

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had an enjoyable half term break.



This week, we had the most wonderful school trips to Buckland Abbey! Our children had a fantastic time diving into the intriguing world of Tudor times and exploring the historical setting. The children were able to immerse themselves in the rich history of Buckland Abbey, learning about the Tudor period in a fun and interactive way. They explored the beautiful surroundings, discovered fascinating details about life in Tudor times, and even had the chance to participate in engaging activities like dressing up as Tudors bringing history to life.



We were delighted to see how excited and engaged the children were throughout the trip. They asked insightful questions, showed great curiosity, and demonstrated a real eagerness to learn. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and positive attitude during the trip.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped make this trip possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend, Miss Coombe.

#### Sweets in school:

We understand that birthdays are very exciting and the children will often bring in a sweet treat for their class mates. Please can you let us know if you would prefer your child not to have sweets in these circumstances? The teachers will also always ensure they are put into their bags and not to be consumed until they have permission from their parent or guardian.

#### A message from Mrs Sims-Stirling

Unauthorised absence requests: You will see from our class attendance percentages in this bulletin that the week before half term was very poor. I wanted to share the below information with you again.

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by this school. I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

• A Penalty Notice

• A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated.

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 **28.2.24, 6.3.24, 12.3.24** for Reception and Sedgewell Cove
  - volunteers welcome

### Spring Term Dates

Date	Event
27.2.24, 5.3.24, 12.3.24	Forest School for Reception and Sedgewell Cove
7.3.24	World Book Day
8.3.24	Year 5 and 6 Bikeability (letter to follow soon)
19.3.24	Forest School for Butter Cove and Nursery
11.3.24 - 15.3.24	Residential Trip for Years Five and Six
22.3.24	Year 5 and 6 Bikeability (letter to follow)
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

## 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 learning about 'Chinese New Year' and the importance of learning about a different country and their culture. The children have fully immersed themselves into their learning and have had a fantastic time with it. The children have learnt through creative activities this week, they have made Chinese fans that they used to recreate a Chinese dance to using traditional Chinese music. The children have made hats to based on the traditional Chinese style and have decorated lanterns to hand around to help decorate for the celebrations.

Unfortunately on Wednesday it was our last visit from Heidi in the mobile library, we have been so lucky over the last few months to use this local resource and the children have adored exploring new stories and being able to independently choose their own story to bring back to the classroom. The children made a 'Thank you and Goodbye' card for Heidi to show how much we have appreciated her help and time.

On Thursday afternoon we were visited by Mrs Shea who represents Tesco. She shared some Chinese foods for us to try and we made paperchain dragons to take home as it is the 'year of the dragon'. The children had so much fun playing with their dragons.



### Star of the Week!



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#### Rufus

Rufus is our fabulous star this week for his perseverance while creating his Chinese New Year dragon. Rufus has blown us away by his phonics work this week with our two tricky sounds, Rufus has shown kindness to our visitor during our session about Chinese New Year, he was the only child who tried each of the different dipping sauces during our tasting session. We are so proud of you Rufus!

Well done!



## Yarmer Reception / Year One

Welcome back to second half of the spring term. It has been so lovely to see all the children's bright, happy faces and hear tales of exciting half terms. The break away from school has re-set the children's focus and determination towards their learning. We have shuffled around the RWI groups again (this happens every half term), and have been stretching our brains and begun leaning about place value of numbers to 50 within our maths. The Year 1s have shown me how brilliant they are at counting in 10s and creating groups of 10s and 1s to count large groups of objects. The Reception children have begun to deepen their understanding of number to 10 and how to use the whole-part model. This week, I have challenged the children to really think about their letter and number formation - I have been so impressed with how neat, tidy and uniform their writing is becoming.

### 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.

Year 1 -

- \* Maths - partitioning within 50 worksheet
- \* Reading
- \* Handwriting 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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James

James has blown my socks off with his letter formation and writing this week. He has worked incredibly hard within our RWI lessons and has been super determined to make sure that his letters formed correctly. Well done James, I am so proud of you.

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### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 90.6%  
Let's try and improve next week!



# Leas Foot Year One / Two

Welcome back to the second part of Spring term, I hope you all had a wonderful week. This week in class we have spent time thinking about money, where it comes from and how people make money as part of our RHE learning. In History, we have listened to the little people, big dreams story about King Charles III. We then spent time sequencing some of the significant events on his life. In Science, we started to think about what we know about materials and their properties in preparation for our new unit of learning based on Materials. We have also had a big push on handwriting, letter formation and presentation in class this week and we will continue to do so throughout this term.

## Home Learning

Year 1 - Partitioning within 50 worksheet. Practise reading the sounds on your keyring. Please return this daily. New sounds will be added each Friday.

