

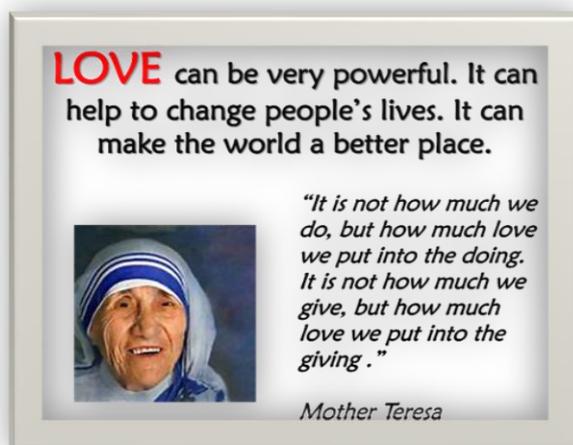
Dear Families,

We are so delighted to have welcomed our children back to school! They've returned with such enthusiasm, a love for learning, and a readiness to embrace our core values of friendship, truthfulness, love, respect, and service. This half-term, as we reunite as a community, we are focusing on the value of love – exploring how we can show love and kindness within our school and beyond, in the wider community.

Below, you'll find lots of exciting updates and news from your child's classroom. We look forward to sharing this journey with you!

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe



Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every **Wednesday** (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 **Sedgewell** will be taking part in the morning session and **Leasfoot** will be taking part in the afternoon session.

Forest and Beach Dates Autumn 1

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday 24th September

Tuesday 1st October

Tuesday 8th October

Tuesday 15th October

Calling all grown-ups!

Following on from the success of our careers week we would be delighted to welcome parents, carers and family members to enhance our curriculum by sharing skills and knowledge from their jobs or special interests. If you would be willing to support our learning in any of the areas below, please let the school office know.

Computer Networks

Health and Wellbeing

Human biology

Animals

Textiles

The water cycle and rivers

Changes to school pick ups

As you will be aware we have made some changes to school pickups this year. Our aim is to make sure that children can be dismissed safely and promptly, while also easing congestion at the front of the school.

Last year, we trialled releasing KS2 pupils from the field, but teachers found it challenging to manage due to the openness of the school site. With this in mind, we've made some adjustments to help ensure the safe dismissal of all children.

We understand that some families miss the opportunity to catch up with others on the field after school. We'd love to hear any suggestions you may have for after-school activities that would allow families to spend time together in a relaxed way.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Meet the teacher presentations

If there are any parents that would like Mrs Sims-Stirling to send across the powerpoint presentation for your meet the teacher meetings this week please don't hesitate to email the school office.

Key Dates Autumn Term

Event	Date / Venue
First day of Autumn Term	5th September
Parent Consultations	14th October & 16th October
Children in Need Day	15th October
Half Term	28th October-1st November
Christmas Crafternoon	11th December
Christmas Dinner	6th December
Christmas Jumper Day	12th December
KS1 Nativity (am)	18th December
Last day of Autumn Term	19th December

Save money on your childcare costs

The cost of childcare can take up a large chunk of the family budget. Whether you have babies, toddlers or teens, you could get support.

There are several Government schemes to help families with childcare costs, each one tailored to different needs, incomes and children's ages. They're not just to help pay for nurseries and childminders during term time, they can also cover wraparound childcare before and after school as well as help during the holidays.

To find out about all the schemes, [visit the Government's Child Care Choices website](#) and enter your details to see how you can save money on your childcare.

We have a duty to ensure there is enough childcare to meet parents' needs. [Use our online form](#) to tell us if you haven't been able to find the childcare you need.

Get a healthy start this autumn

If you receive certain benefits and are more than ten weeks pregnant, or have at least one child under four years old, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card, with money added every four weeks to buy cow's milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses and infant formula milk based on cow's milk.

You can also use your card to collect Healthy Start vitamins to support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding and vitamin drops for babies and young children suitable from birth to four years old.

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

Autism and Us Programme

Devon's popular Autism and Us programme returns in September, with a combination of free four-week courses and one-off workshops.

It offers support for families of children and young people who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Parents and carers have 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 or carers.

The free four week 'live online' programme is run twice a term, with weekly two hour sessions on Microsoft Teams, each focussing on a different topic starting with an overview of autism, then communications needs, understanding and supporting behaviour and sensory needs.

