

## News Flash

We are thrilled to announce that we are in the process of looking for a replacement for the play equipment in the school playground. Please let the school office or FTS know if you would like to help, have some expertise to share or have knowledge of grants or funds we could access to support our fund raising.

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well! I wanted to share with you some exciting news and updates from our school.

Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you to Miss Symons for organising our Science Week, which had a fantastic theme all about time. The children had an amazing time exploring and learning all about the concept of time. Highlights included working in family groups to create sundials, clay models to show metamorphosis and model water cycles. To end the week in style our children were treated to a Science workshop today kindly funded by the Friends of Thurlestone School. There was much excitement in school as our children created rockets and fan powered cars to test in the playground! I would also like to express my gratitude for your support during our recent book sales. It's been fantastic to see so many books being reshared with our school family.

Keep an eye out for further updates and information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Miss Coombe



We have organised new clubs for our after school provision starting on the first week back after the Easter break!

Tuesday >Field Sports< This will include cricket, rounders, hockey ect

Wednesday > Athletics< This will include a range of athletic activities

Thursday >Multi Sports< This is will include a range of sporty activities

We are lucky enough to be able to provide these after school clubs with Sporty Stars, in order for us to maintain this however we will need at least 10 children to attend each session.

The clubs are live on MCAS now and ready for bookings.

### Information for Year Six transition to KCC

As we prepare our Year 6 children for their exciting transition to Secondary School we wanted to provide you with some upcoming dates. KCC will be writing to you with further information. In addition to the dates below there will be an enhanced transition day for some children and a visit to our school by KCC staff for all children.

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Transition Day for West Alvington and Thurlestone (see letter from KCC)
- Thursday 4th July: Induction evening for students, parents, and carers
- Monday 5th to Friday 9th August: The Big Step Summer Programme
- Thursday 5th September 2024: First day of Autumn Term for all students

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)

### **Some news from our Eco Team....**

#### Church Project

Thursday 12th October 2023 was our first visit to the church to meet with Mike who leads the project.

The Eco team, Zach, Dug, Asher, Molly, Izzy and Kaia were the first representatives of our school to begin the initial survey to investigate how many insects we could find, how many different varieties of trees are growing in the churchyard and how many types of birds we could spot.

We used a tally and with Mike's help collated the findings, this initial survey will help us see how successful our project eventually is.

We also worked in pairs to gather examples of plants growing in the churchyard to identify them and see what is thriving for the future.

Everyone was very respectful and asked lots of interesting questions and joined in with the discussions sensibly imparting their knowledge as well as listening to Mike's facts. We all agreed it had been a brilliant afternoon and we are already looking forward to our next visit

Why not take a peak at the Church yard to see all our hard work!

### Family Learning

#### Autism and Us Parent Programme Online (Summer Term 2024)

Support for parents/carers of Devon primary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism. Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Summer term of the 2023-24 academic year.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

Full programme details and application process below:

Autism & Us programmes:

- 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:
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No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 23 Apr 10am - 12pm	Thurs 13 Jun 4.30pm - 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tues 30 Apr 10am - 12pm	Thurs 20 Jun 4.30pm - 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tues 7 May 10am - 12pm	Thurs 27 Jun 4.30pm - 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 14 May 10am - 12pm	Thurs 4 Jul 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Apply direct by email to: [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk)

Additionally we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time
DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service) + PCFD (Parent Carer Forum Devon)	Wed 22 May 10am - 12pm
Autism - Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 16 May 9.30am - 12:30pm
Autism and Girls	Wed 5 Jun 9.30am - 12pm
Autism - Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 13 Jun 10am - 12pm
Autism - Communication (Speaking children - support strategies)	Mon 1 Jul 10am - 12pm
Autism - Managing stress + anxiety	Wed 10 Jul 1pm - 3pm
Autism - Vulnerability + online safety	Wed 19 Jun 10am - 12pm
Autism - Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children - support strategies)	Thurs 27 Jun 10am - 12pm

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### Parenting From The Heart

Parenting From The Heart programme - a short online programme with the international speaker and best selling author, Jack Pransky.

Do you ever feel overwhelmed as a parent?

