



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (4) Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025



## Collective Worship Reflections



As is usual, we begin the year with a focus on our four primary school values: love, perseverance, respect and inspire. This week we focused on the value of inspire through the story of David and Goliath, with the message being that David was inspired by God to do an incredibly brave thing; this act inspired his whole nation to turn back to God and trust in him. During our Wednesday reflection time, children shared their thoughts on these four reflection questions:

- How can we thank God for our world and help care for it?
- When might we need courage like David?
- How can learning help us grow and inspire others?
- How can our actions inspire people to trust God?

### Harvest Celebration

We will be holding our Harvest Celebration next Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October during our Collective Worship time in school. As part of this, pupils will have an opportunity to donate gifts of tinned and/or dried foods which will join with the Church's donations and be distributed to The Lord's Larder, who support those in need in this part of Somerset. It would be great if children could bring a food donation into school with them on the morning of the 7th, but please don't feel you must.



## Worker of the Week



### Nightingale

**Reggie** for always being such an enthusiastic learner and for being super creative in art, mixing his paint colours. Well done Reggie!

**Declan** for always trying his best in Maths and English - well done Declan, keep up the good work!

### Bowie

**Lola** for brilliant effort with your handwriting this week where you are beginning to join in all your writing. Well done!

**Grace** for always showing our value of love to everyone in the classroom. You are a kind and caring member of Bowie Class. Well done!

### Anning

**George** for showing great defence skills in P.E. as well as an excellent approach to all Year 3 learning - well done, George!

**Pati** for being incredibly determined with rounding in Maths and having a lovely 'eureka' moment! Well done, Pati!

### Zephaniah

**Darcey** and **Evelyn** for great collaboration and research skills during our Geography lesson on biomes.

### Lunchtime Award:

**Nightingale Class** for their perfect lining up at the end of lunch break.

**Josh** from Bowie Class for being polite and well mannered

### Outside of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Jacob** from Bowie Class for being awarded Player of the Match for Templecombe Titans.

### 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.*



### Zephaniah Class

In Science, Zephaniah Class have continued their work on Forces. They used stopwatches to accurately record their results, repeating each test 3 times to account for human error. They then drew conclusions from the experiment to help them explain the effect of air resistance.



### Hello Yellow Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be taking part in Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness of and support young people's mental health. As a school we will be focusing on activities that promote good mental health (see below for class plans). In addition, it will be a **non-uniform day** and we are asking everyone to wear something yellow. This could be a t-shirt, dress, hair accessory or socks! Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want our children to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better!

**Nightingale Class** will be creating/painting some yellow suns, doing a sunshine breathing activity, reading some stories ("The day the crayons quit", "Little Miss Sunshine") and in circle time, they will be thinking about "What makes me shine".

**Bowie Class** will be making Smile Chains and thinking about what makes them smile, Sunshine yoga (mindfulness) and making a Kindness Sun.

**Anning Class** will be taking part in a variety of activities focused on exploring feelings, mental health, and ways we can manage our emotions, including creation of Mood Monsters, designing motivational posters with positive declarations, a guided meditation and yoga session and finishing with a compliment exchange.

**Zephaniah Class** will be doing a mental health awareness activity inspired by our class text 'The Final Year' looking at 'The Beast' and how we are all unique but can share experiences and strategies. We will be using the 'We all have mental health' resources and thinking about our 'stress bucket' and how we can prevent it from filling up.

## Flu Immunisations

All the children that were in school on Wednesday and whose parents had consented, received their flu vaccination. Somerset SAINT have provided a list of further Flu Community Sessions (see end of Newsletter) in case your child missed this opportunity. All clinics are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins (No appointment is needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection, please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.



## Every Learner Matters

Each week, in this new section of our newsletter, we will focus on a different topic – from what inclusion really means to exploring common needs such as ADHD, autism, and dyslexia. Our aim is to give you clear, simple information, share the strategies we use in school and celebrate the strengths that every child brings.