There's also popular themed or topic based workshops, which lead on from the course, covering things like managing stress and anxiety, vulnerability and online safety and demand avoidance.

Full details, including course dates and how to secure your place, are available on the website.

Autism and Us Devon

No.	Programme topic	Programme one date	Programme two date
1	Autism overview	Tuesday 24 September: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 14 November: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tuesday 1 October: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 21 November: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tuesday 8 October: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 28 November: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tuesday 15 October: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 5 December: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Workshop topic	Date and time
DiAS (Devon Information and Advice Service) and PCFD (Parent Carer Forum Devon)	Thursday 17 October: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Sensory processing and integration	Tuesday 5 November: 9.30am – 12pm
Autism and girls	Wednesday 23 October: 9.30am – 12pm
Autism – Demand avoidance and PDA	Wednesday 20 November: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (speaking children – support strategies)	Tuesday 10 December: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress and anxiety	Thursday 7 November: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Vulnerability and online safety	Thursday 14 November: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (non/limited speaking children – support strategies)	Thursday 21 November: 10am – 12pm



Free Webinar - Supporting children to talk and read at home

We know that speech, language and communication are vital to all areas of learning and future success in school and at work.

Action for Children are running a free webinar to give parents reassurance and understanding of the importance of speech and language development and learn strategies so that you can support your child and their learning opportunities and help them to talk and read at home.

The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Developmental milestones and what to expect at different ages and stages
- How to support your child with strategies to encourage and develop speech and language skills
- What can impact a child's speech and language development
- Bilingualism
- Dummies
- Common concerns parents may have

Visit Action for Children's Eventbrite page to book your place on the webinar which will take place on Microsoft Teams at 7pm on Wednesday 11 September 2024.

There will also be a free follow-up online workshop on Wednesday 25 September between 10am and 11am.

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 focussing on..... My family
Welcome back from summer holidays, we hope you have had an amazing time this summer, it has been great to hear so many wonderful stories from the children, as well as meeting the fantastic new starters, welcome to Steeple Cove.*

This week we have been focussing on 'My family', the children have shared stories about their family and have been learning who their family members are, and who lives in their household, what pets they have living with them at home.



Phonics sounds of the week-

Mmmmm- Maisie Mountain - T t t t t - Tower

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Herbie-

Herbie has shown a real interest for phonics after returning from summer holidays, he is more confident at circle time, sharing his ideas.

Well done, Herbie!



Yarmer Reception / Year One

The Yarmer children have had a hugely successful first full week. They have welcomed all the new routines with eagerness, positivity and determination. It has been wonderful to witness new friendships blossoming, and for us to build warm relationships with each individual. Thank you to those of you who sent in photographs, objects and drawings for your little one to share with us. They have proudly enjoyed sharing lots of fascinating information about themselves with the class. We have loved seeing their smiles and learning more about them.

We are so incredibly proud of all these wonderful children!



Home Learning

Reception - Handwriting: practise the 'm' sound. Down Mazie, over her mountains.

Year 1 – Maths: Count objects from larger group worksheet.

Reading in Yarmer:

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At Thurlestone we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is essential. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWInc book. It is important that they read their book at least three times a week with a grown up. Please make a comment about their reading in the reading record and we will follow this up in class.

Please note, Reception children will not be receiving a reading book until their newly taught phonic knowledge is fully embedded. Please practise their sound keyring regularly.

Please can RWInc reading books to be sent into school daily. We have regular volunteers who help by listening to readers. We therefore need their books in school.

Books will be collected in for updating on Thursday and returned on Friday. The book will only be changed once it has been read a minimum of three times.

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Dorothy

We have been so unbelievably impressed with how this little lady has settled into school. She has been incredibly kind, smiley and confident. She has approached all the activities with enthusiasm and has been an amazing helper too. Well done Dorothy, we are so proud.

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Attendance

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



Leas Foot Year One / Two

Lea's Foot has settled back into school wonderfully, and a huge warm welcome to all our new starters that have joined Thurlestone! I've been truly delighted by the warm reception from children, staff, and parents during my first week. This week, we've been busy getting into our routines—counting and representing numbers in maths, starting our RWI lessons, exploring materials in science, learning about seasons in geography, and discovering the vibrant works of artist Brian Pollard. It's been a fantastic start, and I look forward to all the exciting things ahead! Thank you again to all the parents that attended the 'Meet the Teacher' event and I appreciate your patience as I settle into All Saints Thurlestone C of E Academy.

