



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (3) Friday 26<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 respect through the story of Jonah, with the message being that God wants us to think and act in a way that shows others we care about their feelings and well-being, also that God has asked us to look after our planet – respect for the environment in our daily lives is key. During our Wednesday reflection time, children shared their thoughts on these four reflection questions:

- Jonah didn't respect God's instructions at first — what happened when he ran away?
- How did Jonah show respect to God when he prayed in the big fish?
- The people of Nineveh listened to God's warning — how did they show respect?
- What can we do each day to show respect to God and to other people?



## Worker of the Week



### Nightingale

**Lily** for creating a wonderful self-portrait in Forest School using natural materials. She spent a long time engaged in this and added lovely details. Well done Lily!

**Cash** for some amazing writing in English - he created some lovely sentences about The Ugly Duckling story. Well done Cash!

### Bowie

**Grace** for your fantastic Science, taking part in an experiment exploring magnetic and non-magnetic materials. Well done!

**Jack** for showing great perseverance in Maths this week where you were comparing numbers. Well done!

### Anning

**Rupert** for having a 'hands-up' approach to learning across the curriculum - well done Rupert and thank-you for sharing your great ideas!

**Freddie E** for wonderful engagement and enthusiasm in all learning - specifically music. It is lovely to see you shine!

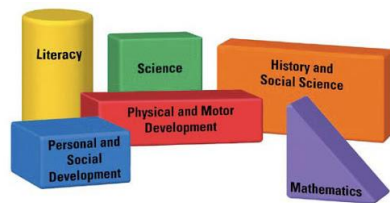
### Zephaniah

**Freddie S** for showing great enthusiasm in French and taking his learning beyond the classroom to extend his number knowledge. Keep up the great work Freddie!

**Norah** for using her coding skills to create a great maze game using Scratch.

**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



### Nightingale Class – Forest School & Art

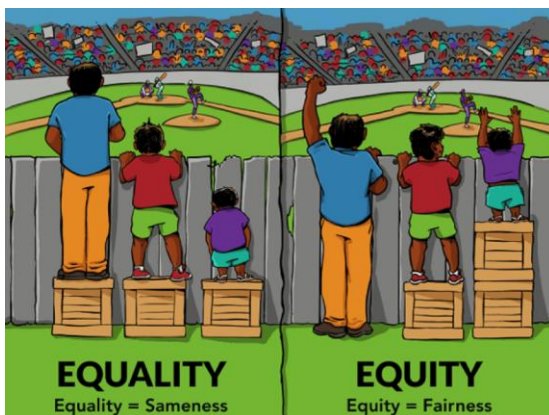
This week in Forest School, Nightingale Class explored creativity in nature by making self-portraits using natural resources. The children used sticks, stones, conkers and leaves to design their faces, thinking carefully about the details that make each of them unique. Back in the classroom, we linked this activity to our Artwork. Using the leaves we had collected, the children created wonderful self-portraits with imaginative “leaf hair.” The results were full of character and creativity – a true celebration of individuality following our theme “All About Me”. Well done, Nightingale Class!



## Updates

### 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 that every child brings.



### What Inclusion Means in Our School

We believe every child deserves the chance to learn, grow and shine. Inclusion means that children with different strengths and needs learn together, side by side. You might hear us talk about *equality* and *equity*. **Equality** is giving every child the same thing. **Equity** is giving each child what they need to succeed. For example, some children may use coloured overlays when reading or have short breaks to help focus. This isn't “special treatment” — it's fair treatment. When classrooms are inclusive, all children benefit. They learn compassion, problem-solving and how to appreciate differences.

### Flu Vaccination for All School Aged Children – WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

If you haven't yet done so, please complete the decision form on the link shown in the NHS letter which was emailed to you recently **even if you do not consent to the vaccination**.

### Treat Day Thursday!

It is the start of a new academic year and we are excited to introduce a small change to our Treat Day – now re-branded as Treat Day Thursday! The concept remains the same: children can purchase a ticket from their class teacher for a sweet treat (50p), a fruit smoothie (50p) or both (£1)! (*while stocks last*). Cash should be sent in with your child on the morning of Treat Day and handed to their Class Teacher. Treat Day Thursday will usually take place on the first Thursday of every month, unless otherwise noted in the weekly newsletter. Our wonderful Year 4 volunteers from

Anning Class will run the Treat Shop which will open at break time. Children can enjoy their treat as a fun snack or alongside something they bring from home. It is, of course, parental choice for children to participate.

## 2026 School Applications



Only one of our local secondary schools has yet to run their open evening this term:

School	Date(s)	Time
Gryphon School	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	5pm-7.30pm

We are running our primary school tours for September 2026 starters soon! See the poster below for details and please contact the School Office to book your visit.



## Abbas and Templecombe Church School

### 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@abwm.org](mailto:enquiries@abwm.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

## Hello Yellow Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be taking part in Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness of and support young people's mental health. As a school we will be focusing on activities that promote good mental health (more details to follow). In addition, it will be a non-uniform day and we are asking everyone to wear something yellow. This could be a t-shirt, dress, hair accessory or socks! Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want our children to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better!

