



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (2) Friday 1st May 2026



Collective Worship Reflections



This week in Collective Worship, we have continued to explore our school values. Our focus this week was *Inspire*, and we looked at people who have inspired others on a global level. As it was Earth Day last week, we learned about the work of the late Jane Goodall. The children discovered how many of our school values were reflected in her life and work, making her a true inspiration to people around the world. We linked our learning to the Bible verse:

“Let your light shine before others” — Matthew 5:16

We talked about how we can all inspire others through our actions, kindness and care for the world around us. The children also spent time thinking about the people who inspire them and discussed the qualities that make someone inspiring.

Muddy Church

A reminder that Muddy Church is taking place next Tuesday after school – all school children are welcome to attend unsupervised by a parent - if you would like your child to attend please email Mrs Greene to confirm by Monday. Siblings and Pre-School children are very welcome to attend with an adult.

REMINDERS	
Monday	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday	Muddy Church
Thursday	Treat Day
Friday	Yew House non-uniform day Talent Show auditions (see Updates for further information)
Please see end of Newsletter for 2026/2027 Term Dates	



Worker of the Week



NIGHTINGALE

Tobias has had a wonderful week. He especially loved planting sunflowers and helped his friends doing this explaining each step - well done Tobias.

Saffie has had a great attitude to learning this week! She is always sat super sharp on the carpet, ready to share her ideas - well done Saffie.

Dottie has had a very positive week with a big smile on her face! Dottie has demonstrated a great attitude to leaning and has done excellent Year 1 work all week. Well done Dottie.

BOWIE

Mackenzie has worked hard this week, he did fantastically in his daily ten Maths and his report writing.

Kenny has worked well on his non chronological report, telling us about his hobbies. He has also been very helpful this week.

ANNING

George for engaging fantastically with our reading learning this week. You're smashing it, George!

Ada for consistently trying your hardest with your times-tables - always wanting to 'best' yourself!

ZEPHANIAH

Year 5 and 6 Guided Reading Helpers for being super brilliant with supporting children in KS1 with their reading.



Kyle in Nightingale for always being polite.

Mackenzie in Bowie for always being helpful.



Templecombe
Token
Certificates



Congratulations go to:

- **Jackson, Olivia, Kasey, Whitney, Khalisee, Jessica, George, Josh, Violet, Georgia, Isla S, Freddie** and **Nelly** in Anning for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token award.
- **Jaydee** in Anning for achieving his Silver Templecombe Token award.

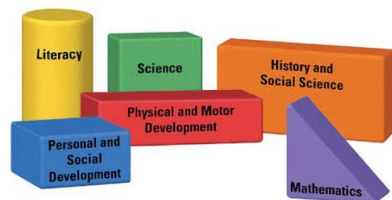
Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

- **Scarlett** in Bowie for really great effort throughout at Castle Cary Cygnets Majorettes.
- **Harrison** in Bowie for achieving 9th Kup White Belt in Tae Kwon-Do.

A big well done to all of you!

If your child achieves an award, medal or trophy through participating in an outside-of-school club or activity, we would love to hear about it and congratulate them at our weekly Wednesday worship. Please bring certificates etc to the school office.



Our Curriculum



Anning Class

Anning Class had the pleasure and honour of meeting Neil Harrison-Shaw this week, who brought in a 'pig' called Betty. Although not real; remote-controlled Betty took our breath away! She was (painstakingly!) engineered by Neil for this year's MPO production of "Betty Blue Eyes" and Miss Edwards was responsible for controlling part of her during the performances!

As Anning have all become engineers this year, Miss Edwards thought that Betty was a perfect real-life creation to show Anning Class the engineering process from start to finish. Neil was generous enough to walk us through his whole process - from initial drawings, all the way through to the 'pooing' function! We were all astounded by her, from tip to toe... and found it hilarious that Betty's 'on' switch was in her bottom!!!

We are so grateful to Neil for sharing the wonderful Betty with us, showing us how she walks, wiggles her ears, opens her mouth and how her eyes shine so bright. We have all fallen in love with her smile - even if she doesn't understand personal space!



Every Learner Matters

Processing Speed

Some children need a little longer to process information and respond. This is not linked to intelligence — it simply reflects how their brain works. Giving thinking time, reducing time pressure and offering reassurance helps children build confidence and participate fully.



