



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (5) Friday 4th October 2024



Collective Worship Reflections



This week began our new focus of “Mr Men” faith. We were celebrating harvest time and explored this through Mr Greedy and Little Miss Generous, using the Bible story of the widow who gave all that she had to help others. During our reflection time today Matilda from Bowie Class told us that she shared her fizzy sweets even though she only had two left. From Anning Class, Freddie S shared “I was generous when I let people in front of me in the queue because I was only getting one thing” and Isla S said she is being generous when she donates to charity and when she did a litter pick around the village.

Harvest & Muddy Church

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the special Harvest Service in Forest School yesterday afternoon and for all the donated food, it is very much appreciated. This was swiftly followed by Muddy Church, where we continued to explore the theme of generosity. Children did a scavenger hunt around Forest School and created images representing them being generous with scavenged items, this was followed by toasting marshmallows around the campfire.





Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Star for always showing our Christian Values in school every day. You show fantastic listening skills, and are always showing kindness to your friends. Well done Star!

Marcie for showing great perseverance with your learning so far this year. You use resources to help you and attempt a challenge with a positive mindset. Well done Marcie!

Bowie

Harvey Stt for showing creativity in Forest School and making a new game! You showed good friendship to the class and our Christian Value of love throughout the lesson! Keep up the good work Harvey – we're very impressed!

Grace M for always having a BIG smile on your face and always being so positive. You always try your absolute hardest with each piece of work you are given. You are a fantastic role model within the class. Keep it up, Grace!

Anning

Evelyn for thinking outside of the box when writing a poem in response to one of our reading questions.

Bodhi for being a real team player in P.E this week, showing a mature attitude towards the game we were playing and supporting his team mates.

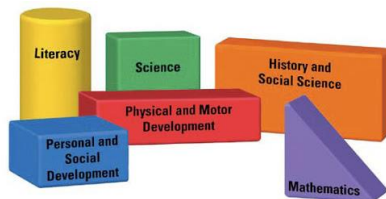
Zephaniah

Daisy for her imaginative biography introduction. Well done Daisy!

Bella for her brilliant behaviour and perseverance at swimming 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



Bowie Class

For the past few weeks Bowie Class have donned their lab coats and become real-life scientists. All of the children have been completing an array of experiments to test the properties of materials. Several stations throughout the classroom were dedicated to sorting everyday objects by their properties – and seeing if objects can have more than one property. We arranged several materials into magnetic and non-magnetic groups – and found it hilarious when we discovered that Miss Edwards' watch was also magnetic! We also checked how absorbent materials were... tinfoil didn't make the cut! Finally, we checked how soft/hard, bendy/breakable certain materials were (luckily with zero casualties to the school rulers!). Some of the vocabulary we have been using is quite tricky – but we are even beginning to use it in other lessons, for example, noticing when a worksheet is flexible... and definitely not waterproof! Some materials are rough, some materials are smooth, some are magnetic... and some definitely aren't absorbent (and all of us got a little bit wet!) We can't wait for the scientific adventures yet to come!





Updates

Hello Yellow Day – Thursday 10th October

On Thursday next week 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. 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!

- Nightingale and Bowie Classes will be bringing creativity and mindfulness to the classroom! As Key Stage 1 learners, we are always working hard and keeping busy, so to have the opportunity to switch off and be quiet in class might aid us in grounding ourselves and give us some time to think. Being mindful is imperative to keeping our minds healthy; music, art, and the Arts in general, can help soothe and calm the mind when life gets busy! Different types of music can convey different emotions – we will explore this and discuss how each song makes us feel and complete line drawings to represent each song. We will also perform a massage on our hands, focussing on pressure points, and discovering how it might help to calm us.
- The day for Anning Class will be focused around "mattering" - what matters to them and how they can show others that they matter. They will also take part in art activities looking at how colour can make them feel and expressing themselves through colour
- In Zephaniah Class the children will be learning strategies for self-regulation and the importance of protecting our mental health. They will be doing a range of calming activities such as Yoga, breathing exercises, arts and crafts.

At breaktime, we will be running a Treat shop for a donation of 20p. Items available will include giant cookies, cakes, biscuits and other sweet treats. **If your child has food allergies, please contact the school office by Wednesday so that an alternative food treat can be arranged.**

During the afternoon KS2 classes will take part in an online massage workshop. The children will be working with Sharon Pierson, a child and baby massage specialist, on techniques for self-regulation.

Be sure to ask your child all about what they have learnt – some of the skills may come in handy at home! 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!

Uniform

A reminder to please clearly name cardigans and jumpers. We appreciate that new uniform is a cost to parents but it is very difficult to return items to their correct owners if there is no name on the garment. Please could parents also check that their child hasn't taken someone else's jumper or cardigan home by mistake – this can also happen in a busy classroom!

Also, out on the playground it does get quite cold so please do send your child in with a suitable coat to wear at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Diary Dates

Please see the end of this newsletter for the diary dates for this academic year.

