank**

For having a positive effort and attitude towards everything that he does and always willing to help out

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Last week's attendance was 97.44%

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# Butter Cove Four / Five

## *This Week*

*It's been another busy week for Butter Cove. As Scientists, Year 5 have been learning about the solar system and we recreated the planets at scale out on the playground to see how close, or how far the planets are from the sun. It was great fun measuring and positioning all the planets.*

*As Mathematicians we have all been busy developing our multiplication skills. Year 4 have been focusing on 2 digit by 1 digit numbers and Year 5 have been learning 4 digit by 1 digit as well as stretching our brains with 2 digit by 2 digit... the extra row of calculations certainly made us have to think!*

*As Historians we have been learning about the monarchs who reigned during the Tudor period of time and have begun to learn about family trees – the children will develop this further during their home learning.*

*The highlight of the week was in Art this week where we were creating 'maquettes' which are small sculptures artists make prior to their larger final piece. We manipulated tin foil and made some brilliant mini people. Maybe you can all have a go at making some at home together as a family!*



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### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to use the Tudor family tree to answer some questions.

### Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.



### **Star of the Week**

**Asher!**

Asher has been focused on his work, has been enjoying his learning and engaging really well this week. Well done Asher – keep it up!

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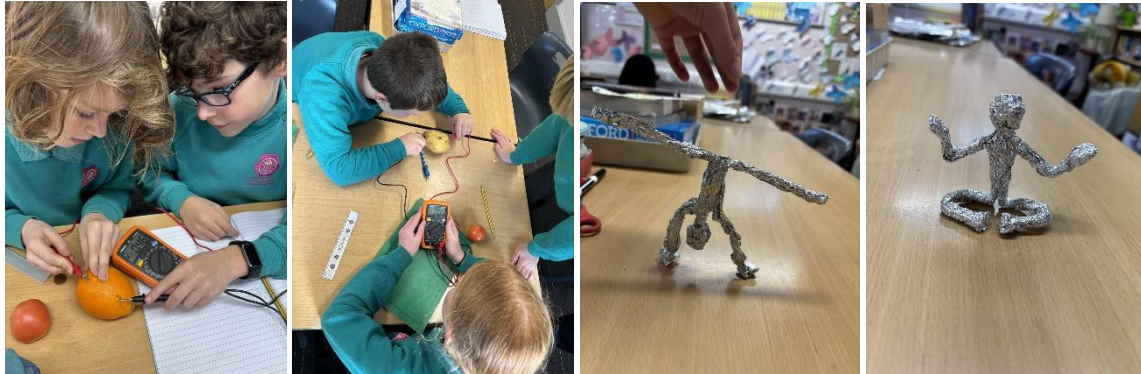
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Last week's attendance was 96.8%  
Let's try and improve next week!

## **Bantham Five / Six**

It has been another busy but exciting week in Bantham class. As scientists, Year 6 have been creating fruit batteries! We looked at a range of fruit and vegetables such as lemons, limes, tomatoes, potatoes and oranges and found that they all created energy like a battery.

As historians this week we looked at the Tudor monarchy and created a family tree to learn more about Henry VIII and his 6 wives!

As artists this week, we have been manipulating foil and made 'maquettes'. A small prototype artists make prior to their final sculptures. We had so much fun scrunching and twisting foil to make human figures. The children have become experts at this – why not try and have a go at making these at home too!



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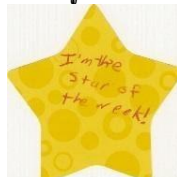
#### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I have set you a maths arithmetic challenge!

#### Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children 10 spellings for them to learn. These will come from the statutory Year 5/6 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every **Friday**.

#### Star of the Week!



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#### Freiya

Freiya has shown an increase confidence in her maths learning this week! Well done Freiya – keep it up!

#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
 Last week's attendance was 99.02%  
 A brilliant start to the new term Bantham well done!