Do your feelings of stress and worry seem like a barrier to the loving relationship you wish for with your child?

Would you love to see the in-built mental health within your child, even when it seems to appear more like mental sickness?

This online programme consists of four x 90-minute online sessions.

All session start times:

6.30pm GMT / 1.30pm EDT / 10.30am PDT

Dates:

Thursday 13th June 2024

Thursday 20th June 2024

Thursday 27th June 2024

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Let's explore the possibility of creating beautiful relationships with our children, even when things seem really bad or too late.

In this four part programme, Jack and I will respond directly to your questions or situations you are finding challenging.

All the sessions will be recorded and the recordings will be shared with you via email.

It is not advice giving or telling you what you're doing wrong... it's about celebrating what it is to be a parent/carer/guardian/grandparent/supporter of our younger people.

It's about seeing through our own feelings of fear, worry and anxiety to be able to see and hear our children from a different space.

Interested? Please use this link

<https://lu.ma/9w8hbjry>

### Spring Term Dates

Date	Event
28.3.24	Easter Service in Church 8.40am drop off at Church. Year 4 and 5 Parents invited to attend
28.3.24	Last Day of Spring Term
29.3.24 - 15.4.24	Easter Holiday
16.4.24	First Day of Summer Term





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Juggling work and life can sometimes be challenging. Available support with the costs of childcare can make this easier. We want you to be aware of government support for your children attending our Nurseries or Wrap around Care Childcare Provision.



## OUR NURSERY FUNDING CHOICES

Age 3-4 years				Age 2 years			
<b>ALL PARENTS</b>				<b>FAMILIES RECEIVING SOME ADDITIONAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT</b>			
<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025
<b>WORKING FAMILIES</b>				<b>WORKING FAMILIES</b>			
<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>15 HOURS</b>	<b>30 HOURS</b>	
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	

Arrange your visit today, call: 01548 560494 or Email: [thurlestone@lapsw.org](mailto:thurlestone@lapsw.org) for more information

## 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 ... Spring and Easter

This week we have been learning about Spring and Easter. The children have been exploring the Easter tray by joining in with a scavenger egg hunt, the eggs have been hidden within the tray and once they found them all they needed to find the hidden message. Happy Easter! The children had a blast becoming investigators.

This week was our first session of Forest school with Mr Moore, where we ventured down to the forest school area. The children explored the area and chose which activities they would like to start with. They chose activities from drilling and creating medals, making mud soup, creating dens, and learning about the local environment.

On Thursday we were lucky to be visited by Mrs Shea from Tesco who we made chocolate Easter nests! The children had a wonderful time creating the mixture for their nest and waiting for them to set. The best part was cleaning the spoons and bowls, by eating all the left-over mixture.



Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Ofelia

You are our wonderful star this week for your fantastic listening during Forest school and we loved the way you showed so much respect to Mr Moore. Not only were you very respectful but your rhyming work this week has been amazing, keep up the wonderful work Ofelia.





## Yarmer Reception / Year One

Thank you to Miss Symons for organising a fantastic Science Week. The children enjoyed an exciting Monday collaborating within their family groups and exploring activities based around the theme of 'time'. They made sun dials, learnt about metamorphosis, designed a 'farm of the future', made pendulums, and created water clocks. It was wonderful to see the joy on their faces as they worked in partnership with children from across the school.



### Home Learning

#### Reception -

- Keyring and reading
- Letter formation practice worksheet 'j' - 'jack in the box'
- Maths - Making 5 worksheet

#### Year 1 -

- Maths - Adding and subtracting worksheet
- Reading

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

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#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 98%  
Amazing work Yarmer!



#### Star of the Week

Phoebe D

Phoebe is an absolute diamond, and we simply love having her in Yarmer class. She is kind, considerate, hardworking, and brings such humour and joy to the classroom. She has had a truly fantastic week, blossoming within all areas of her learning. Well done Phoebe.



