



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

## Newsletter (18) Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

It's very nearly the end of the school year, so the Trust has once again produced a round up of the last term – this can be accessed on this link [July 2025 - Parents' & Carers' Summer Edition](#).

We are all very excited for our Fun Day next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and like last year there will be four fun zones which classes will rotate around:

- Bouncy – obstacle course, bouncy castle, giant games
- Wet – water slide, water games, giant bubbles, the stocks (please see below for kit list)
- Creative – circus skills, crafts, trike track
- Wild – Forest School adventures

Children will also get to enjoy an ice-lolly whilst they move around the various zones. At lunchtime we will be having a picnic lunch on the field, sitting in classes. Therefore, your child will need to bring a packed lunch unless you have ordered one from our hot lunch provider. There will be no hot meals served that day.

As you will see from the kit lists below Nightingale class should wear their 'get wet' clothes to school, bringing a change of clothes and towel for after that session (they are on the wet zone first) and the other classes should bring their wet clothes with them in a bag ready to change ahead of their wet zone session.

### Bowie, Anning and Zephania

To wear to school:
• Comfortable clothes to suit the activities above (not wet zone)
• Comfortable shoes (trainers would be ideal)
To bring in a bag:
• Clothes and shoes to get wet (t-shirt and shorts would be ideal)
• Towel
• Hat and sun screen / waterproof coat (depending on the weather)
• Water bottle / packed lunch

### Nightingale

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## Worker of the Week



### Nightingale

**Jackson** - For your fantastic bravery when we had the animals visit yesterday! You even let 'Blue' the gecko climb on your neck!

**Mavis** - For your fantastic bravery when we visited the animals yesterday! You even let 'Blue' the gecko climb on your neck!

**Jaiden** - For your great retelling of what you got up to on the school trip yesterday! You clearly had a great time and were very enthusiastic in your writing this morning.

### Bowie

**Emmet** - for showing great interest on our Moors Valley trip - enjoying the surrounding nature with a joyful smile and wonderful curiosity!

**Hope** - for being wonderfully independent with all learning this week - you are shining bright and showing great understanding!

#### **Anning**

**Aiyla** - for showing kindness and respect when working in a small group for cooking.

**Nala** - for demonstrating good design and making skills in our D.T. topic all about bread.

#### **Zephaniah**

**Pippa and Grace** - For being so kind, mature and helpful on the trip yesterday. Well done girls!

**All Year 5 and 6** - For all three of their incredible performances of the school show - we were very proud of you all!

#### **Lunchtime Superstar Award**

This week, the Lunchtime Superstar Award goes to **George** from Bowie Class for being very well-mannered and polite and **Jaydee** also from Anning Class for great behaviour at lunchtime

#### **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.*



#### **Zephania show – Mystery at Magpie Manor**

Thank you to our amazing actors, singers and dancers from Years 5 and 6 for their brilliant performances of the musical 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. Their three audiences were all treated to an excellent show – well done to the children who took part and to the staff who helped to put this show on.







### Years 1 to 5 trip – Moors Valley

A massive well done to all the children who joined our trip to Moors Valley on Wednesday this week. We had a great day exploring the equipment in the different play zones and exploring the forest.







### Wrap Around Care



- Breakfast club - this will continue to be from 8am to 8.45am, but the cost will now be £4 a session (this continues to be below the average school breakfast club charge in Somerset).
- After School - we will be running afterschool wraparound care (After Fun) from 3.30pm until 5.30pm, with the cost per hour of £4 (3.30pm to 4.30pm £4 / 4.30pm to 5.30pm £4). These costs continue to be below the average charge in Somerset.
- Clubs - we very much hope to be able to offer a range of after school sports clubs running at least 3 if not 5 nights of the week. These will be charged at £2 a session (subsidised by our Sports Premium funding) and run 3.30pm to 4.15pm. More news on the sports and age ranges soon. These clubs may be cancelled at late notice so if you are using this club as childcare please book into After Fun where those sessions are guaranteed - if a child is in After Fun and in the right age bracket for a sports club then they can opt to join this on the day.

