



# Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



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## Collective Worship Reflections



### Collective Worship

As it is the first week of the new half term we returned to our core values this week, specifically looking at respect. We looked closely at how we treat one another, showing respect in all our actions and words. In our Friday assembly Emerald's Freddie S shared, "I can show respect by listening to the teacher." and, from Topaz Class, Charlie S said, "You can show respect to others in lots of ways like, being kind and helping others. You should always treat others how you want to be treated."



## Worker of the Week



### Diamond

**Hope** for your amazing perseverance in writing this week. You used your sound mat independently to support you. Well done!

**Molly** for your brilliant writing all about the seasons. You are becoming more independent in your writing every day - well done!

### Emerald

**Jessica** for her amazing detailed writing on how to be a good friend!

**Reggie** for his incredible focus and effort during PE. Reggie was brilliant at the beanbag shotput.

### Ruby

**All the Year 4's** for working really hard and persevering to learn their times tables for their multiplication check.

### Topaz

**Ruthi** for a well written character profile including some amazingly descriptive sentences which made interesting and engaging reading.



Templecombe  
Token  
Certificates



Congratulations go to Freddie from Diamond Class, Jos from Emerald Class and Fred, Alfie and Olivia F from Ruby Class for achieving their Gold Templecombe Token certificate this week.

**KS2 Top Link Festival**

A massive well done to the children from across Years 3 – 6 that represented us at this week's Rounders and Athletics events at King Arthur's School. Both our teams won the rounders competitions and, after the athletics events, we were third overall. A great achievement, which I'm very proud of, but I am even more proud of how our children conducted themselves during the whole day of sporting activities. Parents should be rightly proud.

### Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- Ava in Ruby Class who passed her Stage 3 Swimming last weekend and was also awarded the Rainbow Distance Certificate for swimming 10 metres.
- Darcey in Emerald Class for achieving her Stage 4 Learn to Swim award.
- Lilly in Topaz Class who raised £135 for Cancer Research UK by doing the Muddy Run Race for Life in Poole.

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 Friday worship. Please bring certificates etc to the school office.*



In Ruby class this week, we have been learning about how to keep our teeth healthy. In Science we set up an investigation asking the question 'Do you think sugary drinks cause tooth decay?'. We used hard boiled eggs to replicate the enamel on a tooth, submerging each egg in a different drink (water, milk, Coca-Cola and orange juice) to see if any decay takes place. We wrote up our investigation in our books and predicted what we thought would happen. The children are excited to see what the results are next week.



### Staff Changes

It is around this time of year that we are notified of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this school year. Mrs Morris and Mrs Russell will both be stepping down from their Teaching Assistant jobs. Mrs Russell won't be leaving us completely as she will continue with her administrative roles and will still do some cover TA work. Mrs Morris is starting a new job as a House Matron at a private school – they are very lucky to have her! We will obviously say our proper goodbyes at our Leavers Service but it goes without saying that both of these excellent members of staff will be greatly missed. We will be advertising for their replacements in the coming weeks.

### 2023/24 Term Dates

Please see below for next academic year's term dates, including INSET days, SATs week and the residential.

### **Safety made simple – Child Safety Week**

Somerset families are encouraged to take basic steps to keep safe and prevent accidents and injuries in the home. 'Safety made simple' - that's the message from the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), supported by Somerset Council, as part of Child Safety Week this week. All children deserve to live their lives in a safe environment. Knowing how to keep our children safe, or how to respond when accidents happen can be the difference between a quick trip to the medicine cabinet rather than the hospital for something more serious. By incorporating simple safety practices into our routines, we can significantly reduce the risks that children face.

