

Together we shine like stars reflected in the sea



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

Dear Families,

What a Fantastic Week We Have Had! This week has been filled with exciting activities and memorable experiences for our children. Here's a recap of our adventures: Forest School: Our children had an amazing time exploring nature, learning survival skills, and connecting with the environment. Bikeability: many of our Butter Cove pupils participated in the Bikeability program, enhancing their cycling skills and road safety awareness. The Woodlands trip was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 children to let off steam after SATs week and to engage in outdoor activities, teamwork, and adventure. Our visit to the County Show was a highlight, offering our Year One and Two children a chance to learn about local agriculture, crafts, and community life. They also took along a very special Lady of Leas Foot Mermaid Scarecrow to enter a competition!

Well Done Year 6!

A special shoutout to our Year 6 pupils, who have truly shone this week. They demonstrated incredible resilience and determination while tackling their SATS tests. We are immensely proud of their hard work and perseverance. A huge thank you to the entire school team for their unwavering support and dedication, helping our children achieve their best. Miss Symmons is particularly proud of her "super sixes" for their outstanding efforts!

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

Play equipment update

Funding

We are working hard on our funding bids for our new play equipment and, so far have completed a bid to the National Lottery Fund, Norman Family Trust and Children in Need. Fingers crossed for a successful bid! We continue to look out for more funding sources. Our village community have kindly offered to donate some of the proceeds from the Church Summer Fair to our fund.

Next Steps

- There are regular meetings with the Friends of Thurlestone to keep up to date with our progress.
- We have had 3 quotes for the replacement works.
- Our Survey is still live and has had 60 responses.
- We will feature in the next edition of the village voice

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Did you know...The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children with attendance below 90% in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.
- 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

 Please see below for Key Summer Term Dates.

 Reminders

As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer, please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle, sunscreen, and a sun hat. Let's keep our little ones safe and happy in the sun!

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 Nursery will be taking part in the morning session and Butter Cove will be taking part in the afternoon session.

Summer Term Dates

| Date | Event |
|-------------------|--|
| 17.5.24 | Butter Cove Bikeability / Years 1 and 2 Devon County Show |
| 24.5.24 | Last Day of Summer 1 Half Term |
| 27.5.24 - 31.5.24 | Half Term Holiday |
| 3.6.24 | Staff Training Day / Non Pupil Day |
| 4.6.24 | First Day of Summer 2 Half Term |
| 6.6.24 | Year Six Families KCC Meeting in School 3.30pm |
| 24.6.24 - 25.6.24 | Year 4 Residential |
| 3.7.24 | KCC Transition Day for Year 6 |
| 4.7.24 | Sports Day |
| 9.7.24 10.7.24 | Parent and Carer Consultation Dates |
| 12.7.24 | Summer Fair |
| 16.7.24 | Back up Sports Day date |
| 18.7.24 | Whole School Welly Walk |
| 19.7.24 | Leavers' Service All Saints Church 2.30pm |
| 24.7.24 | Last 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 focusing on ... Sea life and sea safety

This week Steeple Cove have been busy learning about sea life and sea safety, on Tuesday for forest school, Pete helped us down to the beach to put our learning in action. The children explored rock pools and streams, the seabed and the land. The children had a fantastic time finding shells, fossils, feathers and crabs! The children ended their session with a beach clean, helping keep our local beaches clean and safe for the animals.

On Wednesday we hopped on a bus and ended up at the National Marine Aquarium. The children were greeted by Win our tour guide who helped us learn about different sea animals and their habitats. On the way though we enjoyed different scavenger hunts, pattern hunts and found animals that were camouflaged. Not only did we meet sharks, turtles and jellyfish but we met Marina the mermaid who read us a story and helped us with a craft session. We can't wait to visit again!



Star of the week-

Sam

Sam is our wonderful star this week as he has settled into the class so well and is making many new friends already, Sam is a fantastic addition to Steeple Cove.

Well Done, Sam!



Yarmer Reception / Year One

This week has been a slightly unusual for the whole school and has meant all classes making changes to routine and lessons. It has been wonderful to see how everyone had rallied around the Year 6s and cheered them on as they completed their SATS – well done Year Six! Within the classroom Year One and Reception have been focusing on their phonics and sentence writing. We have been using the correct punctuation including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops – these still sometimes get forgotten! We have been practising using positional language within our Maths. The children have been using the vocabulary left, right, above, below, forward, backwards, whole turn, half-turn, quarter-turn and three-quarter turn to describe position and turns. We have also been learning about ordinal numbers!

Home Learning

Reception –

- Keyring and reading
- Letter formation practice worksheet 'z' - 'zip'
- Maths – Left or right worksheet

Year 1 –

- Maths – Left or right 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

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

All of Yarmer class for their flexibility and understanding during the SATS week. They have been amazing at accepting all the changes to routines especially with RWI and breaktimes changing every day! Thank you Yarmer and well done Year 6!

