



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (11) Friday 28th March 2025



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Star for your fantastic work in Maths this week, where you have been working out one more and one less than an amount. You have been taking this new learning into your free flow activities. Well done!

Eddie for your fantastic work in 'Drawing Club' this week! You have engaged with the activities really well and are trying your hardest to use your sound mat to support your writing. Well done!

Bowie

Grace for being super on-task in our Phonics learning and creating her own funny alternate ending for the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

Matilda for showing great independent learning skills in maths and English learning – and showing beautiful presentation skills!

Anning

Alice for working extremely hard in Maths this week working out halves and quarters, ordering fractions on a number line and working out equivalent fractions on a number - well done!

Isla P for working really hard in English and creating an amazing diary entry based on the book stone age boy - well done!

Zephaniah

Isaac for his original plan in English this week. I am very excited to read your completed narrative.

Ava for her brilliant explanations and reasoning in Maths this week whilst learning about statistics.

New Award

This week the Lunchtime staff asked if they could give an award to children who are being Superstars during lunchtimes. So, this week the Lunchtime Superstar Award goes to **Chloe** from Nightingale and **Cory** from Anning.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Isla S** for achieving Level 2 of the Golfway Programme at Sherborne Golf Club.



Templecombe
Token
Certificates



Congratulations go to Scarlett, Chloe, Otto, Nancy and Jaxx from Nightingale and Bella, Jude and Grace from Zephaniah for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations go to Mavis, Star, Ivy, Charlie, Isobel, Marcie and Ada from Nightingale and Ava, Matt and Rebecca from Zephaniah Class for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token certificate 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.



Anning Class

In computing this term, Anning Class have been learning how to use PowerPoint presentation. They have worked in pairs and small groups to create presentations about our History topic - the Stone Age. The children learnt how to: create a new slide, insert images, change the background, change the style and size of the font and to use different transitions between slides.



Sports Hall Athletics



On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 students attended an athletics competition at King Arthurs School. We practiced the events in the morning, and competed against other local schools in the afternoon. The children showed great effort and energy and their enthusiasm when cheering and encouraging each other along was inspiring - they represented our school so well and the positivity amongst the team was amazing. Mr Ferrari was very impressed with how the children performed and represented our school. Out of 9 schools we finished in 1st place, with a very impressive 346 points. Well done – it was a team full of SUPERSTARS!!



Devon & Somerset Fire Service Visit

Simon from Devon & Somerset Fire Service visited this morning and presented a whole school assembly followed by class workshops for Bowie and Zephaniah. The visit shared key fire and water safety messages for KS1 children and KS2 pupils identified hazards and risks in familiar settings (fire, road and water) and were taught how we can reduce the risks and what to do if a situation makes them feel unsafe.

Parent Meetings

Many thanks to all who attended this week's parent meetings. It is always a great opportunity for staff to share all the fantastic learning that takes place and for us to gather your views on how we are doing as a school – thank you to those of you who completed our Parent Questionnaire. We were overwhelmed with the positive responses we

received and very much appreciate the feedback on the areas we need to work on, it is so helpful to us as a school to be able to improve. Next term we will focus on:

- Ensuring all children are clear about what to do if they are unhappy at school
- How we can offer some afterschool activities
- Regularly updating parents of classroom learning in addition to termly parent meetings

Finally, a huge thank you to our Year 6 helpers who, once again, were amazing at ensuring you all made it to your appointments on time!

Wincanton History Day

Please see the flyer below for Wincanton History Day on Saturday 5th April. Sessions in the Victorian School will be £1. These can be booked via Wincanton school office (or take a chance on the day) and run for 30 minutes at the following times: 10:30 / 11:15 / 12:00 / 1:00 / 1:45 / 2:30 / 3:15.

2025/26 Term Dates

Please see below for next year's term dates along with details of INSET days and planned residentials.

