



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (7) Friday 24th October 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



This week we began a new theme looking at Bible heroes and we focused on an Old Testament hero, Ruth. Naomi and Ruth both lost their husbands and became the lowest in their society; widows. They lived off the charity of others to survive but remained loyal to God and followed his ways back to good times. During our Wednesday reflection time children shared their thoughts on these important reflection questions:

- Is there a time you have given to others even when it means you miss out?
- What does being loyal to God or others look like for you?



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Lottie-Mae for always participating during carpet time and sharing her lovely ideas. Well done!

Otto for always sitting so beautifully on the carpet - being a great role model, well done!

Bowie

Matilda for good improvement with her handwriting.

Chloe for working hard in everything this week!

Anning

Austin for being an active, impressive bench ball teammate - well done, Austin!

Edith for showing great determination and skill in bench ball - well done, Edith!

Zephaniah

Layla for her brilliant 'I have a Dream' poem for the writing competition. Layla worked hard to include rhythm and rhyme in her poem.

Isaac for his brilliant Science work this term. Isaac has a great understanding of our concept 'forces' and has worked hard to carry out investigations accurately.

Lunchtime Award:

Eleanor from Nightingale Class for getting on quietly and eating her food.

Nala from Anning Class for always being willing to help.

Out of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Isobel** in Bowie Class for achieving the Riversmeet Level 5 Gymnastics award.
- **Delilah** in Bowie Class for achieving the Explore Apparatus Level 1 Gymnastics award.

- **Amaya** in Bowie Class for achieving white belt green stripe at Junior Tae Kwon-Do.
- **Scarlett** in Bowie Class for being awarded the Cygnets Majorettes trophy for participation in the Carnivals.
- **Olivia** in Anning Class for achieving white belt blue stripe at Junior Tae Kwon-Do.

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.



House Challenge – Natural Art

On Tuesday afternoon all the children took part in our first house challenge of the year. The challenge was to create a Diwali-inspired design using natural resources. As you can see from the photos below, the children worked brilliantly to create beautiful, unique designs. It was so lovely to see the children working together, with the older children supporting the younger ones. It was extremely hard to choose a winner but after much deliberation SYCAMORE were chosen as house winners – a huge well done to you! Thanks to all the staff who gave creative ideas and time to this – it was very much enjoyed by all.



Oak



Yew



Sycamore



Updates

School Photos – Monday 3rd November

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Monday 3rd November (first day back after half term!) to take our individual school photos. Photos will be available to order online later that week.

****CHANGE OF DATES** FOR PARENTS EVENINGS**

Due to a clash with staff training we have had to move the dates for our planned parents' evenings. The meetings will now take place on **Monday 24th November (not Yr5)** and **Tuesday 25th November (all year groups)**. Appointments

will be available to book on the Arbor Parent Portal after half term – an email will be sent out notifying you when they go live.

After School Clubs for next half term

After School sports clubs for after half term are available to book on the Arbor Parent Portal. On offer this time are Yr1-3 Multi-Sports, Yr4-6 Badminton and Yr4-6 Multi-Sports. Places are limited and the deadline for booking is 5pm on Wednesday 29th October. However, if you need to rely on wraparound care, please book After Fun and email the school office so that we can allocate your child a place in their requested sports club (while spaces last). Many thanks.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

After half term we will have poppies and other RBL merchandise available to buy. We will be holding a short Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard on Tuesday 11th November, 10.50am. The whole school will attend and a wreath will be laid by representatives from Year 6.

New Menu for Hot Lunches

Caterlink have provided our new menu and options are updated on the Arbor parent portal for ordering in the usual way. The first week back after half term will be week 1 but if you missed this week's Wednesday deadline, you will need to provide a packed lunch from home as orders are now closed for week commencing 3rd November. Due to our Christmas hot lunch, bookings are currently available up to Friday 12th December - there will be separate options for the last week of term.

