



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (2) Friday 17th January 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



In our collective worships we have been discussing British Values and how as a school community we uphold these. We are proud to embrace and promote British values, which include **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**. These values are woven into our curriculum and daily school life, helping children to grow into responsible, respectful, and open-minded citizens. From participating in decision-making to learning about different cultures and traditions, our pupils are given opportunities to practice these principles in meaningful ways. We believe these values not only underpin a harmonious school community but also prepare our children to contribute positively to society. Bowie Class wrote some lovely reflections during class worship this week: “Respect means that you are helping others” – Abigail; “We sit down and listen to other people” – Jack; “Litter picking shows respect” – Grace M; “Being kind to people when they are sad and lonely” – Grace K.

 **Abbas & Templecombe
Church School**

 **St. Mary's,
Templecombe
Muddy Church**

Come along to
Muddy Church in the Forest School Area
at Abbas and Templecombe Primary School

3.30pm-4.30pm on Thursday 23rd January 2025

Join us in the great outdoors for a fun time of faith-based stories, crafts and much, much more!

School children are welcome to attend unsupervised by a parent. Mr Webb will be running the event supported by volunteers from our local church. If you would like your child to attend please email Mrs Greene to give your permission by the end of school on Tuesday.

Siblings and Pre-School children are very welcome to attend with an adult.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Otto for engaging fully in our Tae Kwon Do session! You showed great listening skills and respect and had some fantastic moves - well done!

Jaxx for making fantastic progress in your writing this week. You have shown great perseverance and have been using resources independently to support you. Well done!

Bowie

Harry B for inspiring us all with an interpretive dance to 'Money Money Money' – no prizes for guessing what Year 2's Maths topic is this week!

Harper for showing excellent skill in your Maths and Phonics learning – super work, Harper.

Anning

Ailya for coming back to school after the Christmas holidays with a great learning attitude, being brave and showing me what she knows - well done for trusting in yourself more!

Whitney for getting outside of her comfort zone by trying Tae Kwon-do and learning something new, then realising she could do it and was actually pretty good at it - well done Whitney!

Zephaniah

Jacob D for a great effort in swimming, showing perseverance and determination.

Jacob H for his wonderful descriptive language in his dragon writing.



Templecombe
Token
Certificates

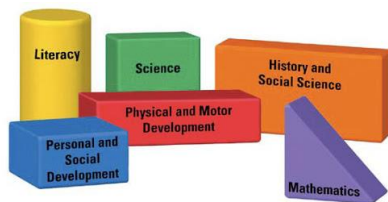


Congratulations go to **Rupert, Darcey, Freddie S** and **Cory** from Anning Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations go to **Evelyn, Alice** and **Theodore** from Anning Class for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token certificate 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



Anning Class

This week in P.E., the children in Anning Class have been learning how to dance using the Romans as their inspiration. They used facts they learnt last term to inspire their moves. For example, two arms punched straight into the air represented that the Romans lived 2000 years ago and 5 steps in a circle represented that the Roman Empire

survived for 500 years. The children worked in groups to build a dance sequence based around the different moves they learnt. They then performed their dances to each other.



Tae Kwon Do Taster Day - Free sessions to improve your child's success in life



All the children enjoyed taster sessions in school on Tuesday from Wincanton and Gillingham Tae Kwon Do and we thank Debbie and Gemma for their time. Various techniques were demonstrated to the children and they followed them well. The ethos of the group is that successful children:

- are polite and courteous, have respect for others and themselves
- are honest and have good integrity
- have good self-control, which allows them to make good decisions in difficult situations
- persevere to finish the things they started, refuse to quit when the going gets a little tough.
- have courage and bravery to move out of their comfort zone in order to grow.

They have been teaching children in Wincanton and Gillingham for over 25 years to be the best version of themselves and are offering free taster sessions during January for children who attend our school. Their tenets are courtesy, integrity, self-control, perseverance, and indomitable spirit, alongside the benefits that being more physically active can bring. Martial arts are not just self-defence and definitely not 'fighting'. If you want to find out more or book a place on the free trial, please visit their website www.wincantonandgillinghamtkd.co.uk, email notkdadmin@fastmail.co.uk or call 07767668304.



Year 5 and 6 Bikeability Course – 10th to 11^h February

We have arranged a cycle training course, in conjunction with Somerset Road Safety, to take place in school over two days on 10th and 11th February. The Bikeability course has been designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. To enable this course to run, we need adult helpers with a roadworthy bike and bike helmet to accompany the children across the 2 days – it doesn't have to be the same person every day so if you can volunteer your time, even if it is just for one of the days, please do contact the school office. If you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to attend the course please do let the school office know: places will be allocated with

Year 6 children taking priority and only those who have not done the course before may apply. Children will need a roadworthy bicycle, a bike helmet and be confident enough to ride on the roads around Templecombe.

FREE bite-size workshops to help separated parents successfully coparent

These sessions have been made available from Somerset Council. The focus for each session is to give parents practical tools they can use to help themselves, and their children cope better with separation and divorce. There are 3 bite-size workshops focused on different topics, they are welcome to come to all 3 – there are 2 of each so their ex-partner can also go along.

Date & time	Topic	Link
15 Jan 9:30 AM-10:30 AM	A separated parents' guide to successful coparenting communications	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073000546519?aff=oddtcreator
15 Jan 2-3 PM	Managing handovers and transitions for separated parents	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073028389799?aff=oddtcreator
21 Jan 2 -3 PM	Helping your children navigate separation and divorce	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073078549829?aff=oddtcreator
23 Jan 9:30-10:30 AM	Managing handovers and transitions for separated parents	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073084758399?aff=oddtcreator
29 Jan 7 -8 PM	A separated parents' guide to successful coparenting communications	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073016704849?aff=oddtcreator
4 Feb 7-8 PM	Helping your children navigate separation and divorce	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1073104998939?aff=oddtcreator

[Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Support For Separated Parents](#)

NHS Pharmacy First Service (Boots Pharmacies)

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

**NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.*



Bag2School

We have a Bag2School collection arranged for Thursday 30th January. Please bring donation bags to the lower playground gate by 9am on that morning.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Brazier

DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

JANUARY:

Monday 20 th	6pm Governors Meeting
Thursday 23 rd	3.30pm-4.30pm Muddy Church
Thursday 30 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Monday 10 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 11 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Friday 14 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 24 th	School re-opens 6pm Governors Meeting
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MARCH:

Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities (House Challenge Spring 2)
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm 6pm Governors Meeting
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)

7th APRIL to 21st APRIL – EASTER BREAK

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
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