

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding term, we would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support throughout this term. Your involvement, whether through helping with school events, supporting your children's learning, or simply being there when needed, plays a vital role in making our school community stronger.

It has been a term full of exciting learning, new challenges, and plenty of fun! A real highlight has been the construction of our new play equipment thanks to all the hard work of the Friends of Thurlestone School, there was so much excitement from our children when the equipment was unveiled! . Our children and staff have put so much effort into shining in their classrooms this term, everyone should be very proud of their many achievements.

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May this festive season bring joy, peace, and relaxation to you and your family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for another exciting term.

Thank you once again for your incredible support.

Warmest regards,

Miss Coombe



Christmas Events

| Event | Date / Venue |
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| FTS Christmas Event and Christmas mufti | 13th December |
| KS2 Carols (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parents Welcome to attend) | 17th December 9am All Saints Thurlestone Church All KS2 children to be dropped off at Church |
| KS1 Nativity (am & pm) | 18th December 10am / 1.30pm Microsoft form sent to sign up |
| KS2 Christmas performance | 19th December 1:30pm All KS2 families welcome to attend |
| Last day of Autumn Term | 19 th December 2024 |

Clubs and Music Lessons

| | Breakfast Club | Lunch Time | After School Clubs |
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| Monday | Breakfast Club 8am (fee payable) | Gardening Club | |
| Tuesday | Breakfast Club 8am (fee payable) | | Mr F Sports Club 3.20- 4.15 (fee payable) |
| Wednesday | Breakfast Club 8am (fee payable) | Gardening Club | Sports Club (free) 3.20- 4.30 |
| Thursday | Breakfast Club 8am (fee payable) 8.15am Sports Club (free) | Pocco Locco | Mr F Sports Club 3.20- 4.15 (fee payable) |
| Friday | Breakfast Club 8am (fee payable) | Pocco Locco | |

Music Lessons - We have several visiting music teachers who provide individual music lessons in our music room, please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part and Mrs Sims-Stirling can give you their details.

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)

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 weeks focus has been.... Christmas

The children have been working hard on their Nativity practice ready for Wednesday 18th December. We can't wait for you all to see this year's performance. Steeple Cove have been getting creative, making Reindeer food, Christmas cards and tree decorations.

Poco Loco-

This week was out last session with Mrs Brownjohn for our Poco Loco sessions, we enjoyed a Poco Party. Singing and joining in with all the songs that we have learnt over the last few weeks.

This week's phonics sounds are...

Recapping on all sounds we have already learnt this term, (phase one, two, three, four sounds)

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- We are currently in second place!

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...

Shhh- Sh says the horse to the snake.

Rrrrrr- robot

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Herbie

For always being enthusiastic during our Poco Loco sessions, as well as improving on his pen grip and writing skills.



Yarmer Reception / Year One

We can't quite believe that we have completed the penultimate week of the Autumn Term! What an amazing journey we have been on since the start of term. The children have changed and grown so much over the weeks, and we are proud of all that they have achieved. We have had a busy week continuing with our rehearsals (we can't wait to show you next week), reviewing all the sounds that we have learnt this term and consolidated our counting. Within their maths, the Year 1s have reviewed using counting on and back to help them solve addition and subtraction number sentences. They have also impressed us with their ability to find the difference between two numbers. We are excited for Bubbles the Pixie to perform a Christmas themed bubble show next week. If you could please bring in a small plastic bottle for Monday, it will be used to make a bubble toy!



Home Learning

Reception – Handwriting: 'W' and 'Z'

Year 1 – Maths – Finding the difference.

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 99%
Amazing effort Yarmer well done!!

Star of the Week

Sam

Sam has grown in confidence so very much this term and we are unbelievably proud of him. We love seeing his bright happy face each day and have adored watching him blossom socially. Sam is determined and incredibly hardworking which has seen him make outstanding progress this term. Well done Sam!



Leas Foot Year One / Two

Home Learning

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Leas Foot! We've been hard at work *getting stage ready* for our big performance of the Nativity next week. With microphones, costumes, and the stage, we're practicing like true professionals to bring the story to life!

In mathematics, we've been comparing numbers using greater than, less than, and equal to symbols—great work from all our budding mathematicians. Our handwriting practice has focused on 'down letters,' and we're proud to see how everyone is improving. We've also been making sure to use capital letters accurately in our sentences, helping us write with clarity and precision.

Last Friday, we had a wonderful time at our *Christmas Crafternoon!* It was fantastic to see parents joining us to get creative and help us design imaginative winter scenes. A big thank you to everyone who came along and contributed to the festive fun.