## Leas Foot Year One / Two

Wow! I cannot believe we are almost at the Easter holidays! Where has the term gone? As Scientists this week, we worked in small groups to create plan an experiment to test the strength of different houses for the three little pigs. We explored different materials before deciding which ones to use to create our houses. We created spaghetti stick and marshmallow houses, lego houses, cardboard houses, paper straw houses and cocktail stick houses! The children were so creative! We then used a hairdryer, water droplets and a small weight to test their durability. As Designers this week we used paper and card to apply our understanding of different joins to create prototype bridges. The children really impressed me with their resilience and creativity when putting them together.

Bea in Year 2 has donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust so that they can make a wig for children suffering from cancer and other illnesses. Wow Bea! What an incredibly thoughtful thing to do.



### Home Learning

Year 1 - Maths - Capacity worksheet

Year 2 - Measure worksheet

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RWinc reading books due in: Thursday  
Library reading books due in: Thursday  
Home learning due in: Thursday

Star of the Week!



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Olly v

Olly has worked incredibly hard in his Maths learning this week and offered some brilliant answers! He always takes the time to work methodically and carefully when working things out.

Well done Olly 😊

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#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 93%  
Let's try and improve next week!

## Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

We have really enjoyed science week this week, on Monday we spent the day in family groups completing different science experiments. We have been thinking about the theme of time and what science is going to be like in the future. Today we spent the day with Wonderstruck creating rockets and battery-controlled cars.

In our Pe this week we had a go at some yoga using cosmic kids yoga, this one was all about Harry Potter.



As Geographers this week we have been thinking about the human impact on mountains. We thought about how tourism affects the Alps positively and negatively. Using this information we then created our own holiday brochure.



### Home Learning

Toilet rolls needed- please can you bring in any toilet rolls that you have at home to create the torches

### Reading

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### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like the children to complete the worksheet about tenths

### Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.



### Star of the Week

Airlie

For always pushing herself and trying her very best in everything she does, you are a superstar!

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### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 96%  
Let's try and improve next week!



# Butter Cove Four / Five

## This Week

Butter Cove have enjoyed being reunited as a class this week and the Year 5 children proudly shared their adventures with the other children. We are all incredibly proud of their achievements on their residential trip.

As we approach Easter we have been continuing our RE learning around Easter and what it means to Christians across the world. With Holy Week being next week it has been timely that we learnt about it and the significance of the events leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The children will demonstrate their knowledge during their home learning task this week.

Following the continuous rain in recent months it was inevitable that our Forest School session this week was going to be muddy. The children absolutely loved it and had tremendous fun in the fog and mud! They embraced the weather and enjoyed a variety of activities including den building, fire lighting, weaving, drilling and some very muddy sliding around!

We look forward to resuming Forest School after the Easter Holidays.



## Home Learning

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### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like the children to create a storyboard of the key events in Holy Week leading up to the Easter weekend.

### Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Star of the Week!



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Elena!

Elena is an incredible member of the class who always works well, has an incredibly stoic approach to everything she does and demonstrates an amazing resilience and positive approach to all she does.

Well done Elena - keep it up!

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### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 99%  
Well done Butter Cove this is great!

# Bantham Five / Six

## This week

This week in Bantham class we have had a fantastic week celebrating science week! On Monday we enjoyed spending time in our family groups making sun dials, learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, designing farms of the future, timing pendulums and creating water clocks. On Friday we excitedly welcomed Wonderstruck into school for an exciting assembly and workshops! Thank you so much to the FTS for funding this incredible experience for us!

As writers, Year 6 have been writing their independent writes and have worked hard to include the different skills they have learnt this term. Some children are writing a journal imagining they are Hillary climbing Mount Everest; others are using Heated as inspiration and are writing a non-chronological report based on their fantastic adventures last week.

As designers, the children have designed their very own torch to fit a need and purpose. They then spent some time in groups exploring materials to create their final piece. It was lovely to see them sharing ideas and reflecting whilst they were making about what went well and what they would do differently next time.



Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

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## Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like Year 6 to complete pages 31-33 of their KS2 SPAG revision booklet and Year 5 to complete the reading challenge 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**.

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### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 99.02%  
Bantham well done!

## Star of the Week



Henry

Henry is a fantastic asset to our class and school. He always tries his absolute best in everything that he does and is a great role model for our school. This week, I have been super impressed with both his resilience in maths as well as his kind and caring nature towards the younger children during our science day on Monday.