



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (9) Friday 14th November 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



This week we continued our focus on Remembrance. We all try to do things on our own strength and often fail – the Bible says to lean on God for help, Philippians 4:13, 'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.' During our Wednesday reflection time children shared their thoughts on this important reflection question:

- Where does your inner strength come from – who do you lean on when times are hard and you don't feel strong?

On Tuesday we visited the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard to hold our Act of Remembrance with a two-minute silence, playing of The Last Post and Year 6 laying a wreath. All the children were brilliant – being very respectful of the time. A big thank you to everyone who donated towards the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Amelia for always being so helpful and kind to others and always following instructions, well done Amelia!

Romeo for doing amazing writing in phonics, so impressive, well done Romeo!

Bowie

Harper for excellent listening and asking great questions.

Ivy for fantastic effort in everything this week!

Anning

Tamsin for being a dodging maniac in Dodgeball - you're as fast as lightning!

Ada for meticulously remembering all the steps for making ginger shots when writing our instructions!

Zephaniah

Jacob D for great research skills in History this week.

Pippa for great explanations of our scientific keywords this week.

Lunchtime Award:

Saffie from Nightingale Class for being very helpful

Delilah from Anning Class for being well mannered and helpful.

Out of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Olivia** in Anning Class for achieving her Level 4 Learn to Swim award and her Rainbow Distance award for 15 meters.

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.



Children in Need – Friday 14th November

Well done to everyone for their PJ outfits today and thank you to parents for all cash donations which together raised £100. Sadly the weather took over our plans for bubbles but we were able to do the “Guess How Many Pudseys” hunt around the playground! Well done to Edith, Theodore, Lucy and Rita-Rae for being the first group to find the right number of different Pudseys.



School Photos

Tempest Photography have been in touch:

*“Have you ordered your school individual photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Monday 17th November**. Order through the Tempest website www.tempest-orders.co.uk using your unique link shown on your paper order form. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5)”.*

Parents Evenings

Parent meeting appointments are now live in Arbor for you to book. Please do contact your child’s class teacher if you have any issues with this. Once again, Year 6 children will be directing you to your appointments and keeping everyone on time. Timings are very tight, so we ask that you please respect the 10-minute time limit and, wherever possible, separated parents book just one appointment for each child (we do understand though that this is not always possible). If you feel that you want to discuss anything further, please do contact your child’s teacher to book a separate appointment at a time that is mutually convenient. We will also be asking you all to complete a Parent Survey. The feedback we received from you last year was so supportive and helped us to improve multiple areas.

Ad Hoc MDSA vacancy

We are looking to recruit an ad hoc Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to ensure we can cover when other supervisors aren’t available. Experience of working with children in a voluntary or paid capacity is preferred. We have a really friendly and dedicated lunchtime team and full training will be given. The hours are from 11.45am until 1.15pm school term time only. This post requires a full safer recruitment check and a successful interview with provision of two suitable references. Please contact the school office if you are interested for an application form.



Every Learner Matters

THE ZONES OF REGULATION

Managing emotions This week, we are focusing on the *Zones of Regulation*, a whole-school approach we use to help all children understand their emotions, recognise how they are feeling, and learn strategies to support themselves. Because this is something we use across the school, we thought it would be helpful to share it with parents too, as it can also be useful at home when supporting children with moments of dysregulation.

Mrs Wicks has sent out further information and resources to help you understand how the Zones of Regulation work and how you can use them at home. If you would like any additional support or have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



Its Panto Time (oh yes it is!)

Everyone had a great time enjoying "Jack and The Beanstalk" yesterday morning! Well done to Rupert P for guarding the key so carefully but the giant's baby was an unexpected star of the show!



Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December

Plans are well underway now for our Christmas Fayre. As always, we need willing volunteers to help set up during the afternoon as well as run stalls at the Fayre. If you are able to offer any time on the day, please do contact the PTA via their email (ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com) to confirm your availability.

We will be holding a **non-uniform day** on Friday 28th November in exchange for a donation of chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola Stall. Raffle ticket and token sales in lower playground 2nd to 4th December.

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 there will be the option to combine Elf School with booking for **Movie 'n' Munch** for just £4 per child!

And finally...

It has been another busy week in school – well done to all the children and we hope you all have a great weekend!

Mrs Brazier

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Sticky Fingers Pre-School



Friday 21st November 2025

Templecombe Village Hall

doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm



**6 BOOKS FOR
£10
OR £2 EACH**

No children under 6

CAKES, TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

NOVEMBER:

Monday 17th	Deadline for ordering photos from Tempest Photography
Monday 24th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5.30pm (Not Yr5)
Tuesday 25th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm (All years)
Friday 28th	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER:

Tuesday 2nd	Muddy Church – Advent
2nd to 4th	Raffle ticket and token sales in lower playground
Thursday 4th	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 5th	Yr3/4 Residential – 2 nd payment deadline Deadline for ordering Christmas Trees and Wreaths – letter to follow PTFA Christmas Fayre – (No After Fun provision)
Monday 8th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9th	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Tuesday 16th	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Song Showdown Christingle making in school (to be confirmed) PTA Elf School & Movie 'n' Munch (see PTA section for more details)
Wednesday 17th	9.05am 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)

22nd DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

Tuesday 27th

INSET Day – school closed

School re-opens

Muddy Church – Advent themed

FEBRUARY:

Friday 6th

Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline

Tuesday 11th

House challenge – pancake races p.m.

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

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 To Be Confirmed

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

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Y4 Multiplication check

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 To Be Confirmed

Friday 26th

Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre

Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed

Monday 29th

Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)

Tuesday 30th

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.