



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (6) Friday 17th October 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



We continued our theme around Harvest time and giving. In our worship times we focused on the Parable of the Widow's Offering and how God asks us to help others in need. During our Wednesday reflection time, children shared their thoughts on these important reflection questions:

- How can you help others?
- What are your special gifts which you can share?



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Saffie for being super creative in Art. Saffie took care and time making her beautiful Diwali Lamp. Well done Saffie!

Harper for always trying hard in English. Harper has been contributing lots in our English sessions, focusing on the story 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'. Well done Harper!

Bowie

Jacob and **Scarlett** for showing great focus in our science investigations.

Anning

Isla S for being a dental genius in Science! Dr Selway incoming!

Violet for writing a 'dreamy' poem for the Young Writers' poetry competition!

Zephaniah

Sienna and **Daisy B** for using a range of the techniques we have learnt this term, to show movement when creating their wave pictures.

Lunchtime Award:

Lola from Bowie Class for always having a smile on her face.

Isla-Rose from Zephaniah Class for being very helpful in the hall.

Out of School Achievements:

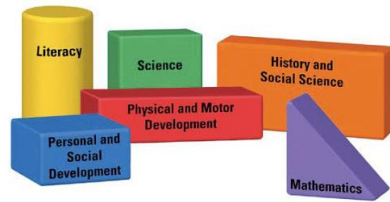
Congratulations to:

- **Abigail** from Bowie Class for achieving her 25 meters Rainbow Distance award in swimming and for winning 2nd prize in the Children's Cupcakes category of The Templecombe Bake Off last weekend.
- **Lacey** from Anning Class for achieving her 25 meters Rainbow Distance award in swimming.
- **Ada** from Anning Class for taking part in the Bournemouth 1.5km Kids Run on 11th October, completing the course in 10 minutes and 45 seconds.

- **Harrison** from Anning Class for achieving his white belt blue stripe award in Junior Tae Kwon-Do.1
- **Darcey** from Zephaniah Class for achieving her Level 9 Learn to Swim award and the 800 metres Rainbow Distance award.

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



Nightingale Class



This week, Nightingale Class have been learning all about Diwali in RE. Diwali is the Hindu Festival of Lights. We spoke about how families prepare for Diwali by cleaning their homes, lighting lamps, and sharing special sweets. We also linked our learning to Art by designing and creating our own beautiful Diwali lamps. The children used bright colours and patterns to decorate their lamps, showing wonderful creativity and care.



Tag Rugby @ Wincanton Racecourse

Twelve Year 6 pupils travelled to Wincanton Racecourse yesterday afternoon to take part in a Tag Rugby event. They played 7 matches against many of the local schools and did incredibly well, with some great skills and bravery shown by all the children. The event was not scored but they had a great time and learnt a lot, with help on the side lines from our KA helper who is an ex-pupil from our school. The unofficial scoring had us at 5 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. The children all had a great afternoon with lots of brilliant team spirit!



Updates

****Glo-Disco – NON UNIFORM DAY!****

Please see PTA section below for further details.

School Photos – Monday 3rd November

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Monday 3rd November (first day back after half term!) to take our individual school photos.

New Menu for Hot Lunches

Caterlink have provided our new menu which will start on Week One on the first day back after half term. Options are updated on the Arbor parent portal for ordering in the usual way. **Please ensure meals for week commencing 3rd November are submitted on the parent portal no later than 3.30pm on Wednesday 22nd October.** Due to our Christmas hot lunch, bookings are currently available up to Friday 12th December - there will be separate options for the last week of term.

Autumn/Winter 2025/26		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese with garlic bread	Beef Chilli with rice	Pork Sausage with roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with rice	Breaded fish fillet with chips & baked beans
	Option Two	Autumn vegetable bake with roast sweet potato	Sweet potato falafel wrap with couscous	Sweet potato & spinach tart with roast potatoes	Sticky soy & honey vegetables with egg noodles	Quorn hot dog with chips & baked beans
	Option Three	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
	Vegetables	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day
	Dessert	Vanilla shortbread biscuit	Fruit medley	Chocolate brownie	Toffee apple crumble & custard	Flapjack
WEEK TWO	Option One	Meatball Pasta Bake with garlic bread	Greek Chicken with flatbread & potato wedges	Roast Chicken with roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Chinese Chicken & vegetables with egg noodles	Fish Fingers with chips & baked beans
	Option Two	Vegetable Fajita with rice	Sweet potato falafel & houmous with flatbread & wedges	Roast Quorn Fillet with roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Curried squash & butterbean stew with rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with chips & baked beans
	Option Three	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
	Vegetables	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day
	Dessert	Iced vanilla sponge	Fruit medley	Lemon drizzle cake	Pear crumble & custard	Oaty Biscuit
WEEK THREE	Option One	Vegetable Chow Mein with egg noodles	Beef Lasagne with garlic bread	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken Korma with rice	Fish Fingers with chips & baked beans
	Option Two	Vegan Meatball Pasta Bake with garlic bread	Vegetable Biryani	Roast Stuffed Aubergine with roast potatoes	Vegetable Korma with rice	Plant Burger with chips & baked beans
	Option Three	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
	Vegetables	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day
	Dessert	Gingerbread cookie	Peach crumble & custard	Chocolate drizzle cake	Fruit medley	Winter berry muffin



Every Learner Matters

Each week, in this new section of our newsletter, we will focus on a different topic – from what inclusion really means to exploring common needs such as ADHD, autism and dyslexia. Our aim is to give you clear, simple information, share the strategies we use in school and celebrate the strengths which every child brings.

Spotlight on Autism (ASC)

Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental difference. Children with autism may see, hear and process the world differently. In school, this can look like:

- Needing routine and predictability.
- Finding noise or crowds overwhelming.
- Communicating in unique ways.

