



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

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Collective Worship Reflections



This week we continued our focus on some of the main characters from the Christmas story: Week 3 is The Praising Shepherds. Jesus didn't come to a palace to rule - he was born in a lowly position and was worshipped by people in a lowly position to show us that he was born for everyone.

During our Wednesday reflection time children shared their thoughts on these reflection questions:

- How can you show people that they are important?
- Who is your shepherd?

Nativity

Our nativity this year was "Whoopsie-Daisy-Angel" and I'm sure the families of our Year R, 1 and 2 children would agree that the children were fabulous. A big thank you goes to their staff for all their efforts in putting on the show.



Christingle Service – Sunday 14th December at 4pm

This Sunday the Church will be hosting its annual Christingle Service – if you haven't attended a Christingle Service before, this is a special festive children's service that will involve making a Christingle and joining in with some Christmas hymns.



ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

Please note that sports clubs after school have now finished but After Fun provision continues.

Monday	Normal School Day
Tuesday	Elf School / Christmas Hot Lunch / Christmas Song Showdown / PTA Movie 'n' Munch

Wednesday	Normal School Day
Thursday	11am Whole school webinar with someone special! / 2pm End of Term Awards Assembly
Friday	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children / 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School closes

Our Christmas Postbox is now in the School Library for children to send their Christmas cards to each other.
Last posting day is **Thursday 18th December!**



Worker of the Week



NIGHTINGALE

Everyone in Nightingale for doing so well in their nativity. I am so proud of all of the children for their confidence, well done!

BOWIE

All of **Bowie Class** members who participated in a fantastic Nativity performance. You really shone like stars and sounded angelic with your singing.
Jaiden for fantastic singing in the Nativity. Also for putting in great effort in handwriting this week.

ANNING

Georgia for being perfectly on the beat when singing - and extra acknowledgement for showing such enthusiasm.
Kasey for showing a great understanding for all things prehistoric - from Stone Age to Iron Age!

ZEPHANIAH

Theodore for great research skills when finding out about the key factors which helped Britain win The Battle of Britain.
Grace for demonstrating great perseverance and problem-solving skills when creating her moving toy.



All Reception children for doing so well in the hall, eating their lunches.
Matthew from Zephaniah Class for always helping outside.



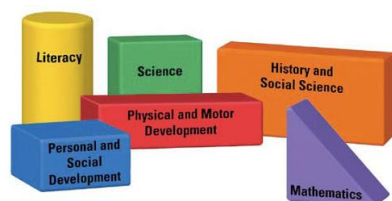
Templecombe
Token
Certificates



Congratulations go to **Lola** from Bowie Class and **Daisy-Mai, Rupert, Evelyn, Pippa, Matthew** and **Theodore** from Zephaniah Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificates 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



ROYAL BALLET AND OPERA

On Wednesday, Anning and Zephaniah Classes jumped at the opportunity to take part in a ballet lesson from the Royal Ballet and Opera. We stretched, pranced and choreographed our own motifs to the story of Alice in Wonderland - as well as being immersed in the wonder of how the story translates from screen, to rehearsal rooms, all the way to a live performance. Our favourite parts were re-enacting the Mad Hatter's tea party (which was just as chaotic in dance as you could imagine!) and the falling of the Queen of Hearts' house of cards, where we all tumbled onto the floor, group by group. We cannot wait for our next lesson, led by such talented professionals!



Updates

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children Charity Fundraiser – Friday 19th December

On the last day of term we will be fundraising for Save The Children by donating a £1 each to wear our Christmas jumpers over our school uniform. Please don't feel you have to buy a Christmas jumper especially for this, but normal school jumpers / cardigans should be worn if no Christmas jumper is available.

Christmas Service in St Mary's Church, 2pm – Friday 19th December

Our traditional End of Term Service led by our eldest children. We look forward to welcoming parents to join us in the Church.

Flu Immunisations

In light of the recent rise in flu cases and the impact this is having on our local hospitals, Somerset SAINT team have asked us to share the attached list of flu walk-in clinics with parents and guardians. This will help ensure that those who have not yet received the vaccination have the opportunity to attend.

Stalbridge Library – Bookworm No.14

Please find attached the Stalbridge Library Newsletter, The Bookworm No 14. Margaret, the Library Manager, would like to thank everyone for their support of Stalbridge Community Library and she and all the Library Volunteers wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Every Learner Matters

Zones of Regulation: Helping Children Understand Their Feelings

At school, we use **Zones of Regulation** to help children recognise and manage their emotions. The Zones teach that all feelings are normal — but we can learn strategies to help ourselves cope.

