



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (14) Friday 11th December 2024



Collective Worship Reflections



In our Collective Worship this week we focused on the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. In our reflection time, the children were asked: If you could give a gift to anyone which could be anything, something they need, what would it be? Lucy from Anning Class shared “If I give someone a present it would be a best friend bracelet and my trust. I would give it to my best friends because they are really kind and helpful” and Jessica said “It’s not about what you get, it is what you give”.

Nativity

Our nativity this year was “Away in a Manger” and I’m sure the families of our Year R, 1 and 2 children would agree that the children were fabulous. A big thank you goes to their staff for all their efforts in putting on the show.



Christmas Song Extravaganza

Thank you to everyone who supported the children at the song concert this week held in St. Nicholas Church, Henstridge. Around 80 children and over 200 family members along with staff from the two schools enjoyed a festive evening of song. The children sounded amazing, and everyone left with a Christmas glow...



Christmas Tree Festival: this weekend! Some Year 6 children carefully carried our winning tree over to the Church this afternoon and it has pride of place amongst all the other beautifully decorated trees, up at the Church. Please do pay them a visit.

Carol Service: Sunday 22nd December at 6pm. Come along for a lovely evening of carols (old and new) and the Christmas readings.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Declan for being a super listener and a great learner all week.

Nancy for being a kind and helpful class member.

Bowie

Matilda, or should I say, Maura! You have completely blown us away in your starring role in the Nativity. You are a born performer, Matilda. Learning all those lines – wow!

Gabriel for showing amazing skills across the board, notably in Phonics and as one of our fantastic Narrators. Not only this, but you are always the first to help keep the Bowie Classroom spotless!

Anning

Jackson for working really hard on his reading over the past few weeks and making some fantastic progress - well done Jackson and keep up the good work.

Alice-Rose for being an outstanding member of Anning class, always trying her best in every lesson and making sure her work is presented neatly - well done Alice-Rose.

Zephaniah

Atticus for his brilliant attitude to his learning this week. Atticus has worked particularly hard to improve his arithmetic score in basic skills each day! Well done.

Rebecca for her kind and caring behaviour to everyone in our class and to the younger pupils in the school. Well done, Rebecca.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Lacey** from Anning Class for achieving her Level 4 Learn to Swim award



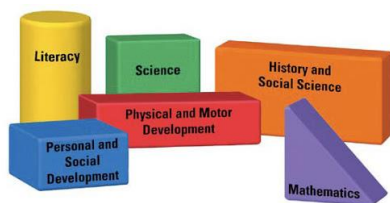
Templecombe
Token
Certificates



Congratulations go to **Amaya** from Bowie Class for achieving her Bronze 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 Anning class, the children have been learning all about the Romans. This week we have been finding out about the fierce and formidable warrior, Boudicca. We found out how Boudicca came to be the leader of the Iceni tribe and tried to stop the Romans from taking over their lands. Unfortunately for her and her army, after many victorious battles, the Celts finally admitted defeat at the Watling Street Battle. The children wrote about Boudicca's life and then drew a picture of her based on a historical description from the Roman writer Cassius Dio. A special mention to Evelyn, who was so inspired by Boudicca that she created a detailed biography about her life.



Christmas Draw

The PTA are running a Christmas Draw with 6 prizes to be won, each containing a bottle of non-alcoholic mulled wine and a box of mince pies. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning, tickets are £1 each and can be purchased by BACS payment to the PTA (Friends of Abbas & Templecombe School, Bank Account no: 87526581, Sort Code: 60-24-09). Please submit your payments by Monday 16th December and the draw will take place on Tuesday.

