



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (5) Friday 9th October 2026



Collective Worship Reflections



During our worship this week, we looked at the Story of Joseph (Genesis 37–50), focusing on our school value of Love. Even though his brothers took his beautiful coat and then sold him into slavery out of jealousy, Joseph chooses to forgive them completely. This story teaches us about unconditional love and how forgiveness can heal broken families. It also connects to the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance, showing our children how to let go of past arguments and live peacefully with others. In our reflections of why Joseph forgave them, Isla said, "Joseph was probably relieved and happy to see them again." Olivia said, "He felt like he was part of the family again and when they said sorry, he felt happy." When we reflected upon our own experiences of forgiveness, Daisy said, "You can say sorry and they might give you a hug and say it back." Nelly said, "You can say sorry in case you did something as well."

Harvest Celebration

We will be holding our Harvest Celebration next Tuesday, 13th October at 2pm in St Mary's Church. 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 13th, but please don't feel you must.

REMINDERS

Tuesday 13th	2pm Harvest Celebration in Church – all welcome
Thursday 15th	9.45am School tour for September 2027 starters Treat Shop Thursday



Celebrating Our Core Values

NIGHTINGALE

Anya - Inspire – Anya is such a great model for how to be a good learner; sat SHARP; independently choosing her learning; super focused and great at tidying away afterwards. Keep up the good work Anya!

Jordy - Perseverance - Jordy has worked really hard this week during phonics, making his letter sounds, then writing them correctly and not giving up when he found it tricky. Well done, Jordy!

BOWIE

Mavis - Love - Mavis is such a helpful member of Bowie Class. She is always offering her help to her friends and teachers. Well done, Mavis!

Scarlett - Respect - Scarlett is always sat super sharp ready to listen and learn. Well done, Scarlett. Keep up the good work!

ANNING

Aiyla - Love - Aiyla is a wonderfully supportive member of our school. She supports other pupils whenever possible and she is always offering to do jobs around the classroom. She has also had an incredible start to the year with her hard work in all lessons.

Georgia - Perseverance - Georgia always shows cheerful perseverance in class; she approaches every task with a smile and lots of effort. Her work has been fantastic and an inspiration to her classmates.



Congratulations go to **Barney** in Nightingale for always sitting nicely and being polite.

ZEPHANIAH

Sienna - Respect - for creating beautifully presented pieces of work, not just full of wonderful work, but following the presentation policy accurately!

Freddie S - Inspire - for showing a great understanding of persuasive writing, painting a beautiful image of any destination with descriptive phrases.

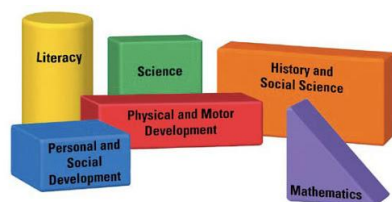
Out of School Achievements

Congratulations go to:

- **Lottie-Mae** in Nightingale who has moved up a swimming group.
- **Ava and Isla** in Nightingale took part in Bristol Memory walk on Saturday in memory of their Great Grandpa. They completed the walk and raised £190 for Alzheimer's Society and are rightly very proud of the medals they received.

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



Hello Yellow Day

Everyone looked bright and cheerful in their yellow outfits today to celebrate Hello Yellow Day whilst raising awareness of and supporting young people's mental health. The afternoon was filled with mindful activities and ways in which we can support our own mental wellbeing.



Attendance "All Day, Every Day"



Zephaniah Class celebrated today after successfully completing our 'All Day, Every Day!' attendance challenge! To reward their fantastic efforts, the children voted for a rather delicious treat: *loaded hot chocolates!* What could be better than warming up with a mug of chocolatey goodness (with all the tasty toppings!)?



A very special mention must also go to Mrs Greene, who stepped in as Miss Edwards' honorary TA for the afternoon. For her excellent assistance, hard work and dedication, she earned herself a well-deserved hot chocolate of her own!

Although the hot chocolates were a lovely way to celebrate, our challenge was about something much more important: the value of good attendance. Being in school every day gives children the best possible opportunities to learn, build friendships, develop confidence and be part of all the wonderful things happening in our classroom. Every day really does count! A huge well done to Zephaniah Class for their brilliant efforts so far this half term. Let's keep the positive momentum going, continue supporting one another and remember the school motto: ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!



