

Dear Families,

Our children had a very exciting time enjoying the first snowfall of the year this week including a snowy first Forest School session for our Reception children and Sedgewell Cove. Thank you to our parent volunteers for joining us and making the sessions possible.



In other news, we were delighted to welcome the Artist Stephen Thomas to a special exhibition of the beautiful landscapes created by our children in Key Stage Two. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to be inspired by the work of their peers whilst proudly sharing their work with the Artist they have been studying.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child is wrapped up warm for school. With forecasts predicting chilly temperatures, hats, scarves, and gloves are essential to keep our little ones cozy and comfortable during break times.



This week we have been continuing to think about our school value of 'service', reflecting on the year ahead and deciding how we can serve others at school, at home and in the community. In Family Groups each child created a star to show how they would reflect our value of service this term.

Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every **Friday** (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day)

- Forest and Beach sessions will resume next week, and this half term **Reception** will be taking part in the morning session and **Sedgewell** will be taking part in the afternoon session.

Sedgewell Cove Class Tea with Miss Alen - Wednesday 17th January at 3pm

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming "Tea with Miss Alen" event, where you'll have the chance to meet your child's new teacher. We understand the importance of building strong relationships between home and school, and this event provides a relaxed setting to get to know each other better on **Wednesday 17th January at 3pm in the school hall.**

Sporty Stars Half-Term Holiday Camp

During the half term holiday Sporty Stars will be running a daily sports club based at All Saints Thurlestone Academy. The multi activity holiday camps provide children with an active and engaging experience during the school holidays. The camps are designed for children aged 5 - 12 with an action packed timetable designed to suit this age range. Children can expect an active day with a range of sports, arts & crafts and unique activities such as zorbing, archery, glow in the dark sports, nerf wars, inflatables and more.

As with every service they offer, the focus is always to have as much fun as possible, in a safe and encouraging environment.

Here's how to sign up:

[Thurlestone Holiday Camp - Booking by Bookwhen
bookwhen.com](https://www.bookwhen.com)



Star of the week

Some families have shared with us that it can be tricky to get to school to join Praise Assembly when their child is awarded Star of the Week. In order to enable as many families as possible to join we are inviting you to join in person either on the Friday that the award is given, the next Friday or virtually (please let the school office know if you would like a link to join us).

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

Firstly, we'd like to say it's been a fantastic first week back settling into routine after the festive period. We have loved hearing all about the children's time with their families. This term we have welcomed many new faces, and they have all settled in beautifully, the children of Steeple Cove have all been warm and welcoming, which is amazing to see.

The children of Steeple Cove were very excited to notice the first signs of Winter by finding ice in our playground! We found the best place to find ice to play with was in the mud kitchen. As we are spending more time exploring the changes of winter outside, please can we ask that children are bringing in a warm, waterproof coat and hat/scarf/gloves.

This week we have been focusing on the seasons, we have learnt the four different seasons and how to identify them using their differences. The children have been exploring different items from different seasons and trying to identify which season they belong to, "we find pinecones in Autumn", "I like playing on the beach in the summer", "Winter and snow is cold".



Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Otto

Otto has made so much improvement since last term! Otto has made fantastic personal progress and is now following our class routine. It's fantastic to hear Otto so chatty towards the adults in the class. Well done, Otto!



Yarmer Reception / Year One

It has been such a magical and busy week. We were all so excited to see a light dusting of snow and have enjoyed discovering ice and other signs of winter within our outside area. The reception children were thrilled to be spending their first forest school session of the year enjoying the snow. They made the most of it by working as a team to collect the snow in buckets and punnets to create snow bricks. They rolled in it, caught it on their tongues, made and threw snowballs and fully embraced the cold. Back in school we have spent time looking at the book 'Whatever Next'. The reception children decided to paint their own rockets and have thought about what they might take with them if they went on an adventure to space. Within our maths learning, the year ones have been exploring numbers between 10 – 20. They have learnt that these numbers are made up of tens and ones. Within their science learning, the year ones have been leaning about whether something is living or non-living. They had a long discussion about fire because although it demonstrates lots of life-like characteristics, it is of course not living. The children found this fascinating!



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 'k' – 'kangaroo'
- Maths – missing numbers to 10

Year 1 –

- Maths – match number representation to number 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!



Star of the Week

Eliza

Eliza has returned to school this year so positively. She always tries her best and is so kind, thoughtful and quietly determined. Her smile lights up the classroom and her attitude is impeccable. We simply love having you within Yarmer class Eliza!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 100%

Well done Yarmer what a great start to the Spring Term!



Leas Foot Year One / Two

Wow! What a wonderful week we have had in Year 1 and 2. The children have returned to school with fantastic 'can-do' attitudes, and this has enabled us to really get stuck into our learning. In Geography we are learning about the United Kingdom and this week we have identified and named the four countries which make up the UK. We have also started to learn the names of their capital cities. In Science we have been thinking about the characteristics of living things and we have used the name MRS GREN to help us remember these characteristics, so we know that they Move, Respire, Sensitive, Grow, Reproduce, Excrete and Nutrition. In R.E we have been retelling the parable of the Lost Son using role play and thinking about the meaning behind the story.

Home Learning

- Year 1 - Maths – match number representation to number worksheet and handwriting practise sheet.
- Year 2 – Handwriting worksheet and a Maths task based on multiplication.