## Understanding SEND in Mainstream

Many children in mainstream schools have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). These needs may include difficulties with attention, communication, reading, or managing emotions. At least 1 in 5 children will have some form of additional need during their school years. That means it is very normal for your child to share a class with children who learn or behave differently. With the right support, children with SEND thrive and their classmates often grow in patience, empathy and teamwork along the way.

## Attendance – All day Every day!

As part of our new attendance initiative, children have been busy colouring in their “All Day, Every Day!” posters. Each time a class achieves **100% attendance for the day**, they get to colour in a letter on their poster. Once all the **letters, punctuation marks and the exclamation point** are coloured in, the class will receive a **special whole-class treat** to celebrate their brilliant effort! We’re really pleased to share that **attendance across the school has improved this week** which is fantastic news! A huge **thank you to all our families** for supporting us in encouraging excellent attendance. Let’s keep it up!

## Children’s Eye Health

We have been contacted by the School Vision Screening Service which is commissioned by Somerset Council and provided by the NHS Orthoptic Service in Somerset. As part of the NHS 10 year plan they are focusing on early diagnosis and prevention of sight problems in children. We all know how vital vision is for a child’s development and it is important that all those involved in children’s development and education know how to best help children in achieving and maintaining good vision. Please click on the [link](#) to see the information flyer which promotes eye health and includes information on access to free sight tests at local opticians for children.

## 2026 School Applications

There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

### CHOICE ADVICE

Advice and support on school admissions and appeals

Call us on 01823 356 903

Fill in our online form [www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice)

Contact us via email [choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk) or scan the QR code

We are running our primary school tours for September 2026 starters soon! See the poster below for details and please contact the School Office to book your visit.

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### Is your child starting primary school in September 2026?

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:

- Wednesday 15th October at 9.45am
- Thursday 23rd October at 1.45pm
- Thursday 6th November at 10am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at [enquiries@abbsm.com](mailto:enquiries@abbsm.com) 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


## Have Your Say – Childcare Survey from Somerset Council



Somerset Council is seeking feedback from families across the county about wraparound and holiday childcare needs. Whether you use these services or not, your views matter!

The survey asks about:

- ✓ Current and future childcare needs
- ✓ Reasons families may not use existing provision
- ✓ Barriers or challenges you face accessing childcare

 **Please complete the survey by midday on 14th November 2025** and thank you for helping shape childcare services in Somerset!



## AGM – 7pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Our PTA does amazing work organising events and raising money to purchase equipment and resources for all pupils to benefit from, we simply wouldn't be able to provide these due to our funding levels. For these events to take place a very dedicated team of volunteers meet regularly to discuss ideas, plan and agree spending with school staff. As the PTA is a registered charity it must meet annually for an AGM to appoint key positions (Chair/Treasurer/Secretary), report on the past year and plan for the year ahead. This meeting is taking place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in school. A letter was sent home with your child today which includes a nomination slip and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the PTA team. Please complete and return the slip to the PTA postbox by the school office on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. If you are new to our school this is an excellent way to get to know some of your fellow parents and school staff.

The PTA need your help if they are to continue with their vital work. Please do come to this meeting, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can – without a growth in this leadership team, many events will simply not be able to take place this year.

## Glo Disco – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Look out for our booking form which will be sent home early next week. Please post the reply slip in the PTA postbox outside the school office by the deadline of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## Fundraising continues...

In the meantime, there are other ways you can continue to help with our fundraising efforts through various avenues:

**My School Fund:** <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>

Please do donate books and games/CDs/DVD's (anything with a barcode). Please put donations in the marked bins outside the school's front door, at the Eco Council Recycling Point.

