



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

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In our Collective Worships we have continued focusing on the 'I am' sayings of Jesus. This week we looked at Jesus saying, 'I am the good shepherd'. Just like a shepherd takes care of sheep, Jesus takes care of us. Pupils were asked to reflect on these questions 'How does it feel knowing that God wants to keep us safe?' and 'Who helps to keep you safe?'.



NEXT WEEK - REMINDERS

Monday 23 rd	School re-opens New After School Clubs begin (see "Updates" section for options)
Tuesday 24 th	Muddy Church – Spring, new beginnings
Friday 27 th	Church Street Dental Centre team – dental hygiene talks for all children



Worker of the Week



Due to our Open Afternoon event yesterday afternoon, we were unable to hold our whole school WoW Assembly.



Harper W in Nightingale for showing respect and kindness peers in the playground.

Cory in Zephaniah for being most helpful on a daily basis.

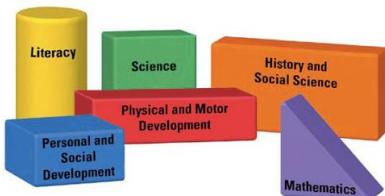
Out of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Theodore** in Zephaniah for achieving the rank of 5 kyu at Nishikan Martial Arts.

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



Safer Internet Day

This Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. Each class took part in a range of activities and online lessons focused on keeping themselves safe online and promoting the responsible use of technology. We also explored the use of AI, which is becoming an increasingly popular tool, and discussed how to use it safely and sensibly. These sessions help the children to better understand how to stay safe, be responsible digital citizens, and make positive choices when using technology.

Top Tips for Keeping Children Safe Online

Keeping children safe online is an important part of modern parenting. Here are some simple and effective ways you can support your child:

- **Talk openly about online safety** – Encourage your child to talk to you about what they do online, who they talk to, and to tell you if anything worries or upsets them.
- **Set clear rules and boundaries** – Agree together how long your child can spend online, which apps and games they can use, and where devices can be used in the home.
- **Use parental controls** – Most devices, apps, and broadband providers offer parental controls to help block inappropriate content and manage screen time.
- **Know the apps and games your child uses** – Take time to explore them yourself so you understand how they work and any potential risks.
- **Remind children not to share personal information** – Teach them never to share their full name, address, school, passwords, or photos with people they do not know.
- **Encourage kindness and respect online** – Remind children that the same rules apply online as offline and to always be kind and respectful to others.
- **Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible** – This helps you to supervise and support your child's online activity.
- **Teach children to think before they click** – Help them understand that not everything online is true and to check with an adult if they are unsure.
- **Make sure they know how to report and block** – Show your child how to block or report someone and reassure them they can always come to you for help.

Working together, we can help children develop the skills they need to stay safe and confident online.

Bowie Class

Bowie Class experienced a French Buffet in class this week where the children were encouraged to talk about (in French!) and try some fruits and snacks. They have also thoroughly enjoyed the board games they have designed and made - all the children were thrilled with their games and had great fun playing them!



Pancake Day Races

On Tuesday we had our third House Challenge of this school year. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side, so we had to take the race inside. EYFS and KS1 children worked their way around the obstacle course in pairs while KS2 children lined the corridors and classroom cheering on their house. It was VERY loud but great fun! Well done to Oak House who were the winners!!



Every Learner Matters

The Importance of a Healthy Diet

A healthy, balanced diet plays a vital role in supporting children's behaviour, emotions, and overall health. The food children eat provides the energy they need not only for physical activity, but also for concentration, learning and emotional regulation. Regular, nutritious meals help to keep children's blood sugar levels steady, which can support better focus, calmer behaviour, and more consistent moods. In contrast, too much sugar or highly processed foods can sometimes lead to energy spikes and crashes, which may affect children's attention, emotions, and behaviour.

A balanced diet which includes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, protein and plenty of water supports healthy brain development, strengthens the immune system and promotes overall wellbeing. Eating regular meals, including a healthy breakfast, can also help children feel ready to learn and engage positively with their day. Supporting children to develop healthy eating habits from a young age helps to build strong foundations for both their physical health and emotional wellbeing.



