

Dear Families,

This week the school has started to feel festive! A flurry of snow has added to the atmosphere, our children were so excited to be outside enjoying the snowfall.

Our creative children in KS2 have been hard at work designing beautiful Christmas stockings, adding their unique touches to this classic festive tradition.

Meanwhile, the fantastic FTS (Friends of Thurlestone School) have been busy planning a variety of exciting festive activities to make this Christmas truly unforgettable. Stay tuned for more details on the fun events ahead!

We will be having The Grand Opening of the new playground on Friday 29th November from 2:45pm. Everyone is welcome, there will be refreshments for the children and adults too.

Internet Safety

This week, alongside Mrs Ruston (Headteacher at Charleton Academy), I've been discussing online safety with our children. Lots of our children were able to speak eloquently about how to stay safe online and what to do if they had concerns, they were less sure on what rules and controls grownups could put in place to keep them safe online. Below is some useful information for families.

Helping Children Thrive: Limits on Device & Internet Use

In today's digital age, devices and the internet play a central role in our children's education and entertainment. However, too much screen time can pose risks to their physical health, emotional well-being, and academic focus. To ensure a healthy balance, we encourage families to set clear limits on device and internet use at home. This includes designated "screen-free" times, monitoring online activity, and ensuring appropriate content.

Excessive or unmonitored internet use may expose children to cyberbullying, inappropriate material, or excessive social media influence. Encouraging offline activities, such as reading, sports, and family interaction, can help foster better habits and protect their mental health. Together, we can guide our children to make responsible and safe digital choices.

Some useful resources

- <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

Keeping your kids healthy this school year

The Government's UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of the simple steps they can take to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses to ensure that their family stays healthy.

Regularly washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs. The UKHSA's e-bug resources can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits and their importance, to your child or teenager.

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries, so it's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting symptoms have stopped. Visit the NHS website for more guidance about managing winter illness at home.

Children aged two and three years old and all primary school and secondary school aged children up to Year 11 are eligible for the flu vaccine. It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio.

Don't forget to download the HANDi app for up-to-date advice about common childhood illnesses and how to treat them. Parents answer a series of questions about the symptoms their child is experiencing. The app then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, or to head to A&E.

Parent Workshops Offered in Devon

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 21 Jan 10am – 12pm	Thurs 6 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tues 28 Jan 10am – 12pm	Thurs 13 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tues 4 Feb 10am – 12pm	Thurs 20 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 11 Feb 10am – 12pm	Thurs 27 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm

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Topic	Date/Time
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service + the Ambassador Volunteer Programme)	Tues 1 Apr 10am – 12pm
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Tues 25 Mar 9.30am - 12.30pm
Autism and Girls	Weds 12th March 9.30am - 12.30pm
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 13th Feb 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Tues 11 Mar 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 20 Mar 10am – 12pm
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Thurs 27 Feb 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children – support strategies)	Thurs 6 Mar 10am – 12pm

Devon Digital Services - upcoming FREE Webinars and Workshops for Parent Carers

Bookings are via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/devon-digital-webinars-bite-sized-info-sessions-1462829?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Upcoming FREE Webinars in November & December

NOVEMBER 07 10AM - 11AM The importance of PLAY for children Webinar	NOVEMBER 07 1PM - 2PM Sensory strategies for Tweenagers Webinar	NOVEMBER 12 7PM - 8PM SEND - Cognition & Learning Webinar
NOVEMBER 25 7PM - 8PM SEND - Sensory or Physical needs Webinar	NOVEMBER 27 10AM - 11AM Supporting children to talk and read at home Webinar	DECEMBER 03 10AM - 11.30AM SEND - coping with Christmas Workshop

Book via Eventbrite (see links in post)

All events take place via Microsoft Teams

School Nursing service for parents/carers and primary aged children

If you're a parent/carer you can contact the public health nursing team (health visitors and school nurses) for information and advice via our parent texting service on **07520631721**.

You can also call or email via your local PHN hub:

Teignbridge, South Hams and Tavistock area	southernphnhub@devon.gov.uk	T: <u>0333 234 1901</u>
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You can request support from us online via a short form. Find out more about how to do this and what information we need <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon/school-nurses/>

We also have a <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon/> that's split into a kids zone and a parent's zone with information about a range of health and wellbeing needs and sources of support if you need it.

