



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (2) Friday 18th September 2026



Collective Worship Reflections



Our Bible Story this week was 'Jesus Chooses His Disciples' (Luke 6:12-16/Matthew 4:18-22) through which we explored our school value of Inspire and the British values of Democracy and Individual liberty. In the story, Jesus spends the night praying before selecting twelve ordinary, everyday workers to be his closest followers and leaders. Jesus didn't choose the most powerful or highly educated elite; he chose ordinary, flawed people like fishermen and tax collectors, inspiring them to do extraordinary things. For our reflections, we discussed why the Disciples were inspired by Jesus to want to give up everything and follow him. Harry said "They believed that He would spread kindness, goodness and love." We also shared memories about when we have felt inspired by someone and wanted to try something new. We thought about who inspires us and how we could inspire others. Freddie said, "When I saw someone swimming in the swimming pool, I felt inspired to learn." Cory shared "I was inspired by my Mum to start making bread for dinner."

REMINDERS

Monday 21 st	Meet the Teacher / Stay & Play
Thursday 24 th	SENCO drop in afternoon (see email from Mrs Wicks)
Monday 28 th	9.45am School tour for new starters September 2027
Tuesday 29 th	Whole School Flu vaccinations – please complete online consent even if your child is not going to be immunised.



Celebrating Our Core Values

NIGHTINGALE

Nova-Ray - **Inspire** - She is always busy learning and often wants to join in with the Year 1 tasks too!

Amelia – **Respect** - She is always sitting SHARP ready for learning and is brilliant at tidying away the resources after our activities.

ANNING

Abigail - **Perseverance** - for showing fantastic focus this week in English and Maths, she worked really hard Well done!

BOWIE

Kenny - **Inspire** - Kenny has inspired us all in Bowie this week with his wonderful and imaginative ideas.

Chloe - **Love** - Chloe is such a kind and caring girl. She is always there to make someone happy and put a smile on others' faces.

ZEPHANIAH

Nala - **Love** - for showing love at any and every opportunity, to all. How lucky we are to know you and be looked after by you, Nala!

Rupert - **Inspire** - sharing his wonderful art work with us. He has created some fantastic creatures.

Lucy - **Perseverance** - for showing a really determined attitude to learning since coming back, even when things feel tricky. Keep it up, Lucy!



Congratulations go to **all Year 6** for being amazing helpers in the hall.

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.



Flu Vaccination for All School Aged Children

You will have received an email with all the information around the upcoming flu vaccinations in school which form part of the NHS routine immunisation programme for your child. Please complete the decision form on the link shown in the NHS letter **even if you do not consent to the vaccination.**

Year 6

Much like last year, we are encouraging our Year 6 pupils to take on a range of responsibilities around school. Last week, each child enthusiastically volunteered for various roles and we are delighted to see how readily they have embraced these opportunities. Lucy, Alice, Jaydee and Darcey are our first group of Worship Monitors and are already doing an exceptional job. They have been welcoming everyone into Worship, helping younger children to follow our routines and even recalling our school prayer from memory! Over the course of the year, our Year 6 pupils will also have opportunities to help plan and organise some of our Worships. We will select a new group of monitors each half term so that everyone has the chance to participate.

Throughout the year, Year 6 will also support children during breaktimes and lunchtimes, assist staff around school, help with special events, listen to younger children read and support our half-termly House Challenges. They will also play an important role in Parents' Evenings, Open Afternoons and other events across the school. Our wonderful Year 6 are such an enthusiastic and caring group and we are very much looking forward to seeing them flourish in their roles over the year ahead.

One of the new responsibilities for Year 6 this year may be the role of House Captain. House Captains will support the smooth running of our House Challenges, help to count the Templecombe Tokens at the end of each half term and represent their teams at Sports Day.

This year's House Captains are:

Oak House:	Tamsin and Cory
Sycamore House:	Nala and Bodhi
Yew House:	Evelyn and Theodore

We are incredibly proud of the independence, skill and maturity the children have already shown this year and look forward to seeing them embrace their responsibilities as the oldest pupils in the school, becoming positive role models for our community.

School Open Events

Please see the end of this newsletter for details of our school tours for new starters in September 2027 – please contact the school office to book in. You will also see our local secondary schools' upcoming open events for parents of current Year 5 and 6 children.