- **Blue Zone** – low energy, tired, sad
- **Green Zone** – calm, focused, ready to learn
- **Yellow Zone** – heightened emotions (excited, frustrated, anxious)
- **Red Zone** – big, overwhelming feelings

Children learn tools such as breathing, movement, talking or taking a break to move themselves back towards the Green Zone. When children understand their emotions, they are better able to communicate needs and feel in control. Families can use this language at home too, helping children feel understood across both settings. We shared a parenting guide to Zones of Regulation with our Behaviour Curriculum. For a physical copy, please visit the school office.



Christmas Fayre

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who was involved in preparations, setting up, running stalls and/or cleaning up afterwards last Friday – together we raised a fantastic £879!



Send your child to **Elf School** for the day on Tuesday 16th December – children to come to school dressed as elves or other Christmas characters for £1, or combine Elf School with booking for **Movie ‘n’ Munch** for just £4 per child – book your child in so you can have extra time for some last minute Christmas shopping without them!



And finally...

We are approaching the last week of term – lots of exciting events planned so please make sure you have looked at all the details above to know what it is happening when! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Brazier

ENC: Flu community sessions / Bookworm No.14

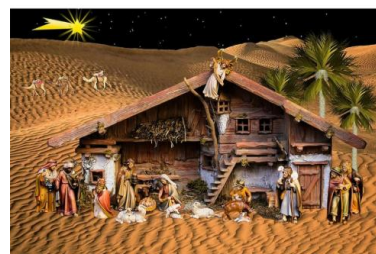
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A FESTIVAL OF CRIB AND NATIVITY SCENES

2025

BE CREATIVE AND TAKE PART IN ST MARY'S FIRST EVER NATIVITY FESTIVAL



All entries welcome and can be made of wood, stones, fabric, cake, cardboard or something you already have. The Crib and Nativity Scenes will be on display in the church for the Christmas period to include the Christingle Service on Dec.14th and the Carol Service on Dec.21st

Just bring your crib or nativity scene to the church on Friday 5th or Saturday 6th Dec between 10am and 4pm



DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

DECEMBER:

Sunday 14th	4pm Christingle Service in St Mary's Church
Tuesday 16th	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Song Showdown PTA Elf School & Movie 'n' Munch (see PTA section for more details)
Thursday 18th	2pm End of Term Awards
Friday 19th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)
Sunday 21st	6.30pm Carol Service in St Mary's Church

22nd DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 5th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 6th	School re-opens
Tuesday 27th	Muddy Church – Candlemass

FEBRUARY:

Friday 6th	Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline
Tuesday 11th	House challenge – pancake races p.m.
Thursday 12th	Open Afternoon (Yr1-6 parents from 2.15pm / EYFS Stay & Play from 2.30pm)
Friday 13th	3.30pm School closes for half term

16th FEBRUARY to 20th FEBRUARY – HALF TERM

Monday 23rd	School re-opens
Tuesday 24th	Muddy Church – Spring, new beginnings

MARCH:

Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Mon 9th / Tue 10th	Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court
Monday 23rd	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
Tuesday 24th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 31st	Muddy Church – Easter

APRIL:

Wednesday 1st	9.05am End of Term Awards
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Thursday 2 nd	House Challenge a.m. Easter Experience p.m. 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break (No After Fun provision)
3rd APRIL to 17th APRIL – EASTER BREAK	
Monday 20th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 21 st	School re-opens
29/4 to 1/5	Yr 5 Residential
MAY:	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5 th	Muddy Church
11 th to 14 th	SATS Week
18 th to 21 st	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 20 th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA
Friday 22 nd	3.30pm School closes for half term
25th MAY to 29th MAY – HALF TERM	
JUNE:	
Monday 1st	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 2 nd	School re-opens / Y4 Multiplication check
Mon 8 th /Tue 9 th	Phonics screening check
Monday 15 th	KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA
Monday 22 nd	Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed
Tuesday 23 rd	Muddy Church
Friday 26 th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre <i>Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed</i>
Monday 29 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 30 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)
JULY:	
Wednesday 1 st	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Friday 3 rd	School Sports Event To Be Confirmed / PTFA Summer Fayre To Be Confirmed
W/C Mon 13 th	<i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>
Friday 17 th	Reports sent home
Monday 20 th	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 21 st	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 22 nd	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.