



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (3) Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026




## Collective Worship Reflections




In our Collective Worships we have been discussing 'What is prayer?', how it sometimes helps people and what our understanding is of the words in The Lord's Prayer. Pupils were asked to reflect on the line 'Give us today our daily bread', discussing what they need and feel they can't live without.

### NEXT WEEK - REMINDERS

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Muddy Church</b> - A reminder that Muddy Church is on next Tuesday. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can go down to Forest School but if not, it will take place in the school hall.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sycamore House</b> non-uniform day  <b>Deadline</b> for Young Artists' Summer Show consent forms to be returned <b>Deadline</b> for return of booking forms for Spring Disco



**Abbas & Templecombe Church School**



**St. Mary's, Templecombe Muddy Church**

Come along to

**Muddy Church** in the Forest School Area  
at Abbas and Templecombe Primary School

**3.30pm-4.30pm on Tuesday 27th January 2026**

Join us in the great outdoors for a fun time of faith-based stories, crafts and much, much more! **We'll be focusing on Candelmas, building a Christingle and magic candle picture making!**

School children are welcome to attend unsupervised by a parent. Mr Webb will be running the event supported by volunteers from our local Church. If you would like your child to attend please email Mrs Greene to give your permission by the end of school on Monday of that week.

Siblings and Pre-School children are very welcome to attend with an adult.



## Worker of the Week



### NIGHTINGALE

**Lily** for always being a positive and kind member of Nightingale Class. Lily is a lovely friend and is always eager to help others. Well done Lily!

**Reggie** for showing great confidence and skill on the gym equipment. Reggie was worried at first but showed great perseverance. Well done Reggie!

### BOWIE

**Harry** for his incredible attention to detail in making his Uno board game.

**Jaxx** for his hard work this week, especially writing about Geronimo the penguin.

## **ANNING**

**Martha** for creating beautiful sketches of insects in our art learning. What an artistic eye!

**Lucy** for being a ukelele whizz when accompanying 'Three Little Birds' in music! Well done, maestro!

**Violet** – a special award from Mrs Brazier this week for showing an excellent learning attitude in Maths this week.



**Amelia** in Nightingale Class for waiting patiently for her lunch while sitting sharp.

**Freddie S** in Zephaniah Class for being exceptionally polite to all the lunch staff.

## **ZEPHANIAH**

**Jacob H** for being able to explain in his written work how our experiment related to Darwin's study on bird beaks.

**Daisy B** for producing a clear and well-presented information sheet about Anglo-Saxons. Well done Daisy!



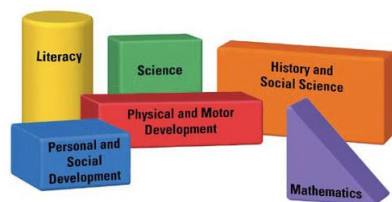
Congratulations go to:

**Amaya, Harper D, Ada H, Matilda, Harvey Stt, Jackson L and Kenny** in Bowie Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token award.

**Cory, Evelyn and Pippa** in Zephaniah Class for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token 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**



### **Bowie Class**

Bowie Class are designing, planning and creating board games in Design and Technology this term. This week we are creating the boards for our games. We had great fun cutting up the cardboard that we brought in from home.



### **Spare Clothing**

If your child is sent home wearing spare clothing, please wash and return the items to school as soon as possible – our supplies are rather limited so if you have items at home which your child has outgrown and they are in good condition (e.g. underwear or trousers), please consider donating these to school. It can be helpful if spares can be sent into school with your child in their school bag if you know there is a chance of a change being needed.



### Healthy Eating and Wellbeing

Following parent feedback from our November survey and a recent increase in pupil illness, we are continuing to focus on ways to support children's health and wellbeing. Last week's newsletter shared tips on boosting immunity, including the importance of a healthy diet. This week, Year 6 delivered an assembly on *Food as Fuel*, highlighting the importance of a good breakfast. This has led us to review our Breakfast Club provision, with improvements planned over the coming half term.