Home Learning

Year 1 - Maths: Maths Activity Mat Autumn 1

Year 2 - Maths: Maths Activity Mat Autumn 1

Home learning due in: Thursday

Reading in Leas Foot: 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 bring RWInc books into school daily. We have regular volunteers who help by listening to readers. We therefore need their books in school.

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Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Imogen

Imogen has shown incredible dedication by helping others, working hard, and displaying remarkable resilience in the face of new changes. Her positive attitude and commitment to her work are truly inspiring. Well done, Imogen—you're a shining example for us all!

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Last week's attendance was 97.7%

Great start but let's try and improve next week!



Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

This Week

Sedgewell Cove have made a flying start to the year by learning our new routines and following new systems maturely. The children are enjoying getting to know each other as a new class and have really impressed me as to how well they are getting on with their work with incredible enthusiasm.

We have started our English unit of writing to entertain with 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs' and are intrigued by the concept of the 'big bad wolf' actually being kind! I look forward to seeing the children express themselves creatively through their writing.

We have also thoroughly enjoyed starting our History unit learning about how the United Kingdom developed and was rebuilt after WWII through the arrival of the Windrush ship.

We have been creating posters about what good manners are and we hope to share these with younger children. We worked in pairs for this and it was lovely to see the cheerful and collaborative way in which everybody worked.

Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher meeting and I look forward to working alongside you all this year to support your children and enable them to shine like the superstars they are.



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 write a letter/postcard as if you are travelling to the UK from the Caribbean on the Windrush, explaining why you're doing it and how you feel.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children 10 spellings for them to learn. These will either be set from the Year 3 or Year 4 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every Friday.

Star of the Week



Star of the Week

Alexa

Despite feeling a little wobbly, Alexa has always been fully attentive, looks and listens with speed, has worked really hard and been a great role model to the class every day.

Well done Alexa!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Last week's attendance was 95%
Let's try and improve next week!



Butter Cove Four / Five

This week

This week in Butter Cove we have had a fantastic week getting to know each other and settling in – I know it is going to be a fantastic year and I can't wait to see them all flourish!

In our writing lessons, we are starting our first unit – writing to entertain. Using the book 'The Explorer' as our hook, we have been writing an adventure story about Fred, who has crash landed in the Amazon rainforest. The children have been working hard to include lots of exciting vocabulary and I have really enjoyed listening and reading their writing so far.

This week a letter went out to all the Year 5s and 6s, outlining swimming lessons that are due to commence on the 24th September. If you are yet to bring in permission forms for this then please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you again to all those that were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Thursday this week. Please do not hesitate to come and find me or email me via admin if you have any questions.

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Home Learning

This week for home learning, I would like you to write a postcard imaging you are on the Windrush.

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!



Star of the Week

Charlie Taylor!

Charlie has come into school all week ready to start his learning with a big smile on his face. I have loved listening to his contributions in class and seeing him take on feedback positively. Keep it up!

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Bantham Six

What a fantastic first week back we have had! I want to say a huge thank you to everyone in Bantham; you have all made such an effort to make me feel welcome and to help me settle in super quickly and you have all been really living up to your new responsibility as the oldest children, being fantastic role models for the younger children. I know we are going to have a fantastic year together!

We have started our new writing unit – writing to entertain – using the animated Disney short *Paperman* as a hook, and have been really showing off our fantastic vocabulary and punctuation skills to create our own narrative story about Malcolm and his mundane life! I can't wait to see what our finished products are like, I am so impressed already!

Earlier in the week a letter went out to all the Year 5 and 6 children about swimming lessons (commencing on 24th September). If you have not yet returned permission forms for this please can they come back into school as soon as possible?

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at Bantham's Meet the Teacher meeting this afternoon. If you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to pass on to me, please do not hesitate to catch me on the playground or be in touch with school and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Home Learning

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Reading

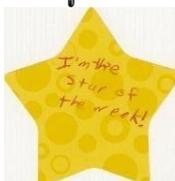
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Home Learning

Spellings

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Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Darcey!

This week Darcey has shown exactly what it means to be a Year 6, and has come into school every day willing to offer her help and support both to me as a new teacher and to her peers. She has also shown a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week – what a fab start Darcey!

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