We're feeling the Christmas cheer and can't wait for the week ahead!

Homework:

Autumn 2 maths mat (6) + 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!

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Last week's attendance was 96%
Let's try and improve next week!

Star of the Week

Ella!

For being a shining example of maturity and kindness in our class. She listens carefully, approaches her learning with focus, and is always ready to help her friends and teachers.



Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

This Week

Sedgewell have been really getting into the Christmas spirit this week. We all been singing carols in readiness for our service at the church next Tuesday morning, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch and have spent time sewing our Christmas Stockings as the culmination of our DT unit. The children have been learning and developing some really important skills including tying a knot, threading a needle as well as showcasing the stitches and decorative techniques that they have been learning over the past few weeks. They have all had to really draw on their resilience, patience and determination during these lessons and they are really proud of their accomplishments.

As writers we have been concluding our unit by writing our persuasive brochures encouraging people to visit the South Hams. They have written about all the wonderful features we have in our area and really captured the essence of the genre.

As Geographers we have concluded our unit about the Water Cycle and Rivers by learning about flooding, the impact this has on an area and the possible solutions for this problem. They have demonstrated some impressive knowledge and expanded this which is incredibly relevant for our locality



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Reading

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Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete a Science activity. Year 3 are focusing on Light and Dark and Year 4 are focusing on Sound to round up their respective units.

Spellings

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Nearly there but let's try and improve next week!

Star of the Week

Tommy!

Tommy shows such care, love, kindness and support to his friends and classmates. He is always so helpful, willing to help, friendly and polite.

What a true superstar! 😊



Butter Cove Four / Five

This week

Wow! Wow! Wow! I can't believe it is nearly the end of the Autumn term already. I have been so impressed with the hard work and dedication from all the children as they continue to shine in everything that they do.

As writers this week, the children have been exploring a different text type (letters) whilst continuing to focus on the purpose 'writing to persuade'. It has been fantastic watching the children apply everything they have learnt to another text type.

In our maths lessons this week, Year 5 have finished off their multiplication and division unit of work. I have been so impressed with how hard they have worked to divide large numbers with remainders and multiply numbers by 2-digit numbers. Year 4 have been working relentlessly to complete different problems involving multiplication. This week they started to use the formal written method for multiplication and I have been super impressed with the hard work and resilience shown by all.

We have also been getting into the Christmas spirit this week whilst we finished creating our Christmas stockings, have written Christmas prayers as well as learnt a new Christmas song ready to share with you all on Tuesday morning at the Church!

Just a quick reminder that on Monday we have our trip to the Panto in Torquay. Please ensure that all children are in school on time, bring a packed lunch with them (unless they have preordered already) a water bottle and a coat.

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Home Learning

This week I would like you to write a diary entry imagining you have just landed in England after travelling on the Windrush. How are you feeling? Why did you decide to travel to England?

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Last week's attendance was 93%
Let's try and improve next week!

Star of the Week

Luca

Luca always shines our school values in everything that he does. His polite, kind and caring nature makes him a fantastic role model and I am very thankful to have him in Butter Cove.

Bantham Six

Another busy week in Bantham with lots of creativity! We have been working hard in our DT lessons designing and making Christmas stockings, which we are very excited to finish next week to take home in time for the festive season!

We have been working on our persuasive writing, trying to convince Scrooge that he should be an ambassador for the Christmas spirit using our best persuasive language skills, and have learned that the 'Christmas Spirit' has been researched by scientists and proven to exist! We have also had a visit from Jamie Stocks, Teacher of the Deaf, to help us learn all about the impact of hearing loss and deafness and we were fascinated to learn what hearing loss sounded like as well as how cochlear implants work. He also taught us how to sign *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*! A massive thank you to Jamie for his time and to Bantham for their brilliant engagement with his fantastic session!

Home Learning

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

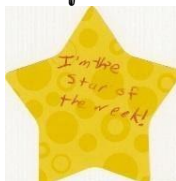
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Home Learning

We are still practising SATs questions as much as we can but this week I would love for you to research a Christmas tradition from another country OR time period to get us all in the Christmas spirit!

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Bo!

Bo is someone I could give Star of the Week to every week, but this week he has particularly impressed me! We have been working hard to make sure we are being fantastic role models for the younger children and Bo is always someone I can rely on to do this, whether in the classroom showing fantastic learning behaviours, helping in the hall at lunchtime or looking out for the little ones at break and lunch.

Thank you, Bo!

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This is brilliant Bantham well done!