Parentmail Bookings – Lunches & Wraparound Care

Summer registers are on Parentmail for breakfast club and lunches. Lunches for the first week after Easter need to be booked by 1st April.

Wrap around care – September 2025 message from Mr Webb

Firstly an apology that I haven't communicated around wraparound care expansion for some months now. Funding and staffing are our barriers to moving beyond a 4.30pm finish, but I am hopeful that with some support from a DfE grant we should be able to appoint another member of staff, so that the provision can run to a 5.30pm finish daily. I should have another update for you on this early in the Summer term.

Charity Concert at Wincanton Memorial Hall, Saturday 29th March at 7pm



We have been asked to promote this charity concert for an adult choir which our piano teacher, Ruth Jenkins, conducts. They are raising money for a local charity 'mha - live later life well'. Somerton Concert Band is joining them to perform some great instrumental pieces and it's very much a family friendly event with audience participation encouraged! Tickets are £6 (children free). It's at Wincanton Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm, concert starts at 7pm and will finish around 9pm. An added bonus - Mr Bertie will be helping the band by playing his trumpet!



Movie 'n' Munch

Don't forget to complete and return the booking form for your child to attend our next Movie 'n' Munch on Tuesday 1st April! Forms are available from the school office if you haven't received one.

A reminder that school finishes at 3pm next Friday for the Easter break. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Brazier



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Church School

Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year

September 2025						October 2025						November 2025					
M	1	8	15	22	29	Mo	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24		
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25		
W	3	10	17	24		We	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26	
Th	4	11	18	25		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26		Fr	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28	
Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30
December 2025						January 2026						February 2026					
M	1	8	15	22	29	M	5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23		
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	6	13	20	27	Tu	3	10	17	24		
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Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa	7	14	21	28	
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	
March 2026						April 2026						May 2026					
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	5	12	19	26		
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Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	2	9	16	23	30
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June 2026						July 2026						August 2026					
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days
	Yr6 Tests
	Yr6 Residential
	Yr5 Residential
	Yr3/4 Residential

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)
TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	6 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	3 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Wincanton History Day

Saturday 5th April 2025

Come and learn about the Trojan Horse in our Victorian Classroom based in St Peters and St Pauls Church – Victorian Style!

Or

Join our Writing and Art competition

Prizes for entries of those who are aged (school years)

- Preschool/Reception
- Year 1/2
- Year 3/4
- Year 5/6

Entries are to depict

"The Horse in Work, Sport and Leisure" -across time

This can be in the form of a poem, newspaper article from the time of the event, historic novel/story

A painting, collage or even a 3D model showing the horse in historic events.

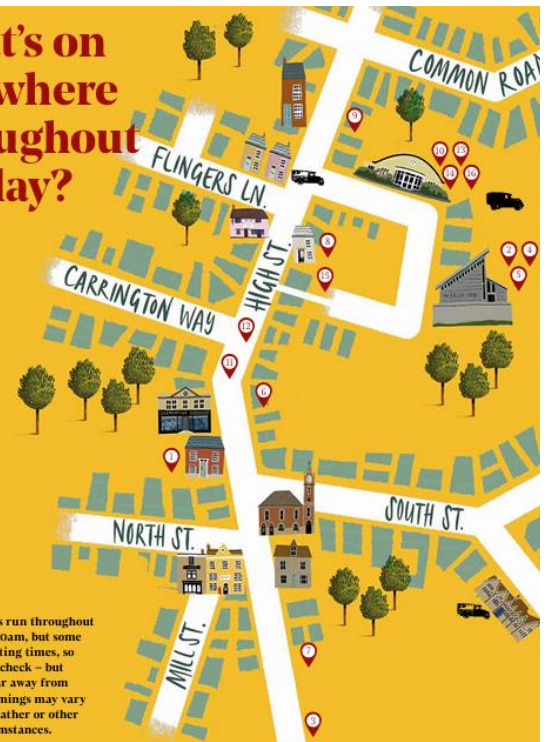
Think about how this beautiful animal has been used throughout history – for example in the war, Grand National Race, evolution of farming and even the Royal family.