September Starters 2025 Tours

Abbas and Templecombe Church School

Is your child starting primary school in September 2025?

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:

Tuesday 15th October at 9.45am
Wednesday 23rd October at 1.45pm
Monday 4th November at 9.45am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@atbwmat.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

children communication committee
fundraising PTA school rewarding ideas
pupils staff parents events organisation teachers

AGM – Thursday 24th October at 7pm

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 24th October at 7pm in school. A letter will come home early next week with 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 school office by Friday 11th October.

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.

And finally...Volunteer Helpers Needed!!!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand during the afternoons in our school. Whether it's listening to children read, reading to a class, or supporting with engaging lessons like Forest School, art, design technology, or music, your time can make a real difference. If you are able to spare an afternoon, we'd love to have you join us in fostering a creative and supportive learning environment. Please contact the school office for an application form, if you are interested in getting involved! Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday.

Mrs Brazier

Sticky Fingers Pre-School

BINGO

Friday 18th October 2024
Templecombe Village Hall
doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm

**6 BOOKS FOR
£10
OR £2 EACH**

NO CHILDREN UNDER 6

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

RAFFLE

CAKES, TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

FUNDRAISING FOR STICKY FINGERS PRE-SCHOOL

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Free at the **SOCIAL CLUB**

Saturday 19th October
12 noon to 2.00pm

ALL WELCOME
The lunch will be jacket potato
With
Bolognaise, cheese or
beans

The lunch is arranged and provided by our community group

TEMPLECOMBE TOGETHER

Family Holiday Activities
at Wells Cathedral

Bishop Bubwith's Books

Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 October 2024

Join us on a fun-filled adventure as we journey back in time to celebrate Bubwith, the bishop who left 1,000 marks 600 years ago to build the Cathedral library – the biggest in England at the time!

Explore the Cathedral and visit our extraordinary chained library

Solve puzzles and uncover fascinating stories about far flung places.

Design Medieval postcards and make your own mini chained library book to take home.

FREE with adult entry.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in Wells Cathedral Education Room
10.30am–4.00pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed in this facility.

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

MINI ATHLETICS

Mini Athletics classes for ages 2 to 7 on Saturday mornings at North Cheriton Village Hall!

Book here now:

Come and burn off energy, learn new skills and build confidence with our super fun themed games! Every class ends with stickers on the podium!

PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION

October Dates: 21st - 24th, 28th - 31st

LEWESTON SCHOOL ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

Ages 4 - 13

Price £30 - £35

GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL, NERF GUNS, LASER TAG, GYMNASTICS, SWIMMING, FOOTBALL, BUBBLE FOOTBALL, ARCHERY TAG, AND MORE!

CONTACT: ED.DOUBLE@PRIMARY-SPORTS.CO.UK
CALL 07903347412

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2024/10/21/leweston-school-ultimate-activities-camps>

BOOK HERE

DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

OCTOBER:

Friday 4 th	Yr6 Swimming – final payment deadline
Thursday 3 rd	Experience Harvest (3pm in Forest School) - parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 10 th	Hello Yellow Day: Young Minds Charity for youth mental health
Tuesday 15 th	9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake
Thursday 17 th	Yr6 Maths Visit – details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd	No Yr6 swimming this week PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow
Wednesday 23 rd	1.45pm School Tour for September 2025 intake
Thursday 24 th	PTFA AGM in school 7pm
Friday 25 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

28th October to 1st November - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 4 th	School re-opens 9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake
Wednesday 6 th	Tempest Photography – individual photographs
Sunday 10 th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Monday 11 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial Whole School Flu vaccinations – check email to confirm date
Thursday 14 th	9.15am Pantomime at school
Monday 25 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later
Tuesday 26 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly More info later

DECEMBER:

Monday 9 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Thursday 12 th	9.15am Nativity to parents 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Friday 13 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow (No After Fun provision)
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Thursday 19 th	9.05am End of Term Awards / 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)
Friday 20 th	INSET Day – school closed

23rd DECEMBER to 3rd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 6 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	School re-opens
Thursday 30 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Monday 10 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 11 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Wednesday 12 th	Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Friday 14 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 24 th	School re-opens
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MARCH:

Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
Tuesday 25 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm

APRIL:

Thursday 3 rd	9.05am End of Term Awards
Friday 4 th	Easter Experience in Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break (No After Fun provision)

7th APRIL to 21st APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Tuesday 22nd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 23 rd	School re-opens
Wed 23rd - Fri 25th	Yr5 Residential

MAY:

Monday 5th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 6th – Wed 7th	Yr3/4 Residential
Thursday 8 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
12 th to 15 th	SATS Week
Friday 16 th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival
19 th to 22 nd	Year 6 Residential
Friday 23 rd	3.30pm School closes for half term

26th MAY to 30th MAY - HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 2 nd	School re-opens
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>
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

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.