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IF YOU'RE 11-19 YEARS OLD TEXT A SCHOOL NURSE

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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 Butter Cove AM Bantham PM
Tuesday 26th November

Key Dates Autumn Term

Event	Date / Venue
Christmas Crafternoon	6th December
Christmas Dinner	6th December
Carols on the green	9 th December @4:30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	12th December
FTS Christmas Event	13th December
KS2 Carols (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parents Welcome to attend)	17th December 9am All Saints Thurlestone Church
KS1 Nativity (am & pm)	18th December
KS2 Christmas Play (Time TBC) Last day of Autumn Term	19th December

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 our focus has been.... Diwali

This week we have been learning about Diwali- the Hindu festival of lights. The children have been emerging themselves into traditional Hindu music to dance along with and try to mirror some traditional dance moves. The children made clay candle holders to take home, these symbolise giving the gift of light.

Poco Loco-

On Thursday we were joined by Mrs Brownjohn for a Poco Loco session, the children were emersed into a Spanish lesson, learning different nursery rhymes and how to name our facial features in Spanish. We can't wait to learn more next week!

Applying for a reception place for September 2025!

You can now apply for Primary school places for your child to start reception class in September 2025. If your child was born between 1st September 2020- 31st August 2021 you can apply for your Primary school place on the Gov.Uk site.

Make sure that you have applied before the closing date January 15th 2025

Apply for a primary school place - GOV.UK

As the weather is beginning to turn, please can we remind all parents to pack a waterproof coat, if you wish to bring in welly boots can you please wear or pack some shoes for inside the classroom rather than wearing welly boots in the class.

Tesco stronger start-

When you re next shopping in Kingsbridge Tesco please remember to pick up a stronger start blue coin and slot it into the Thurlestone Primary school section, the more coins we have the more money we will receive for the nursery to buy cooking equipment and resources. This will provide the children with so many more opportunities to learn cooking skills.



This week's phonics sounds have been...

Recapping all the sounds that we have learnt so far



Star of the Week!



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Olivia

Olivia has settled in so well at Steeple Cove, joining in with the class routines and becoming more confident around the school. Olivia has begun to make many friends in class, and we can't wait to see the next steps of her progress. Well Done, Olivia!



Yarmer Reception / Year One

The children were unbelievably excited to find the outside area filled with ice and frost on Wednesday, and went outside in the snow on Thursday just before lunch! With the cold weather slowly creeping up on us, it is worth noting that the Yarmer classroom can become pretty cold as we usually have the classroom door open. Please consider sending you child into school wearing an extra thermal layer or with an extra jumper if it remains this cold.

Within our maths, the children have been thinking about 2D and 3D shapes. They have learnt the properties of these shapes and have made repeating patterns using the shapes. As artists, the children completed their final pieces in the style of Brian Pollard.

This week has seen us start our nativity rehearsals. Be prepared for lots of signing over the next few weeks. We will be in touch shortly about what character your child/ will be. We have many, many outfits at school so we will try to sort something out for each child, but there may be other little bits and pieces we need.



Home Learning

Reception – Handwriting: 'l' and 'h'

Year 1 – Maths – 2D and 3D shape worksheet.

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



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 83%

Let's try and improve next week!

Star of the Week



Luan

What a superstar Luan has been this week. We have been blown away by his amazing 'can do' attitude and the determination he has shown towards his learning. He has made exceptional strides forward with his sound knowledge and has blown our socks off with his handwriting. Well done Luan. We are so proud of you.



Leas Foot Year One / Two

Home Learning

As mathematicians, we have been diving deeper into place value, exploring partitioning tens and ones and using a place value chart to strengthen our understanding. In English, we enjoyed reading the delightful story *Owl Babies*, which inspired some thoughtful discussions.

Our creative sides shone this week as we produced our final art pieces in the style of Brian Pollard, experimenting with different mediums to bring our work to life. Meanwhile, our handwriting practice helped us refine our letter formations, and we explored past tense action verbs as part of our grammar learning.

We also spent time practising for our upcoming Nativity play—what a treat that will be! To top it off, we loved watching the snow fall, adding a sprinkle of magic to our week.

Finally, we worked hard on our spellings, and we're proud of the progress we're making!

Autumn 2 maths mat (3) + spellings

Following on from Miss Coombe introducing our new spelling approach, we will no longer be carrying out a weekly spelling test. Children are being taught the spelling rules and patterns in class with a handful of focus words each week. Children may also generate their own extra words that fit the rule. We will be sending home a sample of words that we have been learning in school to allow families to support their child in learning that spelling rule.

