



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (6) Friday 16th October 2026



Collective Worship
Reflections



This week, our worship theme was Harvest, exploring how this season of sharing reflects our school value of Love. We discussed how showing generosity and kindness to those around us, helps to build a supportive community. Alongside this, we reflected on the British value of Individual Liberty, helping the children to understand that our freedom to choose means we can use our gifts to help others. It was wonderful to see the children engage so positively with how we can put this into practise in our daily lives. When we reflected on why they chose to bring something into our Harvest Festival, Jaxx said, "To give it to people in need" and Edith said, "We are lucky we have food and that our parents have jobs". When asked what gifts they could share this week, Eddie said, "If you have too many toys you can give them to people", Clark said, "Caring is sharing" and Mackenzie shared "You can share love by telling jokes and making them happy".

Harvest Celebration

Thank you to the parents who supported and attended our Harvest Celebration on Tuesday afternoon. It was lovely to see the Church full again and a substantial food collection was donated to be sent to the Lord's Larder. I'm sure you will join me in commending all the children for their brilliant performances and amazing singing. A special mention for Pati, Gabe and Lucy for leading our prayers so beautifully.



REMINDERS

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26th October to 30th October - HALF TERM

(See end of Newsletter for *FREE* Breakfast offer at Morrisons!)



Celebrating Our Core Values

NIGHTINGALE

Reggie - Perseverance - In gymnastic this week, he was worried about walking along the beam unaided, but he was brave and persevered until he could do it. Well done, Reggie!

Clark - Perseverance - Clark has chosen to practise writing some of his letters during his activity time, persevering to form them correctly. Keep up the hard work Clark!

BOWIE

Amaya - Love - Amaya is a very helpful member of Bowie class; She is always sat sharp and ready to learn. Everyday Amaya offers her help to hand out books. Well done, Amaya.

Ada - Perseverance - Ada has shown wonderful perseverance in her Maths work this week. She has worked very hard on her column addition. Well done, Ada!

ANNING

Isla S - Inspire - for showing great focus in her work this week. She always shows curiosity and full engagement in her learning.

Olivia - Inspire - for working extremely hard on her non chronological report, especially the effort she has shown in checking her spellings as she works.

ZEPHANIAH

Jackson - Inspire - for completing beautiful artwork outside of school: showing such great interest in the process.

Evelyn - Inspire - for writing a beautifully persuasive introduction in your own words and suggesting ambitious vocabulary for the class "shared write".



Congratulations go to **Dottie** in Bowie for always sitting quietly.

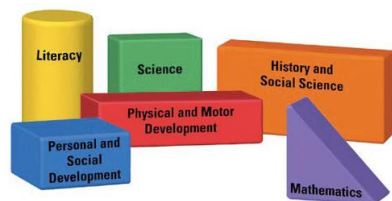
Out of School Achievements

Congratulations go to:

- **Rowan** in Nightingale for achieving his Level 2 learn to Swim award.
- **Scarlett** in Bowie for receiving Star of the Week for great carnival effort from Castle Cary Cygnets Majorettes.
- **Lola** in Bowie for participating in the 2026 South Devon Open Gymnastics Competition, competing on apparatus, floor, bar, and vault beam, placing 1st on floor and bar and coming third overall.
- **Matilda** in Bowie for achieving her Rainbow Distance 50 metres swimming certificate.
- **Edith** in Zephaniah for achieving her Rainbow Distance 15 metres swimming 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



Surprise Attendance Day "All Day, Every Day"

You will have seen at the end of last week's newsletter that we hoped your children would have mentioned our 'Surprise Attendance Days' to you. We held our first one on Monday with staff greeting the children into school with

balloons, party blowers and music! We've had some lovely feedback from parents this week and we plan to run these throughout the school year. You never know when it might be a Surprise Attendance Day!!



Anning Class / Treat Shop



Anning class experienced some real-world Maths yesterday by collecting data from the Treat Shop sales and making predictions of what they thought would be the best sellers!