## Diary Dates

Please see the end of this newsletter for the diary dates for this academic year as far as they are known at this time.

## Have Your Say – Childcare Survey from Somerset Council



Somerset Council is seeking feedback from families across the county about wraparound and holiday childcare needs. Whether you use these services or not, your views matter!

The survey asks about:

- ✓ Current and future childcare needs
- ✓ Reasons families may not use existing provision
- ✓ Barriers or challenges you face accessing childcare

⌚ Please complete the survey by midday on 14th November 2025 and thank you for helping shape childcare services in Somerset!



## 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.

## Glo Disco – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Look out for our booking form which will be sent home early next week. Please post the reply slip in the PTA postbox outside the school office by the deadline of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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.

**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*



## DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

### SEPTEMBER:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> School re-opens for all years

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Governors Meeting

### OCTOBER:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Whole School Flu vaccinations

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Treat Shop Thursday

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.35pm Yr3/4 Residential – parent meeting in Anning

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Hello Yellow Day – Young Minds Charity raising awareness of young mental health

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Open afternoon & stay and play

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.45am School Tour for September 2026 intake

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> PTA AGM, 7pm in school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> House challenge (pm)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1.45pm School Tour for September 2026 intake

PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> **3.30pm School closes for half term**

**27<sup>th</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October - HALF TERM**

### NOVEMBER:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> School re-opens

Tempest Photography – individual photographs

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am School Tour for September 2026 intake

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Yr3/4 Residential – deposit deadline

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday – Church Service

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Pantomime at school

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Children in Need fundraiser

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly More info later

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

### DECEMBER:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> House challenge – Tree Decoration

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Yr3/4 Residential – 2<sup>nd</sup> payment deadline

PTFA Christmas Fayre – **To Be Confirmed** (No After Fun provision)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Nativity – dress rehearsal **To Be Confirmed**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents **To Be Confirmed**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Song Showdown

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.05am End of Term Awards

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & Christmas Lunch **To Be Confirmed**

2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

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

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

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## JANUARY:

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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** School re-opens

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## FEBRUARY:

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** House challenge – pancake races p.m.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** **3.30pm School closes for half term**

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

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**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** School re-opens

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## MARCH:

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** World Book Day

**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

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## APRIL:

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** 9.05am End of Term Awards

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** House Challenge a.m.

Easter Experience p.m.

**3pm School Closes for the Easter Break** (No After Fun provision)

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

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

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** School re-opens

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## MAY:

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**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** **Bank Holiday – school closed**

*Year 5 Residential plans to be confirmed*

**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>** **3.30pm School closes for half term**

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

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## JUNE:

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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**

**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

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre

*Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed*

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

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## JULY:

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** Swap a class afternoon **To Be Confirmed**

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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>	Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow
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.

Whilst we are happy to advertise events in our area provided by third parties, we make no representations or warranties about the suitability of such products or services referenced in these advertisements for any purpose. Our inclusion of such products and services does not constitute their recommendation or endorsement.

Prime Sports Coaching

# OCTOBER CAMPS

SPORTS | ARTS & CRAFTS | FOOTBALL  
27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2025

**MULTI-ACTIVITY**  
GILLINGHAM PRIMARY

Time: 8:30AM - 9:30PM

Price: Full Day: £35 | Half Day: £25

**MULTI-ACTIVITY**  
STALBRIDGE PRIMARY

Time: 8:30AM - 9:30PM

Price: Full Day: £35 | Half Day: £25

**FOOTBALL**  
GILLINGHAM PRIMARY

Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Price: Full Day: £25

**FOOTBALL**  
STALBRIDGE PRIMARY

Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Price: Full Day: £25

**GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL**  
GILLINGHAM PRIMARY

Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Price: Full Day: £25

**GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL**  
STALBRIDGE PRIMARY

Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Price: Full Day: £25

**DISCOUNTS**  
15% OFF - 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER  
10% OFF - 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
5% OFF - 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
ORIGINAL PRICES - 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

PRIME SPORTS COACHING

# WHATS ON WHEN

WEEK ONE

	MONDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	TUESDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	THURSDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	FRIDAY 31 <sup>st</sup> OCTOBER
GILLINGHAM   MULTI ACTIVITY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GILLINGHAM   FOOTBALL	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
GILLINGHAM   GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
STALBRIDGE   MULTI ACTIVITY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STALBRIDGE   FOOTBALL	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
STALBRIDGE   GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

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**BOOK HERE**

"MY SON ATTENDED A FEW OF THE MULTI ACTIVITY DAYS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND LOVED IT! HE HAS ALSO BEEN TO THE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND REALLY ENJOYS ATTENDING, ALWAYS ASKING WHEN HE CAN GO AGAIN. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PRIME SPORTS COACHING!"

"OLIVER AND HIS TEAM ARE GREAT TO WORK WITH, UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONSIVE AND EASY TO COMMUNICATE WITH. THE CHILDREN WE SUPPORT LOVED THE ACTIVITY DAYS OVER SUMMER AND THE AGE RANGE THAT IS COVERED HELPED US A GREAT DEAL. WE WILL USE PSC AGAIN FOR SURE!"

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