### Bookings / Payments

We are changing our Management Information System from ScholarPack to Arbor. This will have an effect on the system we use for parents to make payments and book into clubs / school trips (ParentMail). Arbor is currently not set up to do this for our school, so we are requesting that any bookings required for the first 4 weeks of September, are booked through ParentMail (as you currently do) by 31st August. Any balance in ParentMail will be transferred to Arbor as part of the onboarding process. As soon as Arbor is set up you will begin receiving emails to create an account - please do this as soon as you are able.

### Closure of The Larder

We were sad to learn of the closing of The Larder at the end of July but would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers for the amazing job they did with this initiative which helped many of our parents. In light of the closure, the volunteers have kindly put together an information poster which directs people to local support agencies, if needed:

<p><b>FOOD</b></p> <p>For Emergency Food Aid</p> <p>Citizens Advice Somerset 0808 278 7842 <a href="http://www.citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk">www.citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk</a></p> <p>Somerset Council 0300 123 2224 <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk">www.somerset.gov.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Somerset Independent Living Centres</b></p> <p>Equipment &amp; technology to make daily living easier. More details <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk/equipment">www.somerset.gov.uk/equipment</a></p> <p>0300 123 2224</p>	<p><b>Age UK</b></p> <p>Offer a variety of support services for older people in Somerset. <a href="mailto:info@ageuksomerset.org.uk">info@ageuksomerset.org.uk</a> / 01823 345 610</p> <p><b>Silverline</b></p> <p>24/7 Information, advice and friendship for older people 0800 470 8090</p>	<p><b>Carers Support</b></p> <p>Somerset Carers Service 0800 31 68 600 <a href="http://www.somersetcarers.org">www.somersetcarers.org</a></p> <p>Offer advice and info on local support groups.</p>	<p><b>Community Accessible Transport (CAT Bus)</b></p> <p>Via the Ring &amp; Ride Scheme based in Wincanton, for rural villages and those who cannot easily use public transport - 01963 33864</p>	<p><b>FUNDING</b></p> <p>Emergency funding available for Somerset residents via the <b>Household Support Fund</b> on the Somerset Council website Apply via 0300 123 2224 <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk">www.somerset.gov.uk</a></p> <p>You may be eligible for financial support if struggling to afford essential household items eg. Food, energy bills, school uniform, beds, certain white goods.</p>
<p>Food Bank referrals via Health Coaches at your GP surgery</p> <p>M'Port/Templecombe Surgery 01963 250334</p> <p>Wincanton Health Centre 01963 435700</p>	 <p><b>TEMPLECOMBE TOGETHER EMERGENCY HELP &amp; SUPPORT INFORMATION</b></p> 				<p><b>DEBT AND MONEY ADVICE</b></p> <p><b>Citizens Advice Somerset</b> 0808 278 7842 <a href="http://www.citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk">www.citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk</a></p> <p>OR arrange an appointment to see an advisor at the Balsam Centre, Wincanton on a Thursday 10 – 2pm 0808 278 7842 (CAB)</p>
<p>The Gugg Larder in association with Fareshare</p> <p>Thursdays &amp; Saturdays 9.00 – 10.15 Scout Hut, Lower Rd, Stalbridge DT10 2NJ.</p> <p>Turn up and register or email: <a href="mailto:larder@guggletonfarmarts.com">larder@guggletonfarmarts.com</a></p> <p>Minimal charge related to size of family.</p>	<p><b>HOMELESSNESS</b></p> <p><b>StreetLink</b> <a href="http://www.streetlink.org.uk">www.streetlink.org.uk</a></p> <p>Online service that will connect people sleeping rough with support services. You can refer someone that you are concerned about.</p>	<p><b>Home Library Service</b></p> <p>Books &amp; Audio Books can be delivered to you if you are unable to access a library due to health or mobility reasons 07814 079 831</p>	<p><b>MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT</b></p> <p><b>Mindline Somerset</b> 01823 276892 (24/7) Freephone 0800 138 1692 <a href="https://openmentalhealth.org.uk">https://openmentalhealth.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Christians Against Poverty (CAP)</b> <a href="http://www.capuk.org">www.capuk.org</a> 0800 328 0006</p>	
<p>Community Meals in Templecombe are held monthly</p> <p>See local information e.g. Facebook, Posters, Templecombe Messenger or Parish Council Website <a href="https://abbasandtemplecombe-pc.gov.uk">https://abbasandtemplecombe-pc.gov.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Citizens Advice Somerset</b> <a href="http://www.citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk">www.citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Home Safety checks</b></p> <p>Free advice from the Fire Service for vulnerable people 0800 05 02 999 <a href="http://www.dsfire.gov.uk">www.dsfire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Samaritans</b> 116 123</p> <p>Have you concerns about a Mental health crisis for yourself or someone close to you? Contact</p>	<p><b>StepChange Debt Charity</b> <a href="http://www.stepchange.org">www.stepchange.org</a> 0800 138 1111</p>	
<p><b>Somerset Council</b> <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk">www.somerset.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Homeless Outreach Service</b> 0191 731 2792 <a href="mailto:thelink@homegroup.org.uk">thelink@homegroup.org.uk</a></p>		<p><b>Stay connected – Further Afield</b></p> <p>Check out local support groups at the Balsam Centre, Wincanton <a href="http://www.balsamcentre.org.uk">www.balsamcentre.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>First Response Service Somerset</b> 0300 1245016</p>	<p><b>Stay Connected - Templecombe</b></p> <p>Details of all local groups can be found in The Templecombe Messenger magazine or online at <a href="http://abbasandtemplecombe-pc.gov.uk">http://abbasandtemplecombe-pc.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>The Honesty Jar, Grassroots Garden Centre, Henstridge</b></p> <p>Offers essential items including clothes, school uniforms, shoes, kitchenware, toys, books and more for a donation. Plus you can donate your unwanted items in good condition to a local good cause.</p>					