In addition, as you are aware, your child can bring in a fruit or vegetable snack for playtime every day. From Monday, to ensure children have time to eat their snack and still have the opportunity to run around in the fresh air at morning playtime, we are introducing a short **snack time** in classes prior to playtime. KS1 children will continue to be provided with fruit as we are part of the Government funded "Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme". We ask that any snacks brought in from home are healthy options such as fruit, vegetables, breadsticks or dried fruit. A letter with more information was emailed to parents yesterday. Thank you for supporting us in promoting healthy habits that help children feel well and ready to learn

### Autumn 2 House Winners

Well done to Sycamore House who are our Autumn Term 2 winners! On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, children in this house will be able to come to school in their own clothes. If you are unsure which house your child is in, please contact the class teacher.

### Young Artists' Summer Show

You will have seen our email on Wednesday regarding this exciting opportunity for our pupils to participate in. The children have shown great enthusiasm for taking part and it is designed to celebrate creativity, imagination and artistic skill, giving young people the chance to let their ideas run wild and showcase their wonderful artwork. The exhibition celebrates the next generation of artists and recognises the talent and originality of children from across the country. Children may choose to complete their artwork either at home or at school. For those who would prefer to work in school, or who may not have access to the necessary resources at home, Miss Edwards will be offering a lunchtime session to support children in completing their artwork. In order for us to submit your child's artwork at school to this competition, we must have parental permission and we are sending a consent form home with your child this week. If you are happy for your child's work to be entered at school, we kindly ask that you complete and return the form to your child's class teacher, **no later than 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Only pupils with a completed permission form will be able to have their artwork submitted. If you wish to submit your child's art work at home, the official deadline for the competition is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - you will not need to bring the art work / permission letter to school if you are submitting this way.



**Every Learner Matters**

### PACE Parenting: Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, Empathy

PACE is an approach used in schools to support emotional safety and positive relationships. It stands for:

- **Playfulness** – using warmth and lightness to reduce tension
- **Acceptance** – recognising a child's feelings without judgment
- **Curiosity** – wondering gently about what the child might be feeling
- **Empathy** – showing understanding and compassion

PACE communicates, "You're safe and I'm here with you." It helps children feel understood, reducing behavioural challenges and strengthening trust. Parents can use PACE at home too — especially during tricky moments.



## Empowering Parents Programme

### Empowering Parents Programme Session Four



This 60-minute session, led by Emma Hemmings from The Essential Safeguarding Company, helps parents understand online gaming, explore risks such as chat, privacy, and spending, and learn practical ways to keep children safe and gaming responsibly.

We will also look at new and upcoming changes to restrictions on Xbox and Roblox, including age verification, parental controls, chat restrictions, and spending limits, so you are as up-to-date as possible on how best to protect your children while they play.



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COMPANY  
*Helping you help others*

By the end of the session, parents will have practical tips and tools to manage gaming safely, set boundaries, and have meaningful conversations with their children about online play.

Online

29<sup>th</sup> January  
2026

6pm - 7pm

The next session in the *Empowering Parents* series is taking place **online on Thursday 29th January 2026 at 6.00pm**. This session will focus on **online gaming** and will explore how parents and carers can support children to engage with this popular hobby safely, positively, and responsibly.

The session will provide practical tools, insights, and strategies to:

- Understand the online gaming world and why it appeals to children
- Recognise potential risks, including online safety and wellbeing concerns
- Support healthy boundaries, communication, and positive gaming habits
- Help children enjoy gaming safely while maintaining balance

Anyone wishing to attend the session will need to register for a ticket using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1979863381671?aff=oddtutor>

Previous Empowering Parents sessions have been recorded and are available below. Please click on the link, then insert the username and password below to access the recording.

- Link: <https://www.safeguardingco.co.uk/support/>
  - Username: empoweringparents
  - Password: empowering2526



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### Spring Disco – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

The booking form came home yesterday - please do complete and return it to the PTA Postbox by the School Office no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. If you can volunteer to help at one or both of the sessions, please do contact the PTA on their email address shown above. *If you have booked After Fun that day but your child will be attending the disco instead, please use the Arbor parent portal to cancel/amend your booking.*

### Newsletter

Our new PTA newsletter was emailed to parents earlier today. We hope this will be a useful and informative way of keeping everyone up to date on our plans and upcoming events.

