



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (2) Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## Collective Worship Reflections



As is usual, we begin the year with a focus on our four primary school values: love, perseverance, respect and inspire. This week we focused on the value of perseverance through the parable of the lost sheep. Jesus said that he wouldn't give up on us when we make mistakes - in other words, he perseveres with us just as we should persevere with challenges in our own lives. During our Wednesday reflection time, children shared their thoughts on these four reflection questions:

- Why do you think he didn't give up looking for the sheep?
- Can you think of a time when you didn't give up? What happened?
- How can you show perseverance in your schoolwork or friendships?
- Why is it important to keep trying, even when things are difficult?



## Worker of the Week



### Nightingale

**Maeve** for always being an enthusiastic learner and a joyful member of our class.

**Eddie** for persevering with his sounding and blending in phonics.

### Bowie

**Abigail** for her wonderful French this week! She was fully engaged in greeting friends around the room using new vocabulary. Well done!

**Marcie** for her brilliant perseverance in Maths this week, where she was practicing flexibly partitioning a variety of numbers within 100. Well done!

### Anning

**Jackson** for showing great enthusiasm to our input and independent learning in Maths. It is a pleasure to watch you thrive.

**Josh** for settling into Anning Class, and the whole school, with a smile on his face.

### Zephaniah

**Matt** for his excellent work in French this week, particularly recalling his numbers.

**Sienna** for her brilliant narrative work this week - Sienna worked hard to include interesting sentences.

### Outside of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Rowan** from Nightingale Class for achieving his Level 1 Learn to Swim award
- **Matilda** from Bowie Class for achieving her Level 5 Learn to Swim award

- **Nelly** from Bowie Class for progressing through her Brownie badges.
- **Theodore** from Zephaniah Class for achieving his green belt in Karate

**A big well done to all of you!**

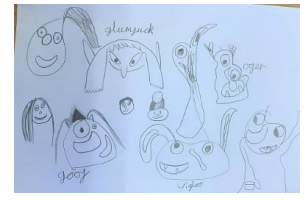
*If your child achieves an award, medal or trophy through participating in an outside-of-school club or activity, we would love to hear about it and congratulate them at our weekly Wednesday worship. Please bring certificates etc to the school office.*



### Anning Class

Anning Class had the pleasure of attending an online video call with author and BAFTA-winning, Oscar-nominated Short Film creator, Mikey Please. Mikey shared the story of how he came to be an author, animator and illustrator, starting in his bedroom as a young child - leading him to writing a Waterstone's Best Seller. Mikey talked us through the process of making his first ever stop-motion film, before delving into the creation of "Robin Robin", his Oscar-nominated short film! Anning Class loved to hear about "Robin Robin" - many of us having watched it!

Finally, Mikey talked about his new book "The Cave Downwind of the Café" which is a sequel to the one Anning Class read and loved ("The Cafe at the Edge of the Woods"), reading a few pages before teaching us how to draw in his magnificent art style. What a joy to have spent the morning with such a creative, funny man!



### Zephaniah Class



During our Art sessions, Zephaniah class have been learning about painting techniques. We started our first week looking at the different effects that can be made using the same paintbrush. After viewing everyone's finished work, we discussed what types of pictures we could create using those techniques. Some reminded us of waves, storms and petals.

In our latest session, after revising our knowledge of the colour wheel, we explored warm and cold colour palettes and discussed how they made us feel. We looked at some famous paintings that used warm or cool colours too. We then created our own picture, which we then painted with warm colours on one half and cool colours on the other, before evaluating how each side made us feel. Over the coming weeks, we shall be combining all of our skills and knowledge to create a mixed media picture.



### Communication between home and school

Thank you once again for your support with our new start-of-day arrangements. While we know that any change can feel a little challenging for some children, we're really pleased to see how well everyone has settled. Both staff and pupils have noticed a calmer, more focused start to the day, which is such a positive outcome.

As part of this new routine, all staff are now on duty in the playground at drop-off, which means they won't be able to stop for a chat at that time. However, we are very keen to keep our strong communication with families, as we know that working together always brings the best outcomes for children. If you have a message for your child's teacher, we kindly ask that you send this by email before 8:30am. Even the smallest piece of information can make a big difference to a child's day, so we really encourage you to share these with us.

For any matters relating to safeguarding or more personal concerns, please speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team after drop-off, so after 9am, once the gates are closed. We will always do our best to respond within the school day—whether by email, phone, or arranging a face-to-face meeting. We also ask that all communications respect staff working hours and follow our Parent Code of Conduct which is enclosed with this newsletter.