**Bag2School** collection: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## And finally...

We've all had a great week in school, with lots of excellent learning taking place! Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Brazier*

## DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

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**OCTOBER:**

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<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Harvest Celebration in school</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Hello Yellow Day – Young Minds Charity raising awareness of young mental health
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Open afternoon & stay and play
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.45am School Tour for September 2026 intake
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA AGM, 7pm in school
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	House challenge (pm)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	1.45pm School Tour for September 2026 intake
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow
	<b><u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u></b>
<b><u>27<sup>th</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October - HALF TERM</u></b>	
<b>NOVEMBER:</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	School re-opens
	Tempest Photography – individual photographs
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10am School Tour for September 2026 intake
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr3/4 Residential – deposit deadline
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am Pantomime at school
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Children in Need fundraiser
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly More info later
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre
<b>DECEMBER:</b>	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	House challenge – Tree Decoration
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr3/4 Residential – 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment deadline
	PTFA Christmas Fayre – <b>To Be Confirmed</b> (No After Fun provision)
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Nativity – dress rehearsal <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Song Showdown
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.05am End of Term Awards
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & Christmas Lunch <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
	2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church
	<b><u>3pm School Closes for Christmas</u></b> (No After Fun provision)
<b><u>22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER to 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK</u></b>	
<b>JANUARY:</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	School re-opens
<b>FEBRUARY:</b>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	House challenge – pancake races p.m.
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u></b>
<b><u>16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – HALF TERM</u></b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	School re-opens

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## MARCH:

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Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> / Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm

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## APRIL:

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Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	House Challenge a.m. Easter Experience p.m. <b>3pm School Closes for the Easter Break</b> (No After Fun provision)

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL to 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK**

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<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School re-opens

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## MAY:

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<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b> <i>Year 5 Residential plans to be confirmed</i>
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11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	SATS Week
18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>

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### **25<sup>th</sup> MAY to 29<sup>th</sup> MAY – HALF TERM**

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## JUNE:

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<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School re-opens Y4 Multiplication check
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> /Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics screening check
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre <i>Class &amp; Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed</i>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

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## JULY:

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Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swap a class afternoon <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Sports Event <b>To Be Confirmed</b> PTFA Summer Fayre <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
W/C Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reports sent home
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards 2pm Leavers Service in school

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

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**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.

## 2025/2026 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11)

**All clinics below are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins  
(No appointment is needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection  
Please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.**

DAY	DATE	TIME OPEN	LOCATION
<b>Saturday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 14:30	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October	14:00 – 17:00	Summerlands Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Will be signposted on site)
<b>Saturday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 14:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
<b>Monday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Minehead Community Hospital, Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF
<b>Monday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH
<b>Tuesday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 14:30	Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Cl, Yeovil BA20 2DD
<b>Wednesday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 14:30	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AD
<b>Wednesday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Upper Bracken House, Chard Hospital Site, Crewkerne Road, Chard. TA20 1YA
<b>Thursday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 14:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
<b>Thursday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 14:30	West Mendip Hospital, Old Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 8JD
<b>Friday</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Shepton Mallet Community Hospital, Bucklers Way, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PG
<b>Saturday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> November	09:30 – 14:30	Summerlands Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Will be signposted on site)
<b>Wednesday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November	14:00 – 17:00	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AD
<b>Saturday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> November	09:30 – 14:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
<b>Wednesday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	14:00 – 17:00	Summerlands Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Will be signposted on site)

<b>Saturday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December	09:30 – 14:30	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
<b>Monday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December	14:00 – 17:00	Minehead Community Hospital, Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF
<b>Monday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December	14:00 – 17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
<b>Tuesday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December	14:00 – 17:00	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
<b>Wednesday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December	14:00 – 17:00	Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH
<b>Monday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	09:30 – 14:30	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AD
<b>Tuesday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10:00 – 12:30	Burnham-On-Sea War Memorial Hospital, 6 Love Lane, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1ED
<b>Tuesday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10:00 – 12:30	Upper Bracken House, Chard Hospital Site, Crewkerne Road, Chard. TA20 1YA
<b>Monday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> December	09:30 – 12:30	Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Cl, Yeovil BA20 2DD
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