WISE Workshop booklet for parents

Click the link to access our SEND webpage where you can scroll down to the WISE up advice booklet [SEND - Abbas and Templecombe Church School](#)

Hot Lunch Bookings on Parentmail

Hot meal bookings for January are now available on Parentmail. **The deadline for booking hot lunches for the first week back in January is Wednesday 18th December.**

A reminder of our festive events and deadlines in the run up to Christmas:

Tuesday 17 th	<p>Yr4 Brass lesson at 9.45am</p> <p>Treat Day Tuesday – don't forget to send in your 50p to purchase a sweet treat at breaktime</p> <p>2.45pm End of Term Awards An opportunity to celebrate in-school successes with the end of term Head Teacher Awards. I'm afraid that families are not able to attend on this occasion.</p> <p>PTA Movie 'n' Munch. An opportunity for children to stay after hours and enjoy a movie and snacks with their friends. Please complete and return the booking form to the PTA postbox and make payment by BACS.</p>
Wednesday 18 th	<p>Christmas Song Classes sharing songs in the hall</p>
Thursday 19 th	<p>Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children charity fundraiser. On the last day of term we will be fundraising for Save The Children by donating a £1 each to wear our Christmas jumpers over our school uniform. Please don't feel you have to buy a Christmas jumper especially for this, but normal school jumpers should be worn if no Christmas jumper is available.</p> <p>Christmas Hot Lunch Thank you for returning your order forms. Where possible children will all eat their Christmas lunch together. Pupils having packed lunch will still sit with their peers for this festive meal.</p> <p>Christmas Service in St Mary's Church, 2pm. Our traditional End of Term Service led by our eldest children; featuring singing, readings, drama and digital media. We look forward to welcoming parents to join us.</p>
3pm School Closes for Christmas	

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up and running of our Christmas Fayre last week, and to everyone who donated any or all of a teddy, some chocolate, a raffle prize or their time! We are pleased to announce that we made a profit of £617.52 which will go towards further events for the children.

Movie 'n' Munch is on Tuesday next week - please complete and return the booking form to the PTA postbox and make payment by BACS.

We hope you have a good weekend.

Mrs Brazier

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
2024

To be held in the Church at St Mary the Virgin, Templecombe



All entries welcome!

Display Dates: 14th and 15th December 2024
Entry Forms to be Returned by 1st December 2024

The Church is open every Tuesday and Friday between 2.30pm and 3.30pm where there will be a box for completed entry forms.

The Church will be open on Friday 13th from 10am to bring and decorate your trees.

Alternatively, please contact Brenda Ford
Mobile: 07747 773982
Email: fairielillie@aol.com

Saturday 14th December

Santa's Grotto followed by Children's Disco

No charge, but all donations welcome

A free hot dog, packet of crisps and drink for each child attending

3—5pm Santa's Grotto

5—7pm Children's Disco

All children will receive a gift from Santa

Under 11's for both events

Please email Heather if you wish your child to attend catering and present purposes)
at heathermc_2014@yahoo.com



There is a Santa's Grotto followed by Children's Disco being held at Templecombe Social Club tomorrow afternoon for children under the age of 11. This is a free event but is not run by school so parents need to make their own arrangements to accompany children.

DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

DECEMBER:

Tuesday 17th

Yr4 Brass 9.45am

Treat Day Tuesday – bring in 50p for a tuck shop treat at breaktime!

2.45pm End of Term Awards

Movie 'n' Munch after school

Wednesday 18th

Christmas song event in classes

Thursday 19th **Christmas Jumper Day** / Christmas Hot Lunch / 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)

Friday 20th INSET Day – school closed

23rd DECEMBER to 3rd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 6th INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 7th School re-opens

Monday 20th 6pm Governors Meeting

Thursday 30th PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Monday 10th Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)

Tuesday 11th Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

Wednesday 12th Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)

Friday 14th **3.30pm School closes for half term**

17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 24th School re-opens
6pm Governors Meeting

MARCH:

Tuesday 4th Pancake Day activities

Monday 24th Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm
6pm Governors Meeting

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

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 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

Monday 12th 6pm Governors Meeting

Friday 16th KS1 Multi-Skills Festival

19th to 22nd Year 6 Residential

Friday 23rd **3.30pm School closes for half term**

26th MAY to 30th MAY - HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 2nd School re-opens

16th to 17th Year 3/4 Residential

Tuesday 17 th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs
Wednesday 18 th	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 23 rd	6pm Governors Meeting
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 14 th	6pm Governors Meeting
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

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.