



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (4) Friday 31st January 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



In our collective worships we have started a new series reflecting on the 'I am sayings' of Jesus. In these sayings Jesus uses metaphors to teach his followers about who he truly is. This week we focused on Jesus saying, 'I am the light of the world'. Pupils were asked who or what guides them in difficult times (who is their lighthouse?). Anning Class's Alice said, "My lighthouse is my mum she always tries her best and she always keeps me safe. She always is kind and caring and is amazing. My other lighthouse is Jesus because he always leads me to the light and safe path".

Muddy Church

We enjoyed our Muddy Church meeting yesterday afternoon, in lovely winter sunshine. The theme was new beginnings and the children enjoyed a hunt around the Forest School area identifying signs of new beginnings (Spring) and the story of the Prodigal Son who, after living a riotous life, realised that he had done wrong and returned to his father who was willing to offer him a new beginning; just as God does for us when we truly say sorry. We all enjoyed toasting marshmallows together around the campfire to bring our session to a close.





Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Ada for your fantastic effort in writing this week where you have been beginning to sequence sentences all about what Goldilocks got up to in a week! Well done!

Declan for showing great perseverance and enthusiasm in your phonics this week - you have been working hard to recognise phase 3 graphemes, well done!

Bowie

Jack for showing excellent skills and determination in our Maths learning. Your enthusiasm is inspirational, Jack.

Florence - you are the clearest voice in the room when calling out our Phonics sounds and you are excellent at using those sounds to help you write words!

Anning

Reggie for working hard all week in English and trying extra hard in whole class reading to contribute to class discussions about the text - well done Reggie!

Theodore for trying really hard in Maths this week when learning how to find factor pairs of a given number - well done Theodore!

Zephaniah

Oscar for a fantastic week. Oscar has persevered in Maths, wowed us in English and worked incredibly hard across the whole curriculum in the afternoons.

Isla-Rose for working hard in her group work in Maths; Isla listened carefully this week and followed all of the steps!

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Gabriel** from Bowie Class for achieving his white belt in Mixed Martial Arts and also for being awarded a certificate for a successful sleep study.



Templecombe
Token
Certificates

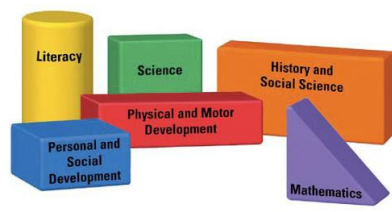


Congratulations go to Harvey Stt from Bowie Class, Nala, Freddie E, Jessica, Lacey, Isla S and Tamsin from Anning Class and Rebecca, Fred, Jacob H, Amelia, Patrick, Matthew and Isaac from Zephaniah Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations go to Harvey Stb from Bowie Class and Bodhi and Freddie S from Anning 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.



Our Curriculum



Anning Class

In Geography, Anning class have been learning all about natural disasters. For the past two weeks the children have been focusing on Volcanoes. They have learnt how they are formed, the different types and the features of a volcano. Last lesson they had to compare reasons for and against as to whether or not they would like to live near a volcano. After a class vote, most of the children decided the risk was too great and that they wouldn't want to live anywhere near a volcano!



Online Safety

As many of our children use WhatsApp and other online platforms to stay connected, it is important to ensure they understand how to navigate these spaces safely, especially in large groups. Below are some tips and guidelines to help you support your child's online safety:

Key Safety Tips for WhatsApp Use

1. Be Cautious About Group Membership
 - Monitor the groups your child is added to and ensure they only participate in groups with people they know and trust.
 - Remind them they can leave groups where they feel uncomfortable.
2. Privacy Settings Matter
 - Ensure their profile photo, status, and other information are only visible to "Contacts" (not "Everyone"). You can adjust these in WhatsApp's Privacy Settings.
3. Talk About Sharing Responsibly
 - Discuss what's appropriate to share, including avoiding personal details, locations, or photos of themselves or others without consent.
 - Remind them to think before forwarding messages to avoid spreading misinformation.
4. Recognising and Avoiding Risks
 - Teach them to ignore messages from unknown numbers and report suspicious behavior.
 - Encourage them to speak to you, or a trusted adult at school, if they encounter anything inappropriate or concerning.
5. Managing Negative Interactions
 - In large groups, conflicts or unkind comments can escalate quickly. Encourage your child to stay respectful and avoid engaging in arguments.
 - They can mute or leave groups if they feel overwhelmed or unsafe.
 - Ask them to speak to you if any comments or conflicts have upset them.

6. Set Screen Time Limits

- o Balance WhatsApp use with offline activities. Setting boundaries can help prevent excessive screen time.