Updates

Year 5 Residential

Our Year 5 children have been having a brilliant time away in the New Forest this week, enjoying lots of outdoor activities in the sunshine. The staff are incredibly proud of all the children as they have been taking part brilliantly, giving everything a go and trying really hard. The weather has been lovely too which is always a bonus! Everyone had a fun packed day at Winchester Science Centre today and I'm sure the children will enjoy telling you all about their adventures.





Yew House – Non-uniform Day – Friday 8th May

Last term's house winners were Yew House and they will be able to come into school on Friday 8th May in non-uniform in celebration of their awesomeness! Please ensure clothing is suitable for your child's in-school activities and the weather that day, especially if they have PE.

Templecombe's Got Talent!

This term's house challenge is going to be a Talent Show – which we are all VERY excited about. Children were told about the challenge last week and already I have a long list of potential acts. On Friday next week, children will be given the opportunity to audition in front of their House, who will then vote on the most entertaining acts. One act per year group in each House will be selected to perform on Friday 15th May. Please ensure if your child is auditioning/selected to perform, they come into school with everything they need for their performance.

After School Clubs

There has been some confusion over which clubs are on which days so hopefully this "at a glance" timetable will be useful to refer to. Please also keep an eye on the few dates where clubs will not be running due to residentials, bank holidays, etc:

SUMMER TERM CLUBS starting 27/4/2026 - 17/7/2026

MONDAY	YrR-2 Choir (Miss Ash)	Yr3-6 Rounders (Mr Ferrari)
No club on these dates	4/5 (Bank holiday), 1/6 (INSET)	4/5 (Bank holiday), 18/5 (Yr6 residential), 1/6 (INSET)
TUESDAY	Yr2-6 Crafts (Mrs Viney)	
WEDNESDAY	Yr2-6 Board Games (Mrs Hughes)	Yr3-6 Choir (Miss Ash)
THURSDAY	YrR-2 Tennis (Mr Ferrari)	
No club on these dates	30/4 (Yr5 residential), 21/5 (Yr6 residential)	
FRIDAY	Yr3-6 Cricket (Mr Ferrari)	
No club on these dates	01/05/2026 (Yr5 residential), 03/07/2026 (Summer Fayre (tbc))	

Year 5 and 6 Bikeability Course on 29th/30th June – advance notice to sign up

We have arranged a cycle training course, in conjunction with Somerset Road Safety, to take place in school over two days on 29th and 30th June. The Bikeability course has been designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. To enable this course to run, we need adult helpers with a roadworthy bike and bike helmet to accompany the children across the 2 days – it doesn't have to be the same person every day so if you can volunteer your time, even if it is just for one of the days, please do contact the school office. Unfortunately without this extra adult support, the course won't be able to run. If you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to attend the course please email the school office: places will be allocated with Year 6 children taking priority and only those who have not successfully completed the course before may apply. Children will need a roadworthy bicycle, a bike helmet and be confident enough to ride on the roads around Templecombe.

Scooter and Bikes

It is lovely to see so many children coming to school on scooters and bikes. This is a healthy and positive start to the day and we are always pleased to encourage active travel to school. However, we would kindly ask parents and carers to supervise children closely outside the school gates as the roads and access road leading up to school can be very busy at these times. For everyone's safety, we ask that children push their scooters and bikes rather than ride them once inside the school gates. We would also strongly recommend the use of helmets, as well as elbow and knee pads, to help keep children safe while riding.



Frozen Fridays are back!

As the weather has turned a little more summery, we welcome the return of Frozen Fridays where ice lollies will be for sale (£1 each) in the lower playground on Fridays after school, starting next week (8th May).

Other Planned Events:

We are hoping to book in a Summer Disco after school in June and a Movie 'n' Munch in July - dates to be confirmed.

Summer Fayre update

The Committee met yesterday afternoon to firm up plans for our Summer Fayre which will be held on Friday 3rd July, following Sports Day. We will be holding a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 26th June** in exchange for donation of sweets for our Sweet Tombola. As ever, we are looking for volunteers to run stalls so if you feel able to help at all in the run up to the event or on the day, whether setting up or manning a stall for a short while during the fayre, please contact the PTA on their email ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com or speak to the school office staff.

And finally...

Enjoy the lovely long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday!