Year 2 - Handwriting worksheet and a Maths task based on money which reflects our learning in class this week.

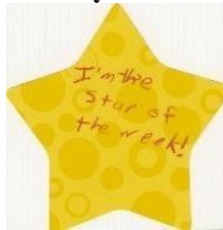
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Library reading books due in: Thursday

Home learning due in: Thursday

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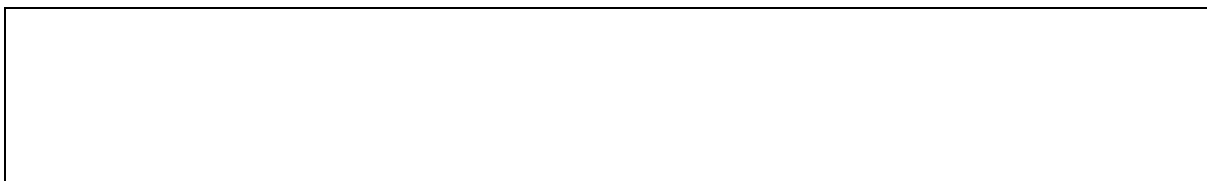
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To be announced next Friday

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Last week's attendance was 91.8%  
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## Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

Welcome back to Spring 2, I hope you all had a lovely half term.

We have had a lovely week back including Forest School. This week due to the uncertainty of the weather we were on site for Forest School. It was so much fun making dens at the bottom of the playground. We also built some great fires and made figures out of clay.

We also went on our school trip to Buckland Abbey this week and we all had such an amazing time. We had the opportunity to walk around the Abbey and see what it would have been like to live in the Tudor times. It was really interesting walking in the kitchen and learning about the kind of food they would have eaten. We also dressed up in traditional Tudor clothes and learnt a lot of interesting facts about them. Well done to everyone for their great behaviour on this trip, everyone was so engaged and interested in what we had to learn.



### Home Learning

#### Reading

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#### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete the times table sheet you have been given.

#### Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Star of the Week

Alana

For representing our school so well on the trip to Buckland Abbey. She is always so engaged in everything she does and shows such good manners in and out of school. Well done Alana! 😊



#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 87.9%  
Let's try and improve next week!



# Butter Cove Four / Five

## This Week

We have had a brilliant week with lots of exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom which has engaged and enhanced the children's experiences.

We were treated to a Deaf Awareness lesson by Jamie Stocks from Devon County Council where we learnt the parts of the ear and the impact it can have if any part isn't working properly. We made models of the ear and then learnt the sign language for the alphabet as well as several other words and phrases. I hope you have all enjoyed the children coming home and showing you their new signing skills.

We had the most amazing day at Buckland Abbey where the children represented themselves and the school brilliantly. The volunteers were so incredibly impressed with the level of knowledge the children had, their love of learning and their brilliant behaviour. Everyone loved immersing themselves in the life and times of the Tudors and have added to their growing knowledge of this period of time.

This week we also started our new DT project where we will be making torches. To help us with our upcoming project, please can collect up and send in any toilet roll tubes and/or kitchen roll tubes that you have over the coming week.



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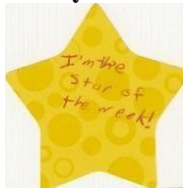
### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete the division activity sheets you have been given.

### Spellings

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Leo!

Leo has had a fantastic week where he has shown us all his tremendous thirst for learning accompanied by some impressive knowledge and skills. This was highlighted particularly when he amazed the volunteer at Buckland Abbey with his contributions.

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Last week's attendance was 86.6%  
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# Bantham Five / Six

## This week.

What a great week we have had in Bantham class this week.

On Tuesday the children blew me away with their polite manners and enthusiastic attitude at Buckland Abbey! The children all listened so well, asked great questions and engaged well in the workshop put on by the volunteers there. A huge thank you to Eliza's mum for joining us and to the FTS for partly funding this fantastic experience for all our children.



This week we also started our new DT project where we will be making torches. We discussed different torches and how they are used for slightly different reasons. We then went on to investigate how they work and made circuits. Please can you have a look at home to see if you have any toilet roll tubes and/or kitchen roll tubes that you can send in to support us with our learning. Please can we have these as soon as possible.

## Home Learning

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

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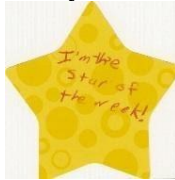
### Home Learning

For home learning this week, Year 5 are being set a maths challenge of finding a fraction of an amount. Year 6 are being set the task of completing pages 22-25 in the SPaG revision book.

### 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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Wilbur

This week Wilbur has been working really hard in all areas of this learning this week. He has impressed me with his maths work and understanding this week. Keep up the hard work!

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Our attendance target is 98%  
Last week's attendance was 94.2%  
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