



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (8) Friday 7th March 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



This week we reflected on two Christian special days which took place this week: Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is the day before Ash Wednesday. It's a day when people traditionally eat pancakes. This is because, in the past, people wanted to use up rich foods like eggs, milk, and sugar before Lent, which is a time of fasting and giving up certain foods. So, they made pancakes! Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a period of 40 days leading up to Easter. On this day, many Christians go to Church and receive a small cross of ashes on their forehead. The ashes remind them to be sorry for their mistakes and to try to be better people.

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday, all the children had great fun participating in 'Pancake' related activities. Anning Class cooked pancakes with Mrs Benjafield, all classes enjoyed eating pancakes with delicious toppings and then in the beautiful sunshine the children took part in this term's House Challenge which was a Pancake Obstacle Race! It was great fun, the children were brilliant and really enjoyed themselves. A huge well done to Yew house who were the winners! A massive thank you to the staff for all their help with pancake making and setting up the obstacle course.





Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Scarlett for your fantastic Science this week where you were sorting animals into their groups. You recognised some features of each animal types - well done!

Eddie for great participation in phonics this week – well done!

Bowie

Abigail for showing some great independent learning skills in Maths – keep up the good work, Abigail!

Harrison for being dedicated learner and a great friend to everyone in Bowie.

Anning

Reggie for working hard in gymnastics this week and demonstrating his amazing skill when learning different types of rolls - well done!

Isla P for working exceptionally hard this week in all lessons, but particularly in Maths when learning how to use the bus stop method - well done!

Zephaniah

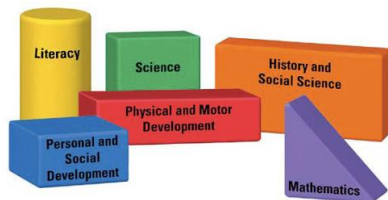
Rebecca for her excellent non-chronological report all about biomes

Amelia for her brilliant reading and dedication to reading at home.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Rebecca** from Zephaniah Class and **Freddie S** from Anning Class for achieving their Level 2 Learn to Swim awards.
- **Pippa** from Zephaniah Class for achieving her Level 8 Learn to Swim award.



Our Curriculum



World Book Day



For World Book Day Nightingale class decorated bookmarks, had a traditional tales story time with puppets and talked about their favourite book characters and who they were dressed up as; Bowie Class also decorated bookmarks, they discussed their favourite stories and created book reviews about them; Anning Class joined the BBC livestream for World Book Day and played a “guess the stories” game using the front covers of classic children’s books; Zephaniah Class played a game of Reading Traitors, working in teams to discover the traitor amongst them. They had so much fun and have requested to repeat the game!





Updates

Sticky Fingers Pre-School



As you know we love to support our very local Pre-School. They are fundraising through the Co-Op Local Cause scheme. If you haven't already and you are a Co-Op member, please would you consider selecting Sticky Fingers as your local cause of choice. You can do this by clicking on this link [Co-op](#). Thank you.

Helping your child navigate their digital world – Parent Workshop

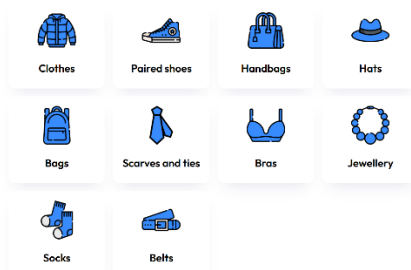
Thank you to those of you who attended the first in our series of online parent workshops "Helping your child to navigate their digital world" last week. We hope you found it useful. There is a recording of the session available on the link below, along with the attached PDF which offers reminders of key points and the advice shared. Unfortunately, the recording appears to cease at the 30-minute mark but we felt it would be beneficial for you to be able to access some of the session rather than none of it. We will let you know the dates for the upcoming sessions in due course.

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Meeting Update

It was brilliant to welcome all those that joined us for the PTA meeting at its new time yesterday afternoon, after school in Anning Class. We discussed upcoming events and how the money raised can continue to enhance the children's experiences of school. More volunteers are always welcome, either helping to organise or just to support the different events and activities. Do contact the school office if you would like to help.



Bags to School Collection - Wednesday 12th March

Please bear us in mind if you are having a spring clear out this weekend as our next collection for Bag2School is next Wednesday, 12th March. Please bring your donations to the lower playground by 9am on the day. Thank you.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Brazier

DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

MARCH:	
Wednesday 12 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Monday 17 th	6pm Governors Meeting
Tuesday 18th	Treat Day Tuesday!
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
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)
7th APRIL to 21st APRIL – EASTER BREAK	
Tuesday 22nd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 23 rd	School re-opens
Wed 23 rd - Fri 25 th	Yr5 Residential
MAY:	
Monday 5th	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
Friday 16 th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival
19 th to 22 nd	Year 6 Residential
Friday 23 rd	3.30pm School closes for half term
26th MAY to 30th MAY - HALF TERM	
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
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>
Tuesday 15 th	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.