Mrs Brazier

Enc: Stalbridge Library Newsletter "The Bookworm" issue 17



**Somerset School Terms and Holidays
2026/2027 Academic Year**

September 2026					October 2026					November 2026								
M			7	14	21	28	Mo		5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	T	3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We		7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th	5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29
December 2026					January 2027					February 2027								
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23
W		2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24
Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25
F		4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27
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March 2027					April 2027					May 2027								
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M	3	10	17	24	31
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu	4	11	18	25	
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Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29
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June 2027					July 2027					August 2027								
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30	
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu	3	10	17	24	31
W		2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th	5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa	7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
- Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
- Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
- Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
- Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
- Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

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Is your child starting primary school in September 2027?

Please come for a tour of our School and meet our staff

You are warmly invited to visit our school and see it 'in action'. You will be welcomed by our Head of School and have the opportunity to meet our Early Years Staff. We hope to be able to answer any questions you may have related to the school and applying for a place. We will also be able to share our Parent's Guide which provides more information.

The tours will take place on:
Thursday 11th June at 9.45am
Wednesday 17th June at 1.45pm
Monday 29th June at 10am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@at.bwmat.org or by phone on 01963 370481. If these dates are not convenient or you would prefer an individual tour, please let us know your availability and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We hope to see you soon



FREE Parent and Carer Workshops:



Each session will create a safe supportive space where parents and carers can engage in a way that feels comfortable for them, including anonymous contributions and end-of-session questions.

You only need to attend **ONE** workshop.

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Online (live only):

Monday 20th April 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of Secondary Pupils** - Talking about sex and relationships with your teen: What parents need to know.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293295>

Monday 11th May 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of SEND Learners** - Supporting your SEND child with Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293311>

Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login in by 6:55pm) - **Parents of children ages 0-11, Early years professionals welcome too** - Starting the Conversation: Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships for the Early Years and Primary aged children.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293313>

These sessions will be led by Alice Hoyle, national RSHE expert-educator and co-author of Great Relationships and Sex Education and Becoming a Sensory-Aware School. Alice is a neurodivergent professional and parent of neurodivergent children, offering both expert guidance and lived experience to support truly inclusive, sensory-aware RSHE.

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MAY 26TH TO 29TH

8.30AM TO 3.30PM

TUE 26TH Tournament Tuesday

WED 27TH Target Day

THU 28TH Batting Day

FRI 29TH Laser Tag and Nerf Battles

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Extra Time available;
8-8.30am & 3.30-4pm

£20 a day!



Sticky Fingers Pre-School



Friday 15th May 2026
 Templecombe Village Hall

doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm



6 BOOKS FOR
 £10
 OR £2 EACH



No children under 6

CAKES, TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

FUNDRAISING FOR STICKY FINGERS PRE-SCHOOL

DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

If text is highlighted in green this is a change / addition to the diary dates

MAY:

Monday 4th **Bank Holiday – school closed**

Tuesday 5th Muddy Church

Thursday 7th Treat Shop Thursday

Friday 8th **Yew House non-uniform day**

Talent Show auditions

11th to 14th SATS Week

Friday 15th **Yew House non-uniform day**

Talent Show auditions

18th to 21st Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 20th KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA

Friday 22nd **3.30pm School closes for half term**

25th MAY to 29th MAY – HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 1st **INSET Day – school closed**

Tuesday 2nd School re-opens / Y4 Multiplication check

Thursday 4th Treat Shop Thursday

Mon 8th/Tue 9th Phonics screening check

Thursday 11th EYFS School Tour @ 9.45am

Monday 15th KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA

Tuesday 16th Open afternoon/stay and play 3:30-4:15pm

Wednesday 17th EYFS School Tour @ 9.45am

Monday 22nd Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed

Tuesday 23rd Muddy Church

Friday 26th Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre

Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed

Monday 29th EYFS School Tour @ 9.45am

Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only) [Email the school office in advance to book](#)

Tuesday 30th Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

JULY:

Thursday 2nd Treat Shop Thursday

Friday 3rd School Sports Event **To Be Confirmed** / PTFA Summer Fayre **To Be Confirmed**

Wednesday 8th **Swap a class afternoon**

W/C Mon 13th Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow

Friday 17th Reports sent home

Monday 20th Yr6 Trip

Tuesday 21st Whole School Fun Day

Wednesday 22nd 9.05am End of Term Awards / 2pm Leavers Service in school

3pm School Closes for the Summer Break (No After Fun provision)

Please note: all activities/events mentioned above are subject to postponement or cancellation at short notice in line with any change in Government guidelines/internal school staffing pressures.