Autumn/Winter 2025/26		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese with garlic bread	Beef Chilli with rice	Pork Sausage with roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with rice	Breaded fish fillet with chips & baked beans
	Option Two	Autumn vegetable bake with roast sweet potato	Sweet potato falafel wrap with couscous	Sweet potato & spinach tart with roast potatoes	Sticky soy & honey vegetables with egg noodles	Quorn hot dog with chips & baked beans
	Option Three	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
	Vegetables	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day
	Dessert	Vanilla shortbread biscuit	Fruit medley	Chocolate brownie	Toffee apple crumble & custard	Flapjack
WEEK TWO	Option One	Meatball Pasta Bake with garlic bread	Greek Chicken with flatbread & potato wedges	Roast Chicken with roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Chinese Chicken & vegetables with egg noodles	Fish Fingers with chips & baked beans
	Option Two	Vegetable Fajita with rice	Sweet potato falafel & hummous with flatbread & wedges	Roast Quorn Fillet with roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Curried squash & butterbean stew with rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with chips & baked beans
	Option Three	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
	Vegetables	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day
	Dessert	Iced vanilla sponge	Fruit medley	Lemon drizzle cake	Pear crumble & custard	Oaty Biscuit
WEEK THREE	Option One	Vegetable Chow Mein with egg noodles	Beef Lasagne with garlic bread	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken Korma with rice	Fish Fingers with chips & baked beans
	Option Two	Vegan Meatball Pasta Bake with garlic bread	Vegetable Biryani	Roast Stuffed Aubergine with roast potatoes	Vegetable Korma with rice	Plant Burger with chips & baked beans
	Option Three	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese	Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
	Vegetables	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day	Vegetable of the day
	Dessert	Gingerbread cookie	Peach crumble & custard	Chocolate drizzle cake	Fruit medley	Winter berry muffin

Ad Hoc MDSA vacancy

We are looking to recruit an ad hoc Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to ensure we can cover when other supervisors aren't available. Experience of working with children in a voluntary or paid capacity is preferred. We have a really friendly and dedicated lunchtime team and full training will be given. The hours are from 11.45am until 1.15pm school term time only. This post requires a full safer recruitment check and a successful interview with provision of two suitable references. Please contact the school office if you are interested for an application form.



Every Learner Matters

Each week, in this new section of our newsletter, we will focus on a different topic – from what inclusion really means to exploring common needs such as ADHD, autism and dyslexia. Our aim is to give you clear, simple information, share the strategies we use in school and celebrate the strengths which every child brings.

Spotlight on Dyslexia

Dyslexia affects how the brain processes words and symbols. It mainly impacts reading, spelling, and writing but has nothing to do with intelligence. Children with dyslexia might:

- Mix up letters or struggle to sound out words.
- Find writing tasks tiring.
- Need more time to read.

But dyslexia is also linked with strong problem-solving skills, creativity and “big picture” thinking. In school, we use tools like coloured overlays, technology and alternative ways to record work. These small adjustments can make a big difference.

2026 School Applications

A reminder that the closing date for secondary school application is Friday 31st October 2025.

We are running our primary school tours for September 2026 starter – please see the poster below for details and contact the School Office to book your visit.

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Is your child starting primary school in September 2026?

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:
Wednesday 15th October at 9.45am
Thursday 23rd October at 1.45pm
Thursday 6th November at 10am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@abtwmat.org 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



Glo Disco and Non-Uniform Day

Everyone enjoyed wearing their bright colours to school yesterday and those who attended the disco had great fun too! Thank you to the PTA volunteers who helped to make this event possible and to Cordell Holloway for providing more great disco tunes!



Bag2School

Our next collection is on **Monday 10th November** – please bring donations to the lower playground gate by 9am that day. Collection bags were sent home during this week – please be mindful of the items which cannot be donated (school or work uniforms/soft toys/towels/bedding & curtains) but if you have more than will fit in one bag, black sacks are acceptable too! *If you have bags to donate but no transport is available to drop off at school, please email the school office (enquiries@at.bwmat.org) to arrange a collection prior to the 10th November.*

Fundraising continues...

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.

And finally...

