

Dear Families,

### Join Us for Christmas Celebrations!

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are excited to invite all families to join us in celebrating the festive spirit at our school! We have a variety of special events planned, including Christmas carols and the FTS Santa Run. These activities are a wonderful way to come together as a community. See below for key dates and times. We look forward to seeing you there!



#### A message from the FTS

With just one week to go it's great to see the majority of you have completed the Fun Run sign-up form. For those yet to respond please note that because the Fun Run is happening within school hours, all children are required to participate (unless there is a medical reason they cannot). Fear not - It is not a race! It is all about the joy of taking part with the added benefit of raising money for the school through sponsorship. We do need parents to complete the sign-up sheet - [tinyurl.com/kx799ejd](https://tinyurl.com/kx799ejd) - so we know how many children will be without a responsible adult and therefore completing the course with a member of staff. Please contact the school by Monday if you would like to discuss this further.

## Christmas Events

Event	Date / Venue
Carols on the green	9 <sup>th</sup> December 4:30pm Thurlestone War Memorial Village Green Mulled wine and Mince Pies Prize for the best Christmas Hat!
Christmas Lunch	11 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	12th December
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 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Clubs and Music Lessons

	Breakfast Club	Lunch Time	After School Clubs
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 week our focus has been.... vehicles

This week Steeple Cove became creators, creating different modes of transport using junk modelling materials, the children focused on if their vehicle need wheels, and if so, how many? Would their vehicle fly?

Float? Dig?

The children used their shape recognition to recreate different vehicles using 2D shapes, a rectangle for the body of the car and circles for wheels. Steeple Cove are becoming fantastic mathematicians, especially with our shape recognition.

Don't forget to come and see the classes recycle Christmas tree located at Jamie 27's in Kingsbridge. This year we have entered the recycled Christmas tree competition, competing against other schools, local groups and charities. The children have used all recycled materials that can be recycled once again after we collect the tree.

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. This week we learnt- "Row row your boat, five little ducks and then even learnt a Spanish Christmas song, 'Feliz Navidad'.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Rrrrr- robot



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Hamish

Hamish has impressed us by becoming more confident when taking part in our Poco Loco sessions, now joining in with learning new phrases each week.

Well Done, Hamish!



## Yarmer Reception / Year One

We have been in full swing with our nativity rehearsals this week. The children have adapted well to the change in routine and have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and dedication to learning the songs and their lines. Within our maths and RWI, the children have been completing their end of term assessments. These form an important part of informing their next steps and the teaching sequence for the spring term. We have been so impressed with how much the children have learnt and how they were able to showcase their knowledge.



### Home Learning

Reception – Handwriting: ‘v’ and ‘y’

Year 1 – Maths – Sweet subtraction

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 90%  
Let's try and improve next week!

### **Star of the Week**

Wilfred

We have been so impressed with how motivated Wilfred has been with his learning this week – within every subject he has tried his very best.

We have also seen Wilfred show our value of Service in abundance. Wilfred has been so helpful within the classroom and a super role model to the younger children. Thank you, Wilfred.



# Leas Foot Year One / Two

## Home Learning

This week has been full of excitement and learning in Leas Foot! The children have been busy memorising their lines for the Nativity, and we can't wait to share their hard work with you. We also had the great thrill of exploring the new climbing frame—it has quickly become a favourite part of our day!

In art, we completed our final pieces inspired by the work of Brian Pollard, showcasing the children's creativity and attention to detail. In maths, we've been learning about "1 more" and "1 less," building our number sense through fun and engaging activities.

Finally, our focus story this week has been *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. The children have loved discussing the themes of friendship and adventure, and we've had some lovely conversations and activities inspired by the story.

What a wonderful week of discovery and growth!

### Homework:

#### Autumn 2 maths mat (5) + 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 95%  
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#### Star of the Week

#### Vivienne

for showing incredible bravery and for being such a fabulous performer! Your confidence and talent have shone brightly this week, and we are so proud of you. Well done, Vivienne!



## Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

### This Week

As we approach the end of term we conclude a lot of our learning with assessments and Sedgewell class have shone brightly by showing determination, resilience and some great focus and concentration. Well done Sedgewell for working so hard this term. School is in full Christmas mode and as part of our RE learning we have been learning about the Christian belief that Jesus was the Messiah and this week we have explored that further by thinking about the true meaning of Christmas. The children had some great discussions around this and we all concluded that spending this special time of year with our loved ones was our top priority at Christmas.

As mathematicians, we have been working really hard on learning our times tables and this week the children have been showing me the progress they are making through completing a Soundcheck. Playing TTRS at least 4 times a week really is great way for your children to learn their times tables. Whenever a Gig is available (monthly) your child should complete this as that will pitch the learning to their appropriate level. Then the best way to learn and develop their skills is to play approximately 3 Garage games each time they are on TTRS. This is pitched at their personal level. Then weekly they can complete a Soundcheck. I can see some great progress from the children who are playing regularly – well done and keep it up!

### **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 complete a Reading Comprehension Activity about the Nativity Story.

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#### **Star of the Week**

Aiden!

Aiden is showing some great progress with learning his times tables which I am delighted to see. Well done Aiden – keep it up! 😊





# Butter Cove Four / Five

## This week

This week in Butter Cove we have had another fantastic week!

This week I have been super impressed with how hard the children have worked during our end of term assessments this week. The children all showed fantastic resilience and I was super impressed with everything they have retained.

During our DT lessons, we have started to create our final product – Christmas Stockings! The children have all been so excited and it has been wonderful to see them be creative and have so much fun. The children cut out patterns, used pins to hold it in place and then cut out their felt pieces. They then started to collect lots of different decorative pieces to add on to the stocking. We are super excited to continue creating them next week!



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### Home Learning

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### Star of the Week

Wilf

This week Wilf really amazed me during our DT lessons, where we started to create our Christmas Stockings – it was so wonderful to see him being creative!

# Bantham Six

We have had another fantastic week in Bantham!

We have had lots of fun in Science investigating shadows and how altering the position of the light source can appear to make the shadows move and change size as well as what happens when light hits a translucent coloured object. In English we have enjoyed researching Thomas Barnardo and Lord Shaftesbury and what they did for the poor of the Victorian era and in Maths we have been learning how to convert between metric and imperial measures. In History we have been learning about the history of Exeter, completing giant timelines to help us understand how the city has developed – we were really interested to find out how long people had been settled there!

## Home Learning

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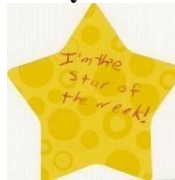
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### Home Learning

We are really getting into SATs practice now and most weeks I will be sending home more SATs-type homework. These will mostly be 10 minute tests (which you can time if you like) so they do not take up lots of time but will be really helpful in the long run. I will also send home more creative homework when I can! This week's 10 minute SATs buster is Maths reasoning questions which can be tricky, but remember the important thing to do is break down the question and work out what actual Maths it is asking you to do!

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Issy!

Issy has been working really hard in her writing this week, thinking really carefully about the language she uses for the right impact. She has also been doing her best to improve her handwriting and keep her work neat – well done Issy!

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