All entries are to be returned to your child's school by
Monday 31st March 2025 and these will be passed on to the
History Society for judging.

Entries will be on display in the Memorial Hall on the day.

What's on and where throughout the day?

*Map not to scale



Most of the events run throughout the day from 10.00am, but some have specific starting times, so be sure to double check – but nothing is very far away from anything else. Timings may vary due to adverse weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

1. Museum Opening No.5 High Street. Opened by Gee Hirst at 10.00am
2. Metal Detecting Starts at 10.30am. Balsam Centre Garden
3. Victorian School Room. Open from 10.30am at St Peter and St Paul's church. Also coffee morning and bell-ringing and displays.
4. Ask the Experts about genealogy, family or local history in the Balsam Centre, from 10.30am
5. The Antiques Valuations Have your items identified and valued by our experts. Balsam Centre, starting at 10.30am
6. Artisan Crafts in Coles Yard from 10.30am
7. Freemasons' Lodge Open Day from 10.30am
8. Quakers Meeting. House exhibition from 10.30am
9. Methodist Church from 10.30am. Tea and coffee and church display.
10. Soggy Biscuit Band and Tea dance 11.00 to 2.30pm, Memorial Hall.
11. Horse and Costume Parade 12 noon, followed by the Hobby Horse parade. Travelling down the High Street.
12. Vintage Transport Parade will travel down Bayford Hill at 1.00pm and parade along the High Street (twice) before parking in the Memorial Hall Car Park
13. Talk at 2.45pm in the Memorial Hall, The Hon Mrs Victor Bruce, Queen of Speed, Riding, Driving, Flying. A life lived on horsepower. A talk by Carey Chapman. Tickets on the door £3 (or the website wincantonhistorysociety.com)
14. Schools competition entries displayed in the Memorial Hall.
15. West Country Tommies
16. The Memorial Cafe for when you get peckish and cake competition.

Wincanton History Day 2025
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

CALL FOR ENTRIES

HOBBY HORSE GRAND NATIONAL PARADE

SPONSORED BY HILLBRUSH

To accompany the Horse Parade, WINCANTON HISTORY DAY is running a hobby horse "GRAND NATIONAL PARADE" for children, with a PRIZE for the best silks and best turned-out horse.

DETAILS ON HOW TO ENTER ARE ON OUR WEBSITE.
WINCANTONHISTORYSOCIETY.COM

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EASTER SOCCER SCHOOLS

7 - 11 April
14 - 17 April

COMMUNITY
SPORTS
TRUST

ALL APRIL BOOKINGS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW
TO WIN A FREE WEEK OF SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL

SCAN TO BOOK

HUSH PARK

9:00 - 15:00
After Hours Club
Available to book!



DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

MARCH:	
Monday 24th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
Tuesday 25th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm
APRIL:	
Thursday 3rd	9.05am End of Term Awards
Tuesday 1st	Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Friday 4th	Easter Experience in Church (pupils only event) 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break (No After Fun provision)
	<u>7th APRIL to 21st APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u>
Tuesday 22nd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 23rd	School re-opens
Wed 23rd - Fri 25th	Yr5 Residential
MAY:	
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 8th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
12th to 15th	SATS Week
Friday 16th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival
19th to 22nd	Year 6 Residential

Friday 23 rd	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>
<u>26th MAY to 30th MAY - HALF TERM</u>	
JUNE:	
Monday 2 nd	School re-opens
16 th to 17 th	Year 3/4 Residential
Tuesday 17 th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs
Wednesday 18 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 24 th	KS2 Top Link Festival
Friday 27 th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Summer Fayre
JULY:	
Wednesday 2 nd	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Friday 4 th	School Sports Event / PTFA Summer Fayre
Thursday 10 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
<i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>	
Tuesday 15 th	Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Monday 21 st	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 22 nd	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 23 rd	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.