



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (5) Friday 7th February 2025



Collective Worship
Reflections



Bubble Church came to see us on Tuesday this week and told the children the story of the shepherds looking after their flocks, relating this to how Jesus looks after us. From Zephaniah Class, Isla said it made her think about the things that she should be looking after in her life and Rebecca shared that she would like to make more of an effort with looking after her pets.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Scarlett for your fantastic artwork in the style of Wassily Kandinsky this week. You really worked hard and took your time to consider the style of his work. Well done!

Nancy for being a star learner this week, listening carefully to instructions and giving writing your best effort, well done!

Bowie

Emmet for always being a kind and helpful member of Bowie Class. Your attitude towards everything is superb, Emmet!

Gabriel for showing a never-give-up attitude, always. You are an incredible and brave young man, Gabe.

Anning

Nala for working really hard to improve her reading fluency and making sure she understands what she is reading - well done Nala!

Austin for working hard in Maths this week, multiplying numbers by 10 and 100 - well done!

Zephaniah

Cameron for his excellent work with his team in History creating a poster all about the Vikings. Cameron led the team brilliantly and I'm looking forward to seeing their completed poster this week!

Isaac has really shone in Science this week when testing the friction of different materials using the school tricycles! He worked hard with his team and his scientific discussions throughout were great!

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Delilah** from Bowie Class for achieving her Level 3 Learn to Swim Award.



Templecombe Token Certificates

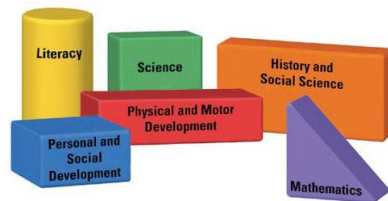


Congratulations go to Phoebe and Rita-Rae from Anning Class and Cameron from Zephaniah Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations go to Darcey from Anning Class for achieving her Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week.

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



Nightingale Class

In Nightingale Class we explored musical instruments in our DT lesson. We were experimenting with the sounds they can make and how we could create our own instruments next week in the 'make' process of our DT. The children had great fun and enjoyed exploring different percussion instruments.



Benchball at King Arthur's School



On Wednesday afternoon this week, a group of Year 4 students attended King Arthur's Secondary School for a Benchball tournament. We played three different schools. There was lots of impressive passing, movement, and teamwork on display which resulted in us scoring lots of superb points as well! Mr Ferrari was very impressed with how well the children played and represented our school. Well done to our team full of superstars!!



Updates



We need your help to keep our school a safe place for those with food allergies. We are a nut free school due to known allergies within our school community, so please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts to school. Thank you.

Online Use



As many of our children use WhatsApp and other online platforms to stay connected, it is important to ensure that they understand how to navigate these spaces safely, especially in large groups. Below are some tips and guidelines to help you support your child's online safety:

Key Safety Tips for WhatsApp Use:

1. Be Cautious About Group Membership

- Monitor the groups your child is added to and ensure they only participate in groups with people they know and trust.
- Remind them they can leave groups where they feel uncomfortable.

2. Privacy Settings Matter

- Ensure their profile photo, status, and other information are only visible to "Contacts" (not "Everyone"). You can adjust these in WhatsApp's Privacy Settings.

3. Talk About Sharing Responsibly

- Discuss what's appropriate to share, including avoiding personal details, locations, or photos of themselves or others without consent.
- Remind them to think before forwarding messages to avoid spreading misinformation.

4. Recognising and Avoiding Risks

- Teach them to ignore messages from unknown numbers and report suspicious behavior.
- Encourage them to speak to you, or a trusted adult at school, if they encounter anything inappropriate or concerning.

5. Managing Negative Interactions

- In large groups, conflicts or unkind comments can escalate quickly. Encourage your child to stay respectful and avoid engaging in arguments.
- They can mute or leave groups if they feel overwhelmed or unsafe.
- Ask them to speak to you if any comments or conflicts have upset them.

6. Set Screen Time Limits

- Balance WhatsApp use with offline activities. Setting boundaries can help prevent excessive screen time.

Between school and home, we can help create a safe online environment for our children by staying informed and having open conversations with them about their online experiences.

House Challenge

This week all the children took part in our second House Challenge! This time the focus was on construction. Children worked together to construct Templecombe, London and famous world landmarks. It was great to see all the ages supporting each other to create something they were all proud of. We all had so much fun, that we forgot to take any photos! The winner of this term's house challenge was **YEW** house!!! They won a staggering **50** Templecombe tokens. At the end of this term, we will count each house's tokens, the house with the most tokens will be announced and they will be rewarded with a non-uniform day next term – so watch out for that!



Spring Disco – Tuesday 11th February

Today is the deadline for return of booking forms for the Disco - if possible, please pay by BACS and return your booking form to the PTA postbox outside the school office. It will be a non-uniform day but please ensure your child comes to school wearing suitable shoes for playtimes and brings a coat.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Brazier



DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

FEBRUARY:	
Monday 10 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 11 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only) PTA Spring Disco and non-uniform day
Friday 14 th	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>
17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM	

Monday 24 th	School re-opens 6pm Governors Meeting
MARCH:	
Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities (House Challenge Spring 2)
Wednesday 12 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm 6pm Governors Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm
APRIL:	
Thursday 3 rd	9.05am End of Term Awards
Tuesday 1 st	Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Friday 4 th	Easter Experience in Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break (No After Fun provision)
<u>7th APRIL to 21st APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u>	
Tuesday 22 nd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 23 rd	School re-opens
Wed 23 rd - Fri 25 th	Yr5 Residential
MAY:	
Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 8 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
12 th to 15 th	SATS Week
Monday 12 th	6pm Governors Meeting
Friday 16 th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival
19 th to 22 nd	Year 6 Residential
Friday 23 rd	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>
<u>26th MAY to 30th MAY - HALF TERM</u>	
JUNE:	
Monday 2 nd	School re-opens
16 th to 17 th	Year 3/4 Residential
Tuesday 17 th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs
Wednesday 18 th	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 23 rd	6pm Governors Meeting
Tuesday 24 th	KS2 Top Link Festival
Friday 27 th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Summer Fayre
JULY:	
Wednesday 2 nd	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Friday 4 th	School Sports Event / PTFA Summer Fayre
Thursday 10 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please <i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>
Monday 14 th	6pm Governors Meeting

Tuesday 15th	Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Monday 21st	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 22nd	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 23rd	9.05am End of Term Awards 2pm Leavers Service in school
<u>3pm School Closes for the Summer Break</u> (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.