Life Processes

Life Processes		
M	Movement	All living things move, even plants
R	Respiration	Getting energy from food
S	Sensitivity	Detecting changes in the surroundings
G	Growth	All living things grow
R	Reproduction	Making more living things of the same type
E	Excretion	Getting rid of waste
N	Nutrition	Taking in and using food

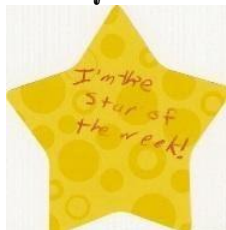
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Library reading books due in: Thursday

Home learning due in: Thursday

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Maggie Palmer

Maggie has really shone in her RWInc learning this week, she has demonstrated a real eagerness to learn and apply her sounds. Maggie has also been recognised by lots of staff for trying hard with all her learning and taking the time to contribute to class discussions. Well done Maggie 😊

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Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 93.5%
Let's try and improve next week!



Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

We enjoyed our first forest school session this week, we walked over to the new forest school field, and it was such a beautiful winter day! There were so many activities to choose from including fire starting, den building and the mud kitchen. We even found a delivery of Christmas trees to add to our dens.

As geographers this week we have been using atlases to support our learning of mountains. We had to find all the famous mountain ranges in Europe so we could then label them on the map. We were able to use our geographical skills to work out how you can find a mountain on a map.

As artists this week we were fortunate to be joined by the artist Stephen Thomas who we were learning about last term. He came to look at our final pieces so we could discuss them with him, this gave us a purpose for our art and felt like we had made our own gallery. We were then able to go around the other classes to see their artwork so we could evaluate them.



Home Learning

Reading

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

Home Learning

For home learning I would like you to complete the times tables sheets that I have sent home, also you could do a soundtrack on times table rockstars.

The children will also have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 1^{9th} January.

Star of the Week



This week the Star goes to George for settling into the school so well and showing such great work effort.

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Last week's attendance was 97%
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Butter Cove Four / Five

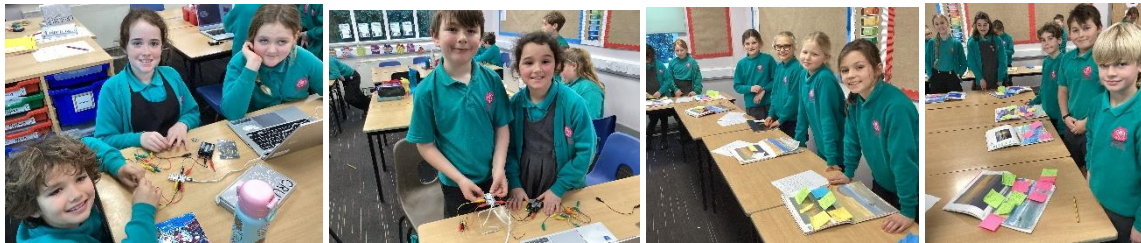
Butter Cove class have all returned to school after the festive break with a sense of focus and purpose with our learning and we have enjoyed settling back into our routines.

Last week we had a great time in Computing using some fantastic equipment and software called 'Crumble'. We created circuits with a microcontroller and learnt about input and output before programming it with a variety of commands.

In RHE we have begun to consider our responsibilities as worldwide citizens and have been learning about human rights. As musicians we have started learning about the latin style of music which was great fun.

As historians we have started our new topic of the Tudors and have begun by learning about how this period of time began after the Battle of Bosworth. We have been looking at the chronology of the time and have been creating timelines. Your home learning this week will continue developing this important skill.

Following our art work last half term inspired by our visit to Stephen Thomas we were delighted to welcome him into school this week where he looked at our gallery of final pieces. He was very impressed of our paintings and offered some really helpful tips and guidance of how we could improve our work in the future.



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Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete the Tudor timeline activity.

Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 12th January.

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Layton!

Layton has returned to school with a really positive attitude to his learning. He has been focused and has worked hard this week. Well done Layton, keep it up!

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Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 95.4%
Let's try and improve next week!

Bantham Five / Six

This week

Bantham have had a great first two weeks back at school after the Christmas break and it has been lovely to hear about the adventures they have all been on.

This week we have started our new writing units, both Year 5 and 6 looking at writing to persuade. Year 6 are looking at writing a speech imagining we are King Harold Godwinson (during the Anglo Saxon period) and need to persuade and encourage our soldiers to fight in battle. Year 5 are writing about refugees.

During our Geography lessons, we have started our new topic on Mountains. This week, the children used atlases to find and locate different mountain ranges in Europe.

This week we were fortunate enough to be joined by Stephen Thomas and his wife to show him our artwork inspired by him. He was really impressed with how incredible our landscape and seascape painting are and gave individual feedback to. We are so thankful that he was able to give up his time to come and see us.



Home Learning

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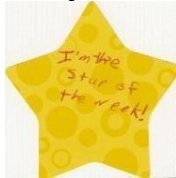
Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like the children to complete the maths challenge I have set for them.

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!



Star of the Week

Joe

Joe always impresses me with his hard work and dedication to his learning. However, this week Joe has come back to school after the break absolutely shining in all areas of his learning! I have been blown away! Keep it up!

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Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 93.3%
Let's try and improve next week!