Children can practise learning the words as usual, they can write them out on their own, or maybe as part of a sentence. They can also write sentences that their families dictate to them to help them embed the spellings.

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Library reading books due in: Thursday

Home learning due in: Thursday

ART: For our upcoming art lessons, it would be great if each child can have an apron or old shirt to help protect their clothing. If possible, please send one in with your child that they can keep it at school for our creative projects—thank you!



Attendance

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

Star of the Week

Mylo

We're so proud of you for working hard to practice our Nativity songs, being kind and helpful to everyone around you, and always taking time to praise and encourage others. Your positive attitude and support make a big difference!



Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

This Week

Sedgewell have had a fantastically creative and industrious week.

As designers we have been learning how to thread a needle and do some basic stitches including running stitch and overstitch. This is a tricky skill at first and the children showed resilience, determination and enthusiasm for this. Some even went home and did some more sewing which really put a smile on our faces!

In PE this week we had so much fun learning a line dancing routine and it was amazing to see the children learning new steps, moving in different directions, clapping whilst moving and all this whilst staying in time!

As geographers we have brought our understanding of rivers to life by creating a model of a river with an egg box and then adding 'pollutants' to it to demonstrate the far-reaching effects that pollution can have on our rivers and the sea. The children were very knowledgeable and fascinated by how far the 'polluted' water ran through our playground.



Home Learning

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

Reading

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 is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read.

Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete a Maths activity demonstrating your learning on column subtraction.

Spellings

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Excellent effort Sedgewell Cove!

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Archie 1A

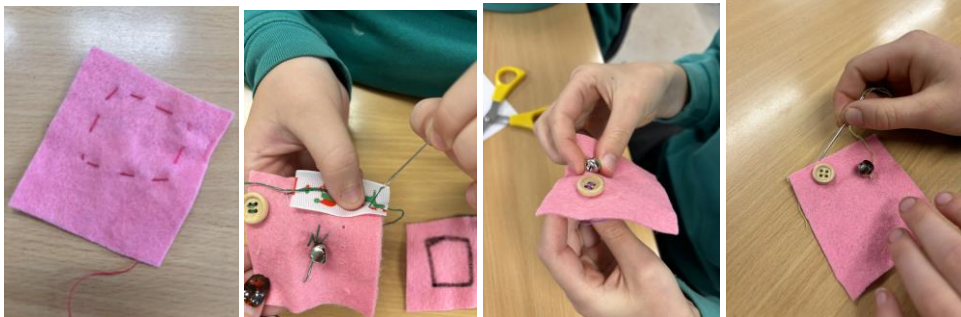
Archie has really impressed many of us this week with some super sewing skills and fantastic line dancing. You were amazing at both Archie, well done and keep it up! 😊

Butter Cove Four / Five

This week

This week in Butter Cove we have had a fantastic week! In Maths year 5 have been showing true resilience as they have started to learn how to solve long multiplication questions. Year 4 have now finished their first multiplication block, where they have been applying their multiplication knowledge to different problems.

As designers, the children have been exploring different decorative techniques. They have mastered threading a needle and have learnt to attach buttons, bells, create shapes using the running stitch as well as discover how to attach ribbon too! I can't wait for them to apply their knowledge and create their very own stockings!



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Home Learning

This week I have set a handwriting task.

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Star of the Week

Asher

This week I have been blown away with Asher's resilience in maths as he has been tackling long multiplication problems. He has also shown great skill in DT this week – well done Asher!

Bantham Six

Another busy week in Bantham! We have been having a go at another round of practice SATs papers this week and have all worked super hard and improved our scores from last time – really well done Bantham!

We have been learning about the history of the River Dart this week, looking at how its uses and role in life in South Devon has changed over time. We have also been thinking about inequalities within the world and have been focusing on learning about different stereotypes and what we can do to beat them. We are just about ready to write up our English and I am very excited to read the persuasive speeches we can come up with – I have been blown away by our writing in lessons!

Home Learning

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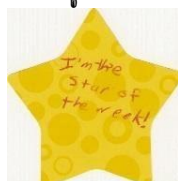
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Home Learning

Complete the mini arithmetic test please! We will go through this next Friday (29th November) so please have it in by the Thursday of next week (28th) so they are all ready to go through!

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Arthur!

Arthur always has such a fantastic attitude! He is always keen to share his writing in English and I can always rely on him to do any job that needs doing. He always ensures he is doing the best he can and never hesitates to correct his mistakes and learn from them!

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Bantham, well done!