

Dear Families,

This week has been full of excitement at school as the new play equipment takes shape! Our children have been eagerly watching the builders at work, tracking each stage of progress with growing anticipation. They can't wait to enjoy the new equipment once it's ready!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Thurlestone School for all their hard work in organising yesterday's fantastic school disco! The event was a big success, bringing smiles, dancing, and fun for everyone involved. We truly appreciate the time, energy, and creativity that went into making the evening memorable for our children. Thank you for your incredible support and dedication to our school community.

Changes to weekly spellings

Over the next few weeks you will notice some changes to the weekly spellings set as home learning by teachers, this is due to some changes we are making with our spelling approach in school. Please feel free to chat to your child's class teacher for more information.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

PS - please see below for a useful workshop for families



FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION
READY STEADY READ!
TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
2-3PM ON ZOOM

ILSHAM ENGLISH HUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A FREE SESSION TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING JOURNEY AT HOME.

DURING THIS FREE HOUR-LONG SESSION, PROFESSOR TERESA CREMIN AND KELLY ASHLEY FROM THE OPEN UNIVERSITY READING FOR PLEASURE TEAM WILL SHARE IDEAS FOR ENCOURAGING READING AT HOME AS FAMILIES SUPPORT THE READING JOURNEY.

THE SESSION WILL INVOLVE PRACTICAL TIPS ON USING LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND FUN WAYS TO PROMOTE READING.

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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.



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 19th November
 Tuesday 26th November

Key Dates Autumn Term

Event	Date / Venue
Christmas Crafternoon	6th December
Christmas Dinner	6th December
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
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!



Star of the Week

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

Home Learning

We have had a reflective week marking Remembrance Day on Monday. We wrote beautiful letters of thanks and appreciation to the many people who have served and supported our country during times of conflict. The children drew gorgeous pictures filled with poppies and we marked the occasion with a minute silence. Within their maths learning, the year 1 children have completed their unit on addition and subtraction. We are now beginning our next unit of learning about geometry. Within science, the children have continued their learning about materials. We studied whether materials are waterproof or not, made predictions and tested our theories.



Reception – Handwriting: ‘p and ‘e’

Year 1 – Maths – Fact families

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

Isabella

For working incredibly hard in everything you do, and even playing ‘teachers’ to spread your knowledge, help others learn and continue your own learning. Thank you for being a kind and caring friend to those around you. Keep up your hard work Isabella!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 94%

Let's try and improve next week!



Leas Foot Year One / Two

Home Learning

As mathematicians, we have embarked on an exciting journey into place value, focusing on counting beyond 20 and grouping numbers into tens. The children have shown great enthusiasm in developing their number sense and exploring patterns within numbers.

As readers, we have been enjoying the delightful story *Owl Babies* as part of our 'Fab 5' books. The story has sparked thoughtful discussions and creative thinking during our story sessions.

As historians, we have been uncovering the incredible achievements of Sir Francis Drake and understanding the significance of his circumnavigation of the globe. The children have been fascinated by the challenges and adventures of this historic voyage.

As thoughtful friends in RE, we have been writing kind and uplifting messages to one another, focusing on how peaceful pictures can share Jesus' good news. The children have demonstrated compassion and thoughtfulness in their messages.

As artists, we have been sketching local landscapes and experimenting with a variety of media. The children have enjoyed using different techniques to create patterns and explore texture in their work.

It has been a busy and creative time for us all!

Year 1 - Autumn 2 Maths Mat (2) + Spelling /n/ sound spelt n before k

Year 2 - Autumn 2 Maths Mat (2) + Spelling drop /e/ and add /y/

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RWInc reading books due in: Thursday

Library reading books due in: Thursday

Home learning due in: Thursday

Spelling test: Friday

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!

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

William

For working so hard in Read, Write, Inc. and maths, and always striving to do his best! Your dedication and determination shine through in everything you do, and we are so proud of your fantastic efforts.

Keep up the amazing work, William!

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Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

This Week

As writers this week we have continued to build our persuasive writing skills as we build up to writing our own holiday brochures. There has been a focus on generating adjectives, similes and metaphors to tempt visitors based on the delicious Sicilian food and the children wowed me with their descriptive sentences around the types of pizza and pasta that may be on offer.

In computing we have been learning about computer systems and how many areas of our day to day lives includes systems with inputs and processes which lead to an output.

As mathematicians we have build upon our knowledge of column addition and have improved our skills of exchanging numbers – this can be a tricky area but we are all getting better at this.

As historians we have been learning about the importance of celebrating the windrush generation and created some wonderful posters and wrote some thought-provoking poems to illustrate our learning.

As global citizens we have been learning about why Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah and have been exploring what a saviour is in all of our lives and what qualities they hold. This learning always generates fantastic discussions from both a theological and historical viewpoint.

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 Maths activity demonstrating your learning on column addition with an increased focus on exchanging numbers.

Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 22nd November

Star of the Week



Star of the Week

Jesse!

Jesse has been impressing me recently with his ever-improving focus and concentration in lessons and his growing independence when working on tasks.

Well done Jesse, keep it up! 😊

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Last week's attendance was 96%

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Butter Cove Four / Five

This week

This week in Butter Cove we have had a fantastic week! We have really been enjoying our writing so far this term, with the focus of writing to persuade. Currently we are writing a persuasive advert and have discovered the incredible invention of Stroodles (pasta straws).

In Maths this week, Year 4 have been continuing to work on their times table skills, discovering different ways to represent a times table as well as discovering the relationships between repeated addition and multiplication. Year 5 have been working hard to use the formal written method to multiply, using place value counters to support.

This week we also had a lot of fun at Forest School with Pete! We have been building dens, lighting fires, creating clay artwork and lighting fires! We even ended the session by cooking and eating popcorn – YUM!



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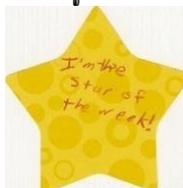
Home Learning

This week I have set a handwriting task.

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

Murphie!

This week Murphie has blown me away with her incredible writing by using lots of exciting vocabulary and varying her clauses.

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Attendance

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Last week's attendance was 95%
Let's try and improve next week!

Bantham Six

Another fab week in Bantham! We have all been working very hard this week, progressing through our Fractions unit in Maths (and learning that multiplying with fractions is nowhere near as scary as it looks!) and still really enjoying our writing, creating some excellent persuasive speeches!

We have been thinking about ways we can celebrate the Windrush Generation and the diversity they brought to Britain and we have been thinking as a class about what Britain would be like without such diversity. In Science, we have begun to learn about Light, starting our unit by learning about some key discoveries in the science of light; we were fascinated to learn how long things like neon lights and fluorescent bulbs have been around for!

Home Learning

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Reading

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Home Learning

Complete the mini SPaG test you have been given so we can go through it next week – homework needs to be completed by Thursday 21st November please!

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!



Star of the Week

Alice!

I could give Star of the Week to Alice every single week, but this week she has shown amazing responsibility by planning and organising a KS2 Christmas production all by herself – even writing audition scripts! What an amazing demonstration of self-motivation Alice!

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Bantham, well done!