Treat Shop Thursday

Our Treat Shop makes a welcome return next Thursday (15th October). Following a successful Pupil Forum led by Miss Sunley, children's views have been considered and there are new items on offer including popcorn, breadsticks and raisins! As before, the price will be 50p per treat, but limited to £1 spend per child. Please send payment in to your child's class teacher on Thursday morning.

Hot Lunches

Caterlink have provided a new menu which will be in operation after half term. If you wish to order hot lunches for your child, please do so before the deadline of **19th October**.

Charity Donation

We were delighted and extremely grateful to receive a generous cash donation from Templecombe Events from the proceeds of this year's Templecombe Village Fete. Their support is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to our school.

Missed Flu Vaccinations

If your child wasn't in school last week and missed receiving their flu immunization, please see the table attached for details of the walk-in clinics which Somerset SAINT are offering for school-age children from Reception to Year 11. Please also find attached the latest School Nursing Team newsletter for your information.

School Open Events

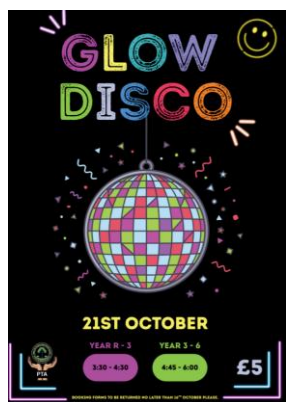
Please see the end of this newsletter for details of our school tours for new starters in September 2027 – please contact the school office to book in.



Thank you to the PTA volunteers who ran our **Movie 'n' Munch** on Tuesday after school. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Toy Story 5!

Next Meeting – Christmas Fayre Planning

We have our Christmas Fayre planning meeting next **Wednesday 14th October at 7pm** in school. Please do come along, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to share ideas, please contact the PTA directly via their email address ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com



Our next event is the Glo-Disco on 21st October – booking forms are coming home today and we look forward to welcoming more new helpers to add to our group of volunteers!

We will also have non-uniform for that day so that Key Stage 1 children can go straight into their dancing at 3.30pm. As usual though, please ensure that outfits and footwear are weather appropriate and suitable for PE if your child usually has a PE lesson on a Wednesday.

Christmas Cards

We have received our school pack from Fundraising Creations and the children will be designing their Christmas Cards in school over the next couple of weeks. They will bring their design home when we break for half term and the deadline for ordering is **1st November**. Ordering is a little different this year in that parents place their orders online using Fundraising Creations' website. On the top corner of your child's design there is a QR code which takes you to their site. Select your child's class (Nightingale / Bowie / Anning / Zephaniah) and enter your child's name then follow the instructions to upload your child's artwork and place your order. You can also track your project and you will be notified when your order is shipped for delivery.



As you know we are signed up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). They are running the **Big Grocery Bonus** from 1st to 31st October. If parents, staff and our wider school community order their groceries via one of the participating supermarkets (Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Waitrose or Iceland) by 31st October, our school will be in the draw to win a £500 donation. Plus, with easyfundraising, each time our supporters shop with the supermarkets above this October, a cashback donation is raised for our school at no extra cost. Use the QR code to sign up or visit this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=443060&invite=RDAMD3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link or.

Upcoming PTA Events:

21/10/2026	Glo-Disco and non-uniform day – wear bright colours
27/11/2026	Non-uniform day in exchange of a donation of chocolate for the Tombola stall at Christmas Fayre
4/12/2026	Christmas Fayre
17/12/2026	Elf day

And finally...

A busy week as always in school. We look forward to seeing you all in the Church on Tuesday for our Harvest service. Hopefully your children will have mentioned our 'Surprise Attendance Days' to you – if not ask them about this new exciting reason to make sure you are in school for. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Brazier

Enc: Flu walk-in clinics / School Nursing Newsletter

DIARY DATES - 2026/27 Autumn Term

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

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 13th

2pm Harvest Celebration in Church – **all welcome**

Thursday 15th	9.45am School tour for September 2027 starters
Wednesday 21st	Treat Shop Thursday
Friday 23rd	PTA Glo-Disco and non-uniform day – wear bright colours
	House challenge To Be Confirmed
	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>
<u>26th October to 30th October - HALF TERM</u>	
NOVEMBER:	
Monday 2nd	INSET Day – school closed
Sunday 8th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 11th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
Thursday 12th	Visiting Pantomime
Friday 13th	Children in Need fundraiser
Monday 16th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm. Times may differ slightly. More info later
Tuesday 17th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm. Times may differ slightly. More info later
Friday 27th	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre
DECEMBER:	
Thursday 3rd	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 4th	PTFA Christmas Fayre (No After Fun provision)
Monday 7th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8th	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Tuesday 15th	Christmas Song Showdown
Wednesday 16th	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 17th	PTA Elf Day / Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day
	2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church
	<u>3pm School Closes for Christmas</u> (No After Fun provision)
<u>21st DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK</u>	
JANUARY:	
Monday 4th	School re-opens

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.

