



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

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Collective Worship Reflections



This week we began our focus on some of the main characters from the Christmas story: Week 1 is Trusting Mary – Jesus' Mum. Mary was young and poor, not really the type of mother for a great King. She risked a lot by saying yes to God's call.


During our Wednesday reflection time children shared their thoughts on these reflection questions:

- Do we sometimes think someone is special just because of how they look? How can we be kind to everyone?
- Mary said yes to God even though it was a little scary. Would you be brave to help even if it was hard?
- How can we be good friends and help others like Mary did?


A FESTIVAL OF CRIB AND NATIVITY SCENES

2025

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



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 2nd December 2025

Join us in the great outdoors for a fun time of faith-based stories, Crafts and much, much more! **We'll be making Crib decorations to go towards the Church's first ever "Nativity Festival"** (see this Friday's newsletter for more information!)

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.



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.21st

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



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Eli for his growing confidence in school. Eli has made great progress since the start of the school year and we are all so proud of him. Well done Eli!

Barney has perfected our new school strategy 'SHARP'. Barney consistently follows rules and is a great role model, well done Barney!

Bowie

Jaxx for great focus during handwriting, working really hard with great results!

Jacob for always having a great learning attitude in class and being an independent learner.

Anning

Aiyla for showing fantastic skill in dodgeball - dodging and throwing like a champ! Well done, Aiyla!

Jess for writing a fantastic setting description inspired by stepping into a mystical world at the Centre of the Earth. Wonderful work, Jess!

Zephaniah

Amelia for being able to choose the correct method for separating our mixtures and being able to explain why they would work.

Phoebe for becoming more confident with her Maths and being to explain how to find the area of the shapes.

Lunchtime Award:

Scarlett from Bowie Class for always being polite and cheerful.

Lacey from Anning Class for being extremely willing and helpful particularly in the playground.

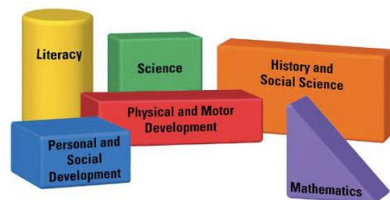
Out of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Abigail** in Bowie Class for making her Brownie Promise and achieving her Level 5 Learn to Swim Award.
- **Lacey** from Anning Class for achieving her Level 5 Learn to Swim 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



Nightingale Class



This week, the children took part in a fun “**Guess the Baby**” activity linked to our history learning about the past. They all looked at their baby photos and had a wonderful time trying to work out who was who! This helped them explore how people change over time and understand that everyone has a past. The children absolutely loved the activity and shared lots of laughter and great conversations as they compared past and present. It was a fantastic way to make learning about history meaningful and enjoyable. Well done Nightingales!



Updates

KS1 Nativity “Whoops-a-Daisy Angel”

KS1 children in Nightingale and Bowie classes have been rehearsing for their production of this year’s Nativity “Whoops-a-Daisy Angel”. Parents are able to book tickets (on the Arbor parent portal under School Shop) for the performances on Tuesday 9th December at either 9.15am or 2.15pm. There is no charge for tickets but donations are always gratefully received to go towards production costs.



Christmas Hot Lunch - Tuesday 16th December

Parents can book on the Arbor parent portal but please be aware that the **deadline for ordering ALL MEALS for the last week of term is TODAY!** A reminder that there is no cost for those entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meals but, for those who pay, the charge is £3 per meal. There is no packed lunch option available that day, but jacket potatoes will be available to order.

Parent Meetings

A big **thank you** to all our parents and carers who attended meetings this week. It’s a wonderful chance for teachers to share how your children are progressing and for you to see all the fantastic work they’ve been doing. We really appreciate you taking the time to complete our survey - your feedback is very valuable to us. As in previous years, responses were very positive and we are grateful for your kind and supportive comments. We also appreciate the helpful suggestions and over the next few weeks we will be looking at these carefully and working on any improvements.

A special well done to our **Year 6 helpers**, who did a brilliant job showing everyone to their appointments and helping the evenings run smoothly and on time.



Every Learner Matters

Celebrating Neurodiversity

Our school community is full of unique thinkers and learners. Neurodiversity is the idea that brains work in different, equally valuable ways.

Children with ADHD, autism, dyslexia and other needs bring energy, creativity, honesty, and fresh perspectives.

By teaching children to celebrate differences, we prepare them for a world where teamwork, innovation and empathy matter most. Inclusion isn’t just about support — it’s about celebrating every child’s potential.



Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December



Thank you for sending in donations of chocolate today for our Tombola Stall. A reminder that raffle tickets and tokens will be for sale at pick up in the lower playground from 2nd to 4th December. If you are able to offer any time on Fayre day to help set up during the afternoon or run a stall at the Fayre, please do contact the PTA via their email (ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com) to confirm your availability. **Booking to see Santa!** Please complete and return the form in the envelope to the PTA postbox as soon as possible.

Christmas Trees and Wreaths

These can be ordered up to the deadline of **Friday 5th December** through Three Counties Landscaping (order form previously provided). We are grateful to TCL as they have pledged to donate 10% of all our orders received to PTA funds.

Other Events Before Christmas:



Send your child to **Elf School** for the day on Tuesday 16th December – children to come to school dressed as elves or other Christmas characters for £1, or combine Elf School with booking for **Movie 'n' Munch** for just £4 per child – book your child in so you can have extra time for some last minute Christmas shopping without them! Booking form to follow.



Don't forget to complete our feedback form too!

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And finally...

It's been another wonderful week at school! Next week marks the beginning of Advent and the start of our seasonal activities — time to get the glitter out! Please keep an eye on the newsletter for important dates and details about our special Christmas events. We're heading into a busy and exciting three weeks. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Brazier

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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

NOVEMBER:

Friday 28 th	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch/hot lunches for last week of term
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DECEMBER:

Monday 1 st	Governors Meeting
Tuesday 2 nd	Muddy Church – Advent
2 nd to 4 th	Raffle ticket and token sales in lower playground
Thursday 4 th	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 5 th	Yr3/4 Residential – 2 nd payment deadline Deadline for ordering Christmas Trees and Wreaths – letter to follow PTFA Christmas Fayre – (No After Fun provision)
Monday 8 th	9.15am Nativity – dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Sunday 14 th	4pm Christingle Service in St Mary's Church
Tuesday 16 th	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Song Showdown) PTA Elf School & Movie 'n' Munch (see PTA section for more details)
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)
Sunday 21 st	6.30pm Carol Service in St Mary's Church

22nd DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 5 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 6 th	School re-opens
Tuesday 27 th	Muddy Church – Candlemass

FEBRUARY:

Friday 6 th	Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline
Tuesday 11 th	House challenge – pancake races p.m.
Thursday 12 th	Open Afternoon (Yr1-6 parents from 2.15pm / EYFS Stay & Play from 2.30pm)
Friday 13 th	3.30pm School closes for half term
<u>16th FEBRUARY to 20th FEBRUARY – HALF TERM</u>	
Monday 23 rd	School re-opens
Tuesday 24 th	Muddy Church – Spring, new beginnings
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
Tuesday 31 st	Muddy Church – Easter
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)
<u>3rd APRIL to 17th APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u>	
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
Tuesday 5 th	Muddy Church
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	3.30pm School closes for half term
<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
Tuesday 23 rd	Muddy Church
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	Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow

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.