Every autistic child is different, but many bring strengths in memory, honesty, attention to detail or specialist interests. By learning about autism, classmates develop patience and acceptance — skills that serve them well throughout life.

Open afternoon – Stay and Play

Thank you to all of you who made it to our open afternoon event this week. It was so lovely to see the children sharing their work with parents, grandparents and family members. We also want to say a huge thank you and well done to

our Year 6 helpers: Grace, Pippa, Norah, Olivia and Rupert – who all did a great job of making sure everyone was where they needed to be! We will be running another open afternoon/stay and play in the Spring Term so please do watch out for that date on future newsletters.

2026 School Applications

A reminder that the closing date for secondary school application is Friday 31st October 2025.

We are running our primary school tours for September 2026 starter – please see the poster below for details and contact the School Office to book your visit.

Abbas and Templecombe Church School

Is your child starting primary school in September 2026?

Please come for a tour of our School and meet our staff

You are warmly invited to visit our school and see it 'in action'. You will be welcomed by our Head of School and have the opportunity to meet our Early Years Staff. We hope to be able to answer any questions you may have related to the school and applying for a place. We will also be able to share our Parent's Guide which provides more information.

The tours will take place on:
Wednesday 15th October at 9.45am
Thursday 23rd October at 1.45pm
Thursday 6th November at 10am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@athwmat.org or by phone on 01963 370481. If these dates are not convenient or you would prefer an individual tour, please let us know your availability and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We hope to see you soon

children communication committee
fundraising
pupils **PTA** school
staff parents rewarding events ideas
organisation teachers



7pm on Thursday 16th October 2025

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA AGM yesterday evening. Our new committee was elected and we congratulate Eloise Lawson and Adel Walker on being appointed to share the roles of Co-Chair and Secretary. Emma Hughes has kindly agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer. We look forward to working together to raise vital funds to provide events and activities for all the children in school to enjoy.



Glo Disco and NON-UNIFORM DAY! – Thursday 23rd October

Please return your booking forms asap! Year 3s have the choice of attending either session (not both!). Please post the reply slip in the PTA postbox outside the school office.

Thursday will be a non-uniform day for the disco – we look forward to seeing everyone in their bright colours but please remember that your child's clothing and shoes should be suitable for PE (if their class has that lesson on Thursdays) as well as outdoor play.

Bag2School

Our next collection is on **Monday 10th November** – please bring donations to the lower playground gate by 9am that day. Collection bags were sent home during this week – please be mindful of the items which cannot be donated (school or work uniforms/soft toys/towels/bedding & curtains) but if you have more than will fit in one bag, black sacks are acceptable too! *If you have bags to donate but no transport is available to drop off at school, please email the school office (enquiries@at.bwmat.org) to arrange a collection prior to the 10th November.*

Fundraising continues...

In the meantime, there are other ways you can continue to help with our fundraising efforts through various avenues:

My School Fund: <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>

Please do donate books and games/CDs/DVD's (anything with a barcode). Please put donations in the marked bins outside the school's front door, at the Eco Council Recycling Point.

And finally...

As we head into the final week of this half term, we are reflecting on all the brilliant learning that has taken place as well as how amazing the children have been with the new routines we have introduced. We also thank you for your support with this. Wishing you all 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



MASK MAKING

**GLOW IN THE DARK FACE
PAINT**

NEON HOPSCOTCH



*Kindly supported by Templecombe
Together*

GLOW STICKS

**SONGS, GAMES
AND PUPPETS**

PIZZA AND CAKE

**BE A SUPERHERO FOR HALLOWEEN!
COME TO OUR FREE KIDS LIGHT PARTY**

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 5.30 – 7PM TEMPLECOMBE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

FANCY DRESS WELCOME

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 21st House challenge (pm) - Natural Art
Thursday 23rd 1.45pm School Tour for September 2026 intake

PTFA Glo-Disco – **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Friday 24th **3.30pm School closes for half term**

27th October to 31st October - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 3rd School re-opens

Tempest Photography – individual photographs

Thursday 6th 10am School Tour for September 2026 intake

Friday 7th Yr3/4 Residential – deposit deadline

Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday – Church Service

Monday 10th PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

Tuesday 11th Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial

Thursday 13th 9.15am Pantomime at school

Friday 14th Children in Need fundraiser

Monday 17th Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later

Tuesday 18th Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly More info later

Friday 28th Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER:

Thursday 4th House challenge – Tree Decoration

Friday 5th Yr3/4 Residential – 2nd payment deadline

PTFA Christmas Fayre – **To Be Confirmed** (No After Fun provision)

Monday 8th Nativity – dress rehearsal **To Be Confirmed**

Tuesday 9th 9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents **To Be Confirmed**

Tuesday 16th Christmas Lunch **To Be Confirmed**

Christingle making in school

Christmas Song Showdown

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 INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 6th School re-opens

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 23 rd	School re-opens
MARCH:	
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Mon 9 th / Tue 10 th	Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court
Monday 23 rd	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
Tuesday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm
APRIL:	
Wednesday 1 st	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 2 nd	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 20 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 21 st	School re-opens
MAY:	
Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday – school closed <i>Year 5 Residential plans to be confirmed</i>
11 th to 14 th	SATS Week
18 th to 21 st	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 20 th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA
Friday 22 nd	3.30pm School closes for half term
25th MAY to 29th MAY – HALF TERM	
JUNE:	
Monday 1 st	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 2 nd	School re-opens / Y4 Multiplication check
Mon 8 th /Tue 9 th	Phonics screening check
Monday 15 th	KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA
Monday 22 nd	Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed
Friday 26 th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre <i>Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed</i>
Monday 29 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 30 th	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.