What an incredible first half term it has been! We are so pleased with how the children, especially the newest members of the school, have settled in. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school when we reopen on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Brazier

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WILDCATS
GIRLS FOOTBALL

TCW SPORTS ARE PRESENTING WILDCATS
- AN ENGLAND FOOTBALL INITIATIVE TO GET GIRLS INTO NON-COMPETITIVE
FOOTBALL IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT!

**5 TO 11 YEAR-OLD
FOOTBALL
FOR GIRLS**

**MONDAYS
5:30-6:30PM**
GILLINGHAM ASTRO TURF

**BOOKING
AVAILABLE NOW!
£4.50 PER SESSION!**

**STARTING ON THE 3RD OF
NOVEMBER**

Visit England Football's Website and search for your local Wildcats session
OR Book on our website!
www.tcwsports.co.uk/book-online



Friday 21st November 2025

Templecombe Village Hall

doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm



**6 BOOKS FOR
£10
OR £2 EACH**



No children under 6

CAKES, TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



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The BOOK WORM!



MASK MAKING

**GLOW IN THE DARK FACE
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NEON HOPSCOTCH



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GLOW STICKS

**SONGS, GAMES
AND PUPPETS**

PIZZA AND CAKE

**BE A SUPERHERO FOR HALLOWEEN!
COME TO OUR FREE KIDS LIGHT PARTY**

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 5.30 – 7PM TEMPLECOMBE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

FANCY DRESS WELCOME

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Please see attachment for Stalbridge Library's latest newsletter, detailing upcoming events.

DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

OCTOBER:

27th October to 31st October - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 3rd	School re-opens Tempest Photography – individual photographs
Thursday 6th	10am School Tour for September 2026 intake
Friday 7th	Yr3/4 Residential – deposit deadline
Sunday 9th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Monday 10th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Tuesday 11th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 10.50am at Templecombe War Memorial
Thursday 13th	9.15am Pantomime at school

Friday 14 th	Children in Need fundraiser
Monday 24 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm (Not Yr5)
Tuesday 25 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm (All years)
Friday 28 th	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER:

Thursday 4 th	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 5 th	Yr3/4 Residential – 2 nd payment deadline PTFA Christmas Fayre – (No After Fun provision)
Monday 8 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal To Be Confirmed
Tuesday 9 th	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents To Be Confirmed
Tuesday 16 th	Christmas Lunch To Be Confirmed Christingle making in school Christmas Song Showdown
Wednesday 17 th	9.05am End of Term Awards
Friday 19 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)

22nd DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 5 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 6 th	School re-opens

FEBRUARY:

Friday 6 th	Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline
Tuesday 11 th	House challenge – pancake races p.m.
Friday 13 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

16th FEBRUARY to 20th FEBRUARY – HALF TERM

Monday 23 rd	School re-opens
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MARCH:

Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Mon 9 th / Tue 10 th	Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court
Monday 23 rd	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
Tuesday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm

APRIL:

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

3rd APRIL to 17th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

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

MAY:

Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday – school closed
11 th to 14 th	SATS Week
18 th to 21 st	Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 20 th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA	
Friday 22 nd	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>	
<u>25th MAY to 29th MAY – HALF TERM</u>		
JUNE:		
Monday 1 st	INSET Day – school closed	
Tuesday 2 nd	School re-opens	/ Y4 Multiplication check
Mon 8 th /Tue 9 th	Phonics screening check	
Monday 15 th	KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA	
Monday 22 nd	Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed	
Friday 26 th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre <i>Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed</i>	
Monday 29 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)	
Tuesday 30 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)	
JULY:		
Wednesday 1 st	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed	
Friday 3 rd	School Sports Event To Be Confirmed / PTFA Summer Fayre To Be Confirmed	
W/C Mon 13 th	<i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>	
Friday 17 th	Reports sent home	
Monday 20 th	Yr6 Trip	
Tuesday 21 st	Whole School Fun Day	
Wednesday 22 nd	9.05am End of Term Awards	/ 2pm Leavers Service in school
<u>3pm School Closes for the Summer Break</u> (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.