



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (14) Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Collective Worship  
Reflections



This week we continued our focus on some of the main characters from the Christmas story: Week 4 is The Worshipping Wise Men. The wise men worshipped Jesus for who he was and who he would become. During our Wednesday reflection time children shared their thoughts on these reflection questions:

- What gifts would you give Jesus?
- Who might need our help this Christmas time?

## Christmas Service

A massive thank you to our Year 6 pupils who led our time at the Church this afternoon. They read and led the singing brilliantly. Thank you also to all the parents who joined us for this special time.

## Christmas Song Event

A really special moment this week was the class Christmas Song Showdown which saw the children from each class performing. We enjoyed "Jingle Bells" from Reception/Yr1, "We have to fly to Bethlehem" from KS1, "Jingle Bell Rock" from Bowie, "All I want for Christmas is You" from Anning and "Christmas Rap" from Zephaniah and to finish up KS2 performed "Holly Jolly Christmas" and the Choir sang "Underneath the Tree".



## Elf School and Christmas Hot Lunch

Elf School was a huge success and everyone looked brilliant in their elf costumes which added to the celebratory feel of the day for our Christmas Hot Lunch too! The children and staff enjoyed their Christmas meal all together and we would like to say thank you to Caterlink for providing us with a very tasty Christmas Lunch.



Lots of the school took part in our Christmas Jumper Day (raising £78) for Save the Children, which reminds us all that unfortunately some children don't have a brilliant time at Christmas, which brings me to the closing prayer of my seasonal message which is for all of our community.

"May the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the Shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas. Amen."

### FIRST WEEK BACK - REMINDERS

Monday	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday	School reopens to all classes
Thursday	Treat Shop Thursday



## Awards



We held our End of Term Awards yesterday afternoon – well done to everyone for all your hard work, but some special congratulations go to Dottie, Cash, Amelia and Barney from Nightingale Class, Lola, Star, Emmet and Marcie from Bowie Class, Isla P, Khalisee, Jaydee and Nala from Anning Class and Freddie E, Evelyn, Isaac and Pippa from Zephaniah Class. We also congratulate 20 of our students for achieving 100% attendance at school this term.

### Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Rupert P** from Anning Class for performing in 6 back-to-back performances of "The Stained Glass Window – A Christmas Nativity" at St Mary's Church in Sturminster Newton, to help raise funds to mend their stained glass window.



**Freddie W** for being so good and eating so well.

**Oskar** for sitting nicely at lunchtime.



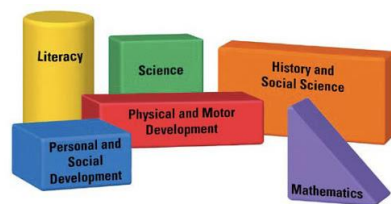
Templecombe  
Token  
Certificates



Congratulations go to Norah, Phoebe and Olivia T from Zephaniah Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificates 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



### Zephaniah Class

During our Design Technology lessons, Zephaniah class have been exploring, designing and creating moving toys, called automats. After looking at a variety of examples, we explored the cam mechanisms used to make the models move. We learnt about how different shaped cams create different movements, before drawing our own designs, thinking about how we wanted the toy to move. Now we are busy constructing our models and decorating our finished toys. Once they are completed, we will be able to evaluate our finished products.



### Updates

#### Staffing update

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Mintern will be taking on the role of Bowie Class Teacher and will therefore be leaving her position as Teaching Assistant. This change has led to a few staffing updates that we would like to share with you.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Sunley, who will be joining us in January as a Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistant. We are also pleased to announce that Miss Ash will become a full-time member of our support team. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team of lunchtime staff who will continue (as they have over the past year) to work in classes to support our children.

#### Nightingale Class

Miss Hardiman  
Mr Ferrari  
Miss Hughes  
Miss Ash  
Miss Sunley  
Mrs Viney  
Miss Walker

#### Bowie Class

Mrs Mintern  
Mrs Moore  
Mr Ferrari  
Miss Sunley  
Miss Lomax

#### Anning Class

Miss Edwards  
Mrs Benjafield  
Miss Tiffin  
Mrs Broomhead  
Mrs Viney  
Mrs Gosney

#### Zephaniah Class

Miss Wicks  
Mrs Selway  
Mr Ferrari



#### 2026 Residential Trips

Organisation towards this year's residentials is going well with the majority of activities now booked. Please see below the information for the Year 5 and the Year 6 residentials, including payment dates. Full information will be coming home in the first week after the Christmas holidays, once the final activity providers have confirmed our bookings.