Whilst we are happy to advertise events in our area provided by third parties, we make no representations or warranties about the suitability of such products or services referenced in these advertisements for any purpose. Our inclusion of such products and services does not constitute their recommendation or endorsement



NEW SEPTEMBER INTAKE
STAY & PLAY

We would love to invite our new September intake children and families to join us for a Stay & Play session!

This is a great opportunity to:

- Meet our friendly staff
- Explore the classroom
- Play with our resources

12 October • 22 October
10 November • 20 November

3:45 – 4:30pm

Come and see what makes our school so special!

Small school • Big futures



Abbas and Templecombe Church School

Is your child starting primary school in September 2022?

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:
Monday 28th September at 9.45am
Wednesday 7th October at 1.45pm
Thursday 15th October at 9.45am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@atbmatt.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



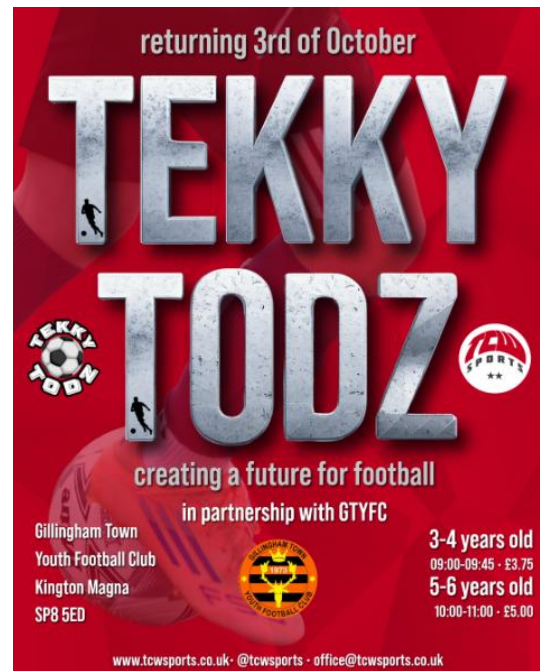
OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP

MOTCOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOOTBALL
 Technical sessions, Tournaments, Games and so much more
9AM - 3PM
 Early drop off and late pick up available
 £23 p/d - £21 p/d (block week booking)

MULTI ACTIVITY
 Surf, Sports, Arts and Crafts, Halloween Activities, Minibeasts, Switch and so much more
8:30AM - 5:30PM
 £29 p/d - £26 p/d (block week booking)

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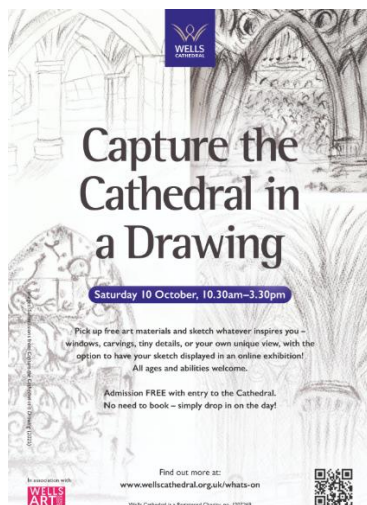
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Gillingham Town Youth Football Club
 Kington Magna SP8 5ED

3-4 years old
 09:00-09:45 • £3.75
5-6 years old
 10:00-11:00 • £5.00

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Capture the Cathedral in a Drawing

Saturday 10 October, 10.30am-3.30pm

Pick up free art materials and sketch whatever inspires you – windows, carving, tiny details, or your own unique view, with the option to have your sketch displayed in an online exhibition! All ages and abilities welcome.

Admission FREE with entry to the Cathedral.
 No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Find out more at:
www.wells cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

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Half-Term Holiday Activities: Taking Time

27-29 October, 10.30am-3.30pm

Have fun exploring the time-themed installations from Wells Art Contemporary, and join us to fashion your own creations!

Discover optical illusions, learn about the Cathedral's incredible Astronomical Clock, and make your own spinning seasons wheel. Suitable for children and families.

Admission included with entry to Wells Cathedral.
 No need to book – simply drop in on the day! More info at: wells cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

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