## Movie 'n Munch – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you to all the PTA volunteers for making our last Movie 'n' Munch of this academic year another great success! We really do value and appreciate all the hard work the PTA Team and its merry band of supporters put into all the fundraising events across the year, so we'd like to say a HUGE "Thank you" to you all.

## And finally...

We are almost there... the end of another school year, we can't quite believe where the time has gone. There are lots of exciting activities next week for the children to enjoy, I am sure it's going to be a great final 3 days! Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Brazier*

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**Wild & Green**

## Nature on Your Doorstep

A photography competition for children & young people

Certificate for every entrant presented at our Wild & Green community fair on Saturday 27 September 2025

Nature is all around us, no matter where we live – in parks, gardens and window boxes, on roadside verges and in the scrub.

Take part in our **Nature on Your Doorstep photography competition** and show us what makes your patch of nature special.

There's a certificate for everyone who enters and a prize for the winner of each age category. There will also be a chance to have your photo featured as part of a special exhibition at the **Wild & Green Community Fair** at The Balsam Centre in Wincanton on **27 September 2025**.

**How to enter**

Email your photos [three max] with your name, age and telephone number to Izzie Koch at [izziekoch@balsamcentre.org.uk](mailto:izziekoch@balsamcentre.org.uk)

Please make sure your photos are high resolution, and don't forget to tell us when and where you took your picture!

**Age categories:** Under 5s, 6–10 and 11–16

**Closing date:** Sunday 31 August 2025

[www.balsamcentre.org.uk](http://www.balsamcentre.org.uk)

*the Balsam Centre*

**RSPCA WEST HATCH Animal Centre**

## SUMMER PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT!

Looking for a summer holiday activity or just want a reason to get outside for some fresh air?

For just £5 you can take part in our Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt and **raise money for the animals** at the same time!

Scan the QR code to visit our JustGiving page & find out more.

Thank you for supporting us!

**RSPCA.** Registered Charity Number: 219099

## DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

<b>JULY:</b>	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Yr6 Trip to Longleat
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Whole School Fun Day
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.05am End of Term Awards (No parents) 2.00pm Leavers Service in school (Yr6 parents)
<b>3pm School Closes for the Summer Break</b> (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.