Between school and home, we can help create a safe online environment for our children by staying informed and having open conversations with them about their online experiences. Please do contact us if you have any questions, or concerns.

Year 5 and 6 Bikeability Course – 10th & 11^h February – 2 SPACES LEFT!

We have arranged a cycle training course, in conjunction with Somerset Road Safety, to take place in school over two days on 10th and 11th February. The Bikeability course has been designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. To enable this course to run, we need adult helpers with a roadworthy bike and bike helmet to accompany the children across the 2 days – it doesn't have to be the same person every day so if you can volunteer your time, even if it is just for one of the days, please do contact the school office. If you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to attend the course please do let the school office know: places will be allocated with Year 6 children taking priority and only those who have not done the course before may apply. Children will need a roadworthy bicycle, a bike helmet and be confident enough to ride on the roads around Templecombe.



Spring Disco – Tuesday 11th February

Please check your child's bag for the booking form which is coming home today. If possible, please pay by BACS and return your booking form to the PTA postbox outside the school office by Friday 7th February.

Bag2School – CHANGE OF DATE

Bag2School had to postpone our January collection date so they will now be calling on **Wednesday 12th March**. Please bring donation bags to the lower playground gate by 9am on that morning.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Brazier

We have a vacancy....

Teaching Assistant

30 hours per week (8.45am to 3.15pm)

Term Time Only

Pay Grade 15 – SCP 02

FTE salary £23,656 / Actual salary £16,218.28

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, compassionate and friendly team member as a Teaching Assistant. This role will involve helping groups and individuals with their learning.

We are looking for:

- an **experienced**, dedicated, hard-working learning support assistant;
- someone with excellent interpersonal skills with pupils, staff and parents;
- someone who has the ability to enthuse and inspire children;
- someone who is a strong team player who can share good practice and learn from others.

Previous experience of working in primary schools or working with children is essential, as is appropriate qualifications in English and Mathematics (GCSE grade C or equivalent).

The school is able to offer:


- the opportunity to work in a friendly, helpful environment;
- the opportunity to work with an experienced and dedicated school team;
- a caring and innovative environment.

Candidates are invited to contact the school and arrange to visit and meet with the Head of School. If you would like to arrange this, please book an appointment via phone 01963 370481 or email on enquiries@at.bwmat.org. Application forms are available from the enquiries email address.

Benefits of working for the Bath & Wells MAT include; a generous pension scheme, enhanced sickness and parental benefits and a supportive working environment.

The Bath & Wells MAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS and all relevant pre-employment checks.

Application forms should be accompanied by a full letter of application and sent to the school office by post or email to the school Office Manager – enquiries@at.bwmat.org.



The Balsam Centre
General Parent Carers Forum C.I.C.
COMMUNITY FUND

**Parent Carers Group
at The Balsam Centre**

*Come along to meet other parents, share ideas
and help each other out. Children welcome.*

Every fourth Wednesday of the month, 9.30–11am
01963 31842
www.balsamcentre.org.uk/parent-carers-group



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 4-14 YEARS OLD

SCAN TO BOOK!

LASER TAG, NERF GUN BATTLES, INFLATABLES, CRICKET, FOOTBALL, GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL, ARTS & CRAFTS, AND MORE!

Cost: STANDARD: £30.00 EXTENDED: £35.00

Times: STANDARD: 9.00AM-3.30PM EXTENDED: 8.00AM-5.30PM

Leweston
 Leweston School, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 6EN

February Half Term
 Monday 17th of February
 Tuesday 18th of February
 Wednesday 19th of February
 Thursday 20th of February

Booking Link
<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/02/17/leweston-ultimate-activity-camps-february-half-term>

More Information: ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk / 07903347412

There are also activity sessions being run at Leweston over the Easter break. Please visit this link if you are interested in booking a space for your child:

leweston.schoolactivity.co.uk/booking?venue_id=25&activity_category_id=124

DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

FEBRUARY:	
Monday 10 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 11 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only) PTA Spring Disco – please complete and return the booking form
Friday 14 th	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>
<u>17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM</u>	
Monday 24 th	School re-opens 6pm Governors Meeting
MARCH:	
Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities (House Challenge Spring 2)
Wednesday 12 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm 6pm Governors Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm
APRIL:	
Thursday 3 rd	9.05am End of Term Awards
Tuesday 1 st	Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow
Friday 4 th	Easter Experience in Church <u>3pm School Closes for the Easter Break</u> (No After Fun provision)
<u>7th APRIL to 21st APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u>	