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Leas Foot Year One / Two

Home Learning

This week in Year 1 and 2 we have continued to monitor our sunflowers and record their progress in our diaries as part of our science learning. In our Geography learning this week we have spent time learning more about Australia. We learned that Australia is split into seven states and the capital is Canberra. In our RE learning we discussed what it means to forgive and how we can show forgiveness. We also thought about times when we have shown forgiveness to our friends. Finally, we are so excited to be going to the Devon County Show today and we can't wait to share lots of photographs next week!

Star of the week - Aiden has been such a Maths superstar! He has really applied himself to his learning and has been challenging himself to explain how he knows. Well done Aiden, what a star! 😊

Home Learning Year 1 - Read Write Inc sound videos using QR codes. Practise reading the sounds on your keyring. Please return this daily. New sounds will be added each Friday.

Year 2 - Maths task based on telling the time which reflects our learning in class this week along with weekly spellings. (Due to the Devon County Show, these will be given out on Monday).

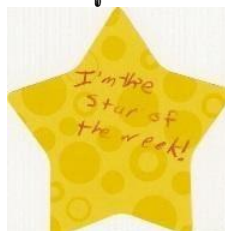
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Charlotte Dynes

Charlotte has exuded resilience and determination to do her best this week. She has shone in her learning to ensure she produces her best work. Well done Charlotte, what a star! 😊

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Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

This week we have been very proud of our year sixes, well done to all of them!

Year 3's have spent some of their week with Mrs Williams whilst year 6 have been doing their SATS. In maths they were recapping how to tell the time up to half past, quarter to and quarter past. Mrs Williams said she was very impressed with their knowledge.

As Scientists this week year 4 have been carrying on their learning about the human body. This week they have been thinking about their teeth, they have named all the different types of teeth we have and their uses. They also carried out an experiment with eggs to show what happens to your teeth when they erode.



We placed them in different liquids to compare.

In RHE this week we have been thinking about simple first aid and what we can do to help people. This week we were learning about asthma and how to help people if we think they are having an asthma attack.

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 year 4 to complete a soundcheck on times table rockstars and the times tables homework Year 3 have some questions about money to complete

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

Roman

Roman is such a hard worker and always pushing himself to add more detail to what he has done, I am particularly impressed with his maths explanations now. Well done Roman!

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A brilliant effort well done!

Butter Cove Four / Five

This Week

Butter Cove have had a brilliant week where they have been supporting their peers in Year 6 through their SATS and have given them a daily clap as they complete each assessment.

As geographers we have been learning about the physical features of the River Nile as well as the Sahara Desert and wrote fabulous journals imagining the sights and sounds stood on the riverbank.

As artists the children amazed everyone with their fabulous impressionist paintings of a scene from the South Milton beach area. They showed amazing creativity, developed their colour mixing skills and gave great consideration to the differing light – particularly when recreating images of Thurlestone Rock.

We had a fantastic afternoon at beach school this week and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the rockpools, studying the seaweed, building forts from natural resources and creating dams from the flowing streams. It was a lovely final session and we were blessed with gorgeous weather too. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us at Forest and Beach school this year.

As global citizens we have been thinking about the actions of Jesus have gone on to influence how others lead their lives and we have all created posters, prepared and given presentations about a variety of good work done by others, including that of the charity Christian Aid who have helped young African girls enormously.



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Home Learning

For home learning this week, Year 4 need to practise their times tables in readiness for the multiplication check in June. Year 5 are being asked to complete a fact file activity about the Sahara desert.

Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 24th May.

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Layla!

Layla is an absolute ray of sunshine who works really hard in all she does. Her increased confidence has shone through recently and to watch her throw herself wholeheartedly in all she does is a pleasure to watch. Well done Layla – you are a joy to teach 😊



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Bantham Five / Six

This week

WOW! I have been absolutely blown away this week by all of the Year 6 children. Not only have they worked incredibly hard, they have shown great resilience and have spent the week encouraging and cheering their friends on! I am so incredibly proud of all of them! On Friday they all enjoyed their end of SATs treat at Woodlands enjoying then sun racing down slides.

A huge thank you to all of the Year 5s this week for being super supportive to the Year 6s whilst they took their tests. Miss Peppiatt has fed back to me about how beautifully behaved they all were and how they all worked super hard during both their English and Science lessons this week. Thank you year 5s!



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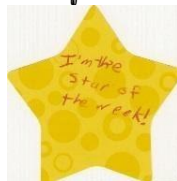
Home Learning

For home learning this week, Year 6 have been set a maths revision reasoning paper to complete. Year 5 I have set a reading comprehension 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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Year 6

I am so incredibly proud of how hard you have all worked this week, showing great determination and resilience during all of your SATs papers and in revision sessions. Well done!!!

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Well done Bantham well done!