AGM

We held our AGM this week, hearing Chair and Treasurer's reports of fundraising successes for the last academic year and thanking Ellie Lawson for all her hard work as she steps down from her role as Chair. This year's committee was voted in and I am pleased to say that Sophie Lomax and Jemma Dare were appointed as Joint Chair and Emma Hughes has kindly agreed to continue as Treasurer. We were very happy to welcome two new parents to join the team but *we really do need more volunteers* to support the amazing work raising money to purchase equipment and resources for all pupils to benefit from.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th October at 7pm** in school which will be mostly concentrating on Christmas Fayre planning. Please do come along, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can – without a growth in this leadership team, many events will simply not be able to take place this year. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to share ideas, please contact the PTA directly on their email ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com



We have signed up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This is a free way to effortlessly raise money while you shop online. When you shop with over 8,000 retailers through easyfundraising, you pay exactly the same price as you normally would and the PTA receives free donations from your everyday shopping.

Use the QR code to sign up or visit this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=443060&invite=RDAMD3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link or.

Upcoming PTA Events:

6/10/2026	Movie 'n' Munch
22/10/2026	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...

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to thank our wonderful children, dedicated staff and supportive families for all they do to make our school such a special place. This week was particularly significant as we welcomed Ofsted into our school. The inspectors spent time seeing our learning in action, talking with pupils, staff and governors and gaining a real insight into our school community. I was immensely proud of how confidently and enthusiastically our children represented the school, demonstrating our values and love of learning throughout the visit. Thank you also to parents who took the time to complete questionnaires and share their views. We look forward to receiving the final report in due course. In the meantime, we continue to focus on providing the very best opportunities for every child and wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Brazier



**Abbas &
Templecombe
Messenger**

Follow this link to see the Abbas & Templecombe Messenger -October 2026
<https://flipbook.so/flip/4TxB6tpUe05pDb64BIP6>

DIARY DATES - 2026/27 Autumn Term

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

SEPTEMBER:

Thursday 3rd	INSET Day – school closed
Friday 4th	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 7th	School re-opens for all years
Wednesday 16th	PTA AGM, 7pm in school
Monday 21st	Meet the Teacher / Stay & Play
Thursday 24th	SENCO drop in afternoon – book an appointment on Arbor Parent Portal
Monday 28th	9.45am School tour for September 2027 starters
Tuesday 29th	Whole School Flu vaccinations – please complete online consent even if your child is not going to be immunised.

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 6th	Movie 'n' Munch
Wednesday 7th	1.45pm School tour for September 2027 starters
Friday 9th	Hello Yellow Day – Young Minds Charity raising awareness of young mental health
Tuesday 13th	2pm Harvest Celebration in Church
Thursday 15th	9.45am School tour for September 2027 starters
Thursday 22nd	PTA Glo-Disco and non-uniform day – wear bright colours
Friday 23rd	House challenge To Be Confirmed 3.30pm School closes for half term

26th October to 30th October - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 2nd	INSET Day – school closed
Sunday 8th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 11th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
Thursday 12th	Visiting Pantomime
Friday 13th	Children in Need fundraiser
Monday 16th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm. Times may differ slightly. More info later
Tuesday 17th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm. Times may differ slightly. More info later
Friday 27th	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER:

Thursday 3rd	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 4th	PTFA Christmas Fayre (No After Fun provision)
Monday 7th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8th	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Tuesday 15th	Christmas Song Showdown
Wednesday 16th	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 17th	PTA Elf Day / Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)

21st DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 4th

School re-opens

***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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Is your child starting primary school in September 2027?

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:
Monday 28th September at 9.45am
Wednesday 7th October at 1.45pm
Thursday 15th October at 9.45am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@atbmatorg 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

Open Evening
Sturminster Newton High School

Thursday 24th September 2026 5-7pm

For pupils currently in Years 5/6 and their Parents/Carers.

During the evening you are invited to tour the school and visit our subject departments.

There will be an opportunity to hear from
Michael Motteram, Headteacher



To manage demand for the Headteacher presentations please use the QR code to sign up for one of the slots

Head of School Presentation 1 - 5:15pm
Head of School Presentation 2 - 6pm

If you would like to see the school, other than during the open evening, we have some appointments available W/C Monday 14th September 2026. Please contact the school for an appointment - office@mynhs.net



Open Events



OPEN MORNINGS
23rd | 24th
28th | 29th
SEPTEMBER 2026
9.15-10.45am

OPEN EVENING
24th
SEPTEMBER 2026
4.30-7.00pm

Book & register via the QR code



No need to book!



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Families are invited to attend on Thursday 1st October. Please could you arrive for a 18:00 start to the Main Hall for a welcome presentation followed by a student lead school tour.



YEAR 6
OPEN EVENING
For September 2027 entry



Thursday 1st
October 5-7.30pm

Headteacher talks at 5.15pm / 7pm
No need to book - just turn up.