Updates

****PLEASE NOTE** DECEMBER DATE CHANGES**

The last two weeks of the Autumn term are always incredibly busy in the run up to Christmas. Due to staffing availability, we have had to change the date of our Christmas Church Service so that it will now take place on Tuesday 15th December at 2.30pm. Our End of Term Awards assembly will now be at 2.15pm on Friday 18th December, with school closing at 3pm as is usual on the last day of each whole term.

Parents are warmly invited to attend both events.

Glo-Disco – NON UNIFORM DAY!

Please see PTA section below for further details.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



After half term, we will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Poppies and a range of other Royal British Legion merchandise will be available to purchase in school, giving children and families the opportunity to support this important cause and help honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

As part of our commemorations, we will also hold a short time of reflection in school on Wednesday 11th November which will provide pupils and staff with an opportunity to reflect, remember and pay their respects to members of the Armed Forces, past and present.

School Photos – Tuesday 10th November

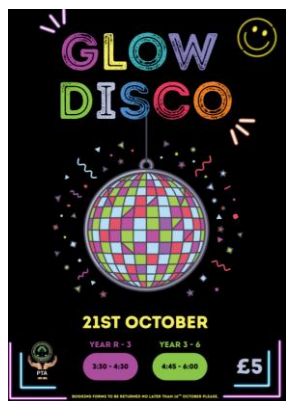
Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Tuesday 10th November to take our individual school photos.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Our planned parents' evenings will take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November. Appointments will be available to book on the Arbor Parent Portal on Tuesday 3rd November (first day back after half term).

2026 School Applications

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that the secondary school application deadline for September 2027 entry is during half term, on the 31 October 2026.



Our next event is the Glo-Disco on 21st October – please ensure booking forms are returned by **Monday 19th October**.

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 Fayre Planning

Thank you to those who attended our Christmas Fayre planning meeting on Wednesday evening. We had some interesting discussions and have exciting new ideas for this year's Fayre, so watch this space! We will be running our Teddy Tombola which is always popular, so if you are having a sort out and find that you have more cuddly toys than you need (in good, clean condition), please consider donating them to school so that we can play a part in finding them a new home for Christmas! Donations of unwanted or pre-loved gifts would also be acceptable to add to our raffle prizes. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 very busy week in school, with Surprise Attendance Day and Harvest Service. Have a great weekend

Mrs Brazier

DIARY DATES - 2026/27 Autumn Term

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

OCTOBER:

Wednesday 21st	PTA Glo-Disco and non-uniform day – wear bright colours
Friday 23rd	House challenge - House Shields and Banners
	3.30pm School closes for half term

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NOVEMBER:

Monday 2nd	INSET Day – school closed
Sunday 8 th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 11 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance in school
Thursday 12 th	Visiting Pantomime
Friday 13 th	Children in Need fundraiser
Monday 16 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6pm.
Tuesday 17 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6pm.
Friday 27 th	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER:

Thursday 3 rd	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 4 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre (No After Fun provision)
Monday 7 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 th	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Thursday 10 th	PTA Movie 'n' Munch
Friday 11 th	Christmas Song Showdown
Sunday 13 th	4pm Christingle Service in Church
Tuesday 15 th	2.30pm Christmas Service in Church – all welcome
Thursday 17 th	PTA Elf Day / Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day
	2.15pm End of Term Awards – all welcome
	3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)

21st DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 4 th	School re-opens
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***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.*

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FREE BREAKFAST at any UK Morrisons Café



From 12.10.2026 - 01.11.2026, 21.12.2026 - 03.01.2027. This offer is redeemable all-day Monday to Sunday. Simply say 'Kelloggs Breakfast' at the till point at any UK Morrisons Café to receive breakfast, which includes, a free portion pack of Cornflakes (24g), Rice Krispies (22g) with milk or milk alternative (125ml). Limit of 1 breakfast per customer per day. Offer is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. A recommended balanced breakfast includes a bowl of cereal, plus milk or milk alternative, a portion of fruit and a glass of water. TM ® © 2026 Kellanova.