Above all, our priority is to make sure your child is happy at school—building positive relationships, learning new things and feeling supported every day. Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support in helping us to achieve this together.

Class Staff emails are:	Nightingale	Miss Hardiman	<a href="mailto:marie.hardiman@at.bwmat.org">marie.hardiman@at.bwmat.org</a>
	Bowie	Miss Bale	<a href="mailto:chloe.bale@at.bwmat.org">chloe.bale@at.bwmat.org</a>
	Anning	Miss Edwards	<a href="mailto:molly.edwards@at.bwmat.org">molly.edwards@at.bwmat.org</a>
	Zephaniah	Mrs Wicks / Mrs Selway	<a href="mailto:molly.wicks@at.bwmat.org">molly.wicks@at.bwmat.org</a> <a href="mailto:karen.selway@at.bwmat.org">karen.selway@at.bwmat.org</a>

## 25 years!

We said a very special thank you to our longest serving member of staff this week – Mrs Flagg. She has completed 25 years of service at our school as a lunchtime supervisor. She certainly has seen some changes over the years and it was lovely to see the children celebrating with her.



## Somerset Summer Reading Challenge – Story Garden

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the Somerset Libraries summer reading challenge this year. The focus was on Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors! The following children received their certificates and medals in our WoW assembly yesterday afternoon: Emmet, Dottie, Nelly, Otto, Tamsin, Isobel, Amelia H, Jack, Jacob J, Mavis, Isla S, Matilda, Rowan, Theodore, Barney and Lola. Well done everyone!

## Flu Vaccination for All School Aged Children

You will have received an email last week 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.**

## 2026 Secondary School Applications

Please find below the dates and times of our local secondary school open evenings:

School	Date(s)	Time
Gillingham School	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm-8pm
King Arthur's School	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30pm-7pm
Sturminster Newton High School	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	5pm-7pm
Gryphon School	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	5pm-7.30pm



### AGM – 7pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Our PTA does amazing work organising events and raising money to purchase equipment and resources for all pupils to benefit from, we simply wouldn't be able to provide these due to our funding levels. For these events to take place a very dedicated team of volunteers meet regularly to discuss ideas, plan and agree spending with school staff. As the PTA is a registered charity it must meet annually for an AGM to appoint key positions (Chair/Treasurer/Secretary), report on the past year and plan for the year ahead. This meeting is taking place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in school. A letter was sent home with your child today which includes a nomination slip and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the PTA team. Please complete and return the slip to the PTA postbox by the school office on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. If you are new to our school this is an excellent way to get to know some of your fellow parents and school staff.

The PTA need your help if they are to continue with their vital work. Please do come to this meeting, 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.

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.

**Bag2School** collection: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### And finally...

It's been another lovely week in school! Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all, bright and early on Monday.

*Mrs Brazier*

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 **North Cadbury Primary**

# ACTIVE CAMP

 **OCTOBER HALF TERM (27<sup>TH</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup>)**

<b>MONDAY</b>	Nerf Battles and Laser Tag Day
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Target Day
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Tournament Day
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Inflatable Day
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Olympic and Paralympic Day




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- School transitioning
- Emotional health

**is your child  
5-19 and are you**  
looking for confidential  
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact  
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text  
**07480 635 515**

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

 **Improving  
LIVES**

### Welcome to the Somerset School Nurse Service!

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and the School Nursing Service to all families—whether your child is starting school for the first time or returning after the summer break. As part of Somerset's commitment to supporting children's health and wellbeing, our School Nurse Service is here to help your child thrive—both in and out of the classroom. School Nurses are qualified nurses and public health professionals who work with families of children aged 5 to 19, offering confidential advice, care, and support on a wide range of health topics. Whether it's guidance on sleep, healthy lifestyles, emotional wellbeing or continence, our team is here to support you and your child. We work closely with schools, families, and other professionals to ensure every child gets the help they need to stay healthy, happy, and safe. ChatHealth – Easy, Confidential Support via Text

ChatHealth is a confidential text messaging service for parents and carers of children aged 5–19. You can text a qualified school nurse for advice. Just send a text message to 07480 635515—available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays)

## Reducing the impact of separation on everyone

6 week online course



Helping parents navigate separation, putting the well-being of their children at the centre.

'Really feel my relationship with my ex has improved since being on this course.' said mum after June course



Course A: 8 October 6:30 pm - 8:30pm  
Course B: 9 October 10:00am - 12 noon

To book place scan code or email  
[r.james@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:r.james@somerset.gov.uk)



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01963 824400 or email

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