



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (6) Friday 14th February 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



This week we reflected on what it means to respect people. We talked about respect in different cultures, but how respect is universal. We identified what being disrespectful is – and even did a couple of acting ‘scenes’! From Bowie Class, Jacob shared “Listening to people is respectful”, Grace said “Litter picking is respectful because you are cleaning up the ground which makes it healthy” and Hope shared “You need to show respect to people otherwise they might not show respect to you”.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Cash for joining in with phonics so brilliantly this week. You are becoming a lot more confident and recalling some phase 3 sounds too! Well done.

Mavis for applying your phonics skills in the classroom when you have been visiting our 'message centre'. You have particularly enjoyed writing shopping lists, including phase 3 sounds. Well done!

Bowie

Hope for showing great independence with Maths; using different methods and resources to support learning.

Harvey Stt for showing good listening to friends and teachers and joining in brilliantly with Bowie Class for Maths learning.

Anning

Violet for working really hard to improve her reading fluency and comprehension this half term - well done!

Jessica for working hard in all of her lessons, but especially in Maths when learning to divide by 10 and 100 - well done!

Zephaniah

Rupert for your fantastic balanced argument in English this week.

Fred for working incredibly hard in his Algebra work this week and even teaching others too!

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Harper** from Bowie Class for receiving the trophy from Cygnets Majorettes.



Templecombe Token Certificates



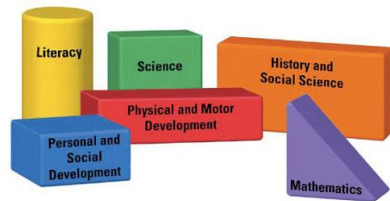
Congratulations go to Grace from Bowie Class and Isla P and Phoebe from Anning Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations go to Harry B and Nelly from Bowie Class and Kasey from Anning Class for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations go to Alice from Anning Class for being the first student this academic year to achieve her Gold Templecombe Token certificate.

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



Bowie Class

In Bowie Class this week we have been learning about command sentences. We have had lots of fun discussing what commands we use in daily life. Early in the week, to familiarise ourselves with the purpose of commands, we got into groups and played a game of commands "musical chairs", walking around our tables until the group leader says a command sentence, for example "Stand up and line up for lunch." When writing command sentences, we especially loved including exclamation marks to add a stricter note!



Updates

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March



Very soon after the half term break we will be marking World Book Day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character or as any word. Staff will be looking for the most ambitious word choice on the day! Please do not feel the need to buy a special costume for this, for example, your child could wear all yellow and their word could be "Sunshine". We are looking forward to seeing some imaginative ideas though! We will also be holding a book swap so if you have any books in good condition

at home which your child has outgrown or no longer reads, we would be happy to receive them to share with other readers. Please bring book donations to your child's class teacher on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week – thank you.

Safer Internet Day

This week children have been thinking about their safety and wellbeing whilst online. Children took part in discussions about how to keep themselves safe and what healthy usage looks like. In addition, some children took part in a live BBC lesson. If you are struggling to monitor your child's usage or would like support in maintaining a healthy balance, please do speak to class teachers. The NSPCC also have lots of useful information on this subject – please click this link:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

We have arranged a parent meeting to help you navigate your child's digital world. This will be an online meeting taking place from 6pm to 7pm on Thursday 27th February. Please use the QR code shown on the poster to register your place, or follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/empowering-parents-for-safer-children-managing-mobile-phone-use-tickets-1245988839159?aff=oddtcreator>

We highly recommend that you attend this workshop as we recognise how very challenging this area can be.

The poster features a pink and purple background. At the top, it says 'Empowering Parents for Safer Children' in white text. Below that, a green banner contains the title 'Helping You Navigate Your Child's Digital World'. To the right, it lists the date 'Thursday 27 February 2025', time '6PM-7PM', and 'Online'. A central image shows a woman and child looking at a phone. Below this is a QR code with the text 'Secure your spot here!'. At the bottom, it says 'Alternatively, use the link shared by your child's school to register.' and includes the logo for 'THE ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARDING COMPANY'. On the right side, a hand holds a smartphone displaying a list of topics: 'We will help you to manage mobile phone use, covering: • fostering healthy digital habits • spotting & managing potential risks • managing screen time'. A small inset photo shows a man and child with a phone.

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind parents that mobile phones are only permitted in school if your child is walking home alone. Phones must be turned off while on the school site and handed to the class teacher to store in the classroom and must not be left in their school bags.

Bikeability

Ten of our pupils took part in the Bikeability course this week and we would like to thank Mrs Citrine-Booth and Mr Harris for provision of the training, along with Mr Blinman and Mr Ferrari for supporting the children in their learning. Well done to Victoria, Olivia T, Jacob D, Olivia F, Layla, Jacob H, Isaac, Cameron, Atticus and Alisha for achieving their Level 2 Bikeability award.



Nut free!



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.



Spring Disco

All the children had lots of fun at the disco on Tuesday – and some of the staff joined in too! As always, we say a big thank you to the PTA and their band of volunteers for providing this fun activity for the children to enjoy.



It has been a great half term, with lots of learning and fun! We wish you all a brilliant half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Brazier

Family Holiday Activities

at Wells Cathedral

Medieval Masterpieces

17, 18, and 19 February 2025

Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make souvenirs to take home!

Monday 17: Wonderful Windows Take inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral windows to make your own artwork.

Tuesday 18: Cosmic Clock Experience the wonders of Wells Cathedral's Astronomical Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.

Wednesday 19: Clay Creations Explore the Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then make a clay boss to take home.



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

Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral
10.30am-3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.

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DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

FEBRUARY:	
Friday 14th	3.30pm School closes for half term
17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM	
Monday 24th	School re-opens 6pm Governors Meeting

Tuesday 25 th	Treat Day Tuesday
Tuesday 27 th , 6pm-7pm	Parent meeting: "Helping you navigate your child's digital world". Please register your place using this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/empowering-parents-for-safer-children-managing-mobile-phone-use-tickets-1245988839159?aff=oddtcreator
MARCH:	
Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities (House Challenge Spring 2)
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day: come to school dressed as a book character or any word!
Wednesday 12 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Monday 17 th	6pm Governors Meeting
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)
<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
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
<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
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 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
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.