Open Afternoon – Stay and Play

Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who attended on Thursday. It was wonderful to see the children sharing the work they have been completing in class with their families. They are always so proud and excited to showcase their learning and to welcome family members into school. A big thank you also goes to Year 6 for all their help with the setting up and running of the event – they were very professional. Our next Open Afternoons will take place during the Summer Term, and dates will be published soon. We look forward to welcoming you again.

After School Clubs – MORE CLUBS ADDED!

There are still a few spaces left in our previously advertised After School clubs and we've been able to add 2 more options to the list in the form of a Craft Club for Years 2-6 on Tuesday afternoons and a Skittles Club on Friday for

Years 3-6! Please note: Board Games will now be on Wednesdays after school and any previous booking for the Friday session has been cancelled and refunded. These clubs will start on Monday of the first week back after half term and will run for five weeks (no after school clubs in the last week before we break for Easter – After Fun will still be running though!). To confirm your child's place on any of these clubs, please book in and pay using the Arbor Parent Portal.

Monday	Football Club	Yrs 3-6
Tuesday	Craft	Yrs 2-6
Wednesday	Choir Board Games	Yrs 2-6 Yrs 2-6
Thursday	Football Club	Yrs R-2
Friday	Skittles	Yrs 3-6



Storage

Behind the scenes over recent weeks a few of our PTA members have been sorting out the storage shed (as it is no longer fit for purpose) and moving all the equipment up to the old staff room which is a more suitable, less damp storage space. A big thank you to those volunteers and also to Mr Russell and Harry for giving up their Saturday to build all the shelving which will enable a much more organised system to be implemented.



And finally...

It has been a very wet but wonderful half term. Reflecting on the highlights of the half term, we are incredibly proud of the fantastic work the children have completed. Classrooms have been calm and purposeful, with most children demonstrating excellent 'SHARP' learning.

We have particularly enjoyed our focus on 'Healthy Me', with children thinking carefully about how to fuel their bodies. Next term, we will be focusing on teeth and dental health. We have also loved taking part in our additional enrichment activities, including Ballet and Opera, Network Rail visit and work from the NSPCC, all of which have been fantastic experiences for the children.

Wishing you all a lovely Half Term break.

Mrs Brazier

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DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

FEBRUARY:

Friday 13th

3.30pm School closes for half term

16th FEBRUARY to 20th FEBRUARY – HALF TERM

Monday 23rd

School re-opens

	New After School Clubs begin (see "Updates" section for options)
Tuesday 24th	Muddy Church – Spring, new beginnings
Friday 27th	Church Street Dental Centre team – dental hygiene talks for all children
MARCH:	
Wednesday 4th	Deadline for Young Artists' Summer Show applications IF APPLYING AT HOME
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
	Treat Shop Thursday
Mon 9th / Tue 10th	Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court
Friday 20th	Non-uniform day for Easter Egg Bingo prize - to be confirmed
Monday 23rd	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm (Pre-loved uniform available)
Tuesday 24th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm (Pre-loved uniform available)
Saturday 28th	Easter Bingo – to be confirmed
Tuesday 31st	Muddy Church – Easter
APRIL:	
Wednesday 1st	9.05am End of Term Awards
	Dare to be Different Day (more info to follow)
	Movie 'n' Munch
Thursday 2nd	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 21st	School re-opens
29/4 to 1/5	Yr 5 Residential
MAY:	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5th	Muddy Church
Thursday 7th	Treat Shop Thursday
11th to 14th	SATS Week
18th to 21st	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 20th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA
Friday 22nd	3.30pm School closes for half term
25th MAY to 29th MAY – HALF TERM	
JUNE:	
Monday 1st	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 2nd	School re-opens /
Thursday 4th	Treat Shop Thursday
Mon 8th/Tue 9th	Phonics screening check
Monday 15th	KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA
Monday 22nd	Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed
Tuesday 23rd	Muddy Church
Friday 26th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre
	<i>Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed</i>
Monday 29th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 30th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

JULY:

Wednesday 1st	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Thursday 2nd	Treat Shop Thursday
Friday 3rd	School Sports Event To Be Confirmed / PTFA Summer Fayre To Be Confirmed
W/C Mon 13th	<i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>
Friday 17th	Reports sent home
Monday 20th	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 21st	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 22nd	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.