## Year Five

New Forest – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

The cost will be £140

Payment information: Deposit 6th February 2026 - £30 – Deposit (non-refundable)  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 - £50 – 2nd payment  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 - £60 – Final payment



## Year Six

Bournemouth – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

The cost will be £180

Payment information: Deposit 6th February 2026 - £30 – Deposit (non-refundable)  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 - £70 – 2nd payment  
5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - £80 – Final payment



## Winter Edition of the Parents' & Carers' Newsletter 2025-26

We are delighted to share with you the Winter edition of the Parents' & Carers' Newsletter 2025-26. It is absolutely full of stories showcasing the huge range of activities enjoyed by children and staff across our Trust family. Please click on this link: [Parents and Carers Winter Edition Newsletter - December 2025](#)



**Every Learner Matters**

## Protected Characteristics: Inclusion and SEND

In school, we actively teach children that everyone deserves respect and fair treatment. The Equality Act protects people from discrimination based on characteristics such as disability, including **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**.

We help children understand that:

- Some people may learn or communicate differently.
- Some children may need adaptations, resources or extra support.
- Being inclusive means making sure everyone can take part and feel safe.

This promotes empathy and belonging. Learning about protected characteristics helps children value diversity, challenge unkind behaviour, and understand why some classmates may require different support.



**Movie 'n' Munch** the children all thoroughly enjoyed the movie on Tuesday this week, even if it wasn't quite what we'd planned to watch! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the event such a success.

Our PTA Team would like to thank everyone for all their volunteering over the past year and we all look forward to arranging lots more fun events to fundraise in 2026!

**And finally...**



What a brilliant first term it's been, lots of great learning and hard work by all. A heartfelt thank you for the thoughtful gifts received by our staff — your kindness is truly appreciated! We look forward to welcoming all children back on **Tuesday, 6th January 2026**.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your holidays be filled with joy and relaxation.

*Mrs Brazier*

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## Holiday Activities: Christmas Crafts

**20, 22 and 23 December 2025, 10.30am–3.30pm**

Get the holidays off to a festive start with our fun family workshops! Make decorations for your home this Christmas using natural materials from the Cathedral gardens.

**Saturday 20 December**  
**Festive Foliage**  
Make a festive table decoration using greenery from the Cathedral gardens.

**Monday 22 December**  
**Willow Christmas**  
Use Somerset willow to make a festive decoration.

**Tuesday 23 December**  
**Driftwood Angels**  
Use driftwood and other found and re-used materials to make an angel decoration.

Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](https://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays)

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

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## A FESTIVAL OF CRIB AND NATIVITY SCENES

2025

**BE CREATIVE AND TAKE PART IN ST MARY'S FIRST EVER  
NATIVITY FESTIVAL**



All entries welcome and can be made of wood, stones, fabric, cake, cardboard or something you already have. The Crib and Nativity Scenes will be on display in the church for the Christmas period to include the Christingle Service on Dec.14th and the Carol Service on Dec.21<sup>st</sup>

**Just bring your crib or nativity scene to the church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec between 10am and 4pm**





## DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

### DECEMBER:

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3pm School Closes for Christmas</b> (No After Fun provision)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm Carol Service in St Mary's Church

### 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER to 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

### JANUARY:

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Muddy Church – Candlemass

### FEBRUARY:

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	House challenge – pancake races p.m.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon (Yr1-6 parents from 2.15pm / EYFS Stay & Play from 2.30pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>

### 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – HALF TERM

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School re-opens
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Muddy Church – Spring, new beginnings

### MARCH:

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
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Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> / Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Muddy Church – Easter

## APRIL:

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	House Challenge a.m. Easter Experience p.m. <b>3pm School Closes for the Easter Break</b> (No After Fun provision)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL to 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK**

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School re-opens
29/4 to 1/5	Yr 5 Residential

## MAY:

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Muddy Church
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	SATS Week
18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>

## **25<sup>th</sup> MAY to 29<sup>th</sup> MAY – HALF TERM**

## JUNE:

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School re-opens / Y4 Multiplication check
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> /Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics screening check
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Muddy Church
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre <i>Class &amp; Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed</i>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

## JULY:

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swap a class afternoon <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Sports Event <b>To Be Confirmed</b> / PTFA Summer Fayre <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
W/C Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reports sent home
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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.