Some top tips to remember:

1. Everyone loves a BBQ when it's sunny, remember that the ground underneath a BBQ or a firepit can stay hot enough to cause a serious burn for a long time after it's been used.
2. Stay with children when they're eating and encourage them to sit still to reduce the risk of choking.
3. Grapes are the perfect size and shape to completely block a child's airway and, due to their texture, they can be difficult to dislodge. We advise cutting them in half lengthways and ideally into quarters to create thin strips.
4. Outdoor play is a great way for kids to burn off energy. Make sure chemicals like weed killer, fertiliser and garden tools are locked away. It's important to remember to keep batteries, liquidabs and cleaning products locked away inside the house also.
5. Always be alert near water.
6. Keep low furniture away from open windows so that children can't climb up and fall out – even on the ground floor. It's a good idea to install window catches (to limit how far the window can open) and locks if you can.
7. Don't forget to tie up looped blind cords and chains well out of the reach of small children, using a cleat, cord tidy or tensioner.
8. Stairs – teach your child to always hold the handrail on the stairs and make good use of safety gates if necessary.

For further information on managing child safety go to: <https://capt.org.uk/child-safety-week/>

### **Free School Meals**

A quick reminder to all families about Free School Meals - if your circumstances have changed there is support available by way of Free School Meals. If your child qualifies for free school meals, not only will they receive a healthy meal on every school day, it also means the family will receive financial support with trips and residential and the school receives additional funding that we use for in class support. It is a simple process to apply online via this link:

<https://docs.somerset.gov.uk/wl/?id=seS1iowdzq8FeFumDzucp3wpmWNYZDKI>

### **Parking**

Please respect our school neighbours and the village community by parking considerately near school, especially at drop off/pick up times, by avoiding blocking the dropped kerbs so that prams/pushchairs can get through, as well as leaving the disabled parking bays clear, unless you have a disability badge.

### **Breakfast & After Fun Clubs – Price Increase**

An advance notice that we will very unfortunately need to raise our fees for before and after school clubs. This will come as no surprise to parents given the rising costs of food, energy and staff wages. Our last increase was in September 2021 so we really have tried not to put up charges. From September 2023 the new cost will be £3.50 per child, per session.



**PTA Meeting**

**Summer Fayre** on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please let us know if you are able to help on the day or if you or someone you know would like to have a stall at the Fayre, please do contact the PTA by email at [templecombeschool.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:templecombeschool.pta@hotmail.com). There is a meeting next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, at 9am in school to continue planning the fayre – all parents are very welcome.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

*Mr Webb*

**DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2022/23 Academic Year**

*Entries highlighted in green are new this week!*

**JUNE:**

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Muddy Church in Forest School – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

**JULY:**

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Swap a class afternoon
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	School Sports Event
	PTFA Summer Fayre
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

9.10am End of Term Awards  
2pm Leavers Service in school

**3pm School Closes for the Summer Break**

**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.



**Somerset Council**

**Somerset School Terms and Holidays  
2023/2024 Academic Year**

September 2023					October 2023					November 2023										
M			4	11	18	25	Mo		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
T			5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	T			7	14	21	28
W			6	13	20	27	We		4	11	18	25	W		1	8	15	22	29	
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26	Th		2	9	16	23	30	
F		1	8	15	22	29	Fr		6	13	20	27	F		3	10	17	24		
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28	S		4	11	18	25		
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December 2023					January 2024					February 2024										
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March 2024					April 2024					May 2024										
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**Key:**

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<span style="background-color: #ffe0b2;"> </span> Bank Holiday	<span style="background-color: #bbdefb;"> </span> Year 5 residential
<span style="background-color: #e8f5e9;"> </span> Term Time	<span style="background-color: #d18799;"> </span> Year 6 residential
<span style="background-color: #c8e6c9;"> </span> Inset Days	<span style="background-color: #d7ccc8;"> </span> Year 6 National Tests

**Term dates summary:**

Term 1: 04 September – 20 October 2023 (35 days)
Term 2: 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)
Term 3: 02 January – 9 February 2024 (29 days)
Term 4: 19 February – 28 March 2024 (29 days)
Term 5: 15 April – 24 May 2024 (29 days)
Term 6: 03 June – 24 July 2024 (38 days) Total 195

**Bank and public holidays 2023/24**

Christmas Day	25 December 2023	Easter Monday	01 April 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2023	May Day Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
New Year's Day	01 January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.