### And finally...

Another great week, hope everyone has a super weekend!

*Mrs Brazier*

## Sticky Finger's Preschool hosts a virtual Eco-Balloon Race to raise money for their new Mud Kitchen!



- **Date:** 14th February 2026
- **Location:** Virtual, follow online
- **Tickets/Registration:**  
<https://bit.ly/EcoBalloonRace>

**Date of release:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

**Date of event:** 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026

A unique Valentines Balloon Race, starting from the Eiffel Tower in Paris on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to raise funds for Sticky Fingers Pre-School's Mud Kitchen and warmer all-in-one puddle suits for the children so that they can reap the benefits of outdoor, messy play all year round! Simply buy a virtual balloon to be in with a chance of winning a wonderful prize! This event is virtual, meaning no balloons are physically released, but will be conducted with real-time weather data and you can track your balloon online via the Eco-racing website, or on Google maps.

Mike Phillips, inventor of the world's only 100% eco-friendly, non-gambling, virtual balloon race systems said "All balloon racers can have great fun decorating their balloon and changing the three flight parameters like helium content to increase their chances of winning a prize. And of course, the more money you raise, the bigger and better Mud Kitchen the school can have. Plus, follow your balloon 24/7 for even more fun."

## One of our pupils is participating in this show!

By arrangement with Stage Right Creative Ltd and Written By Alan P Frayn

**NODA**  
for every story

**MOTHER GOOSE**

Directed by  
Craig White &  
Jessica Allen

**11th - 14th February 2026**

7:30pm &  
2:30pm Saturday Matinee  
with a  
Relaxed Performance  
on Wednesday

Adults £12  
Child £10  
Family £35  
(Minimum two under 18's)

Tickets available from The Exchange box office  
01258 475137 or [www.stur-exchange.co.uk](http://www.stur-exchange.co.uk)

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**SATURDAY  
28TH FEBRUARY**  
(Time to be confirmed closer to the date)

**Prime Sports Coaching**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP 2026**  
16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**BRAND NEW ACTIVITIES**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MARIO KART RC CARS	COOKING	SWIMMING
FACE PAINTING	PARK VISIT	DISCO

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ZORING	DEN BUILDING
GARDENING	WATER FIGHT

**PRIME FC FOOTBALL**

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**PRICES**

PRICES	DISCOUNTS
MULTI-ACTIVITY FULL DAY £35 HALF DAY £25	19 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 10% 20 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 10% 21 <sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY - 5% 22 <sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY - ORIGINAL PRICES
PRIME FC FULL DAY £25	
GIRLS UNITED FULL DAY £25	

**GIRLS UNITED FOOTBALL**

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## DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

### JANUARY:

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Muddy Church – Candlemass
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sycamore House non-uniform day Deadline for Young Artists' Summer Show consent forms to be returned Deadline for return of booking forms for Spring Disco

### FEBRUARY:

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Disco
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Anning and Zephaniah online ballet experience
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Treat Shop Thursday
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) house challenge
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anning and Zephaniah online opera experience
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon (Yr1-6 parents from 2.15pm / EYFS Stay & Play from 2.30pm) Pre-loved uniform available at Open Afternoon
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:

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Young Artists' Summer Show applications IF APPLYING AT HOME
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Treat Shop Thursday
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> / Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day for Easter Egg Bingo prize - <b>to be confirmed</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm (Pre-loved uniform available)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm (Pre-loved uniform available)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bingo – <b>to be confirmed</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Muddy Church – Easter

### APRIL:

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards Dare to be Different Day (more info to follow) Movie 'n' Munch
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**

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> INSET Day – school closed**

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School re-opens
29/4 to 1/5	Yr 5 Residential

### MAY:

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Muddy Church

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Treat Shop Thursday
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
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Treat Shop Thursday
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>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Treat Shop Thursday
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.