



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (2) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Collective Worship  
Reflections



As is usual, we begin the year with a focus on our four primary school values: love, perseverance, respect and inspire. Last week we focused on the value of love through the story of the Good Samaritan. During our Friday reflection time Lucy from Anning Class said the people who didn't stop to help were selfish, but the Good Samaritan helped and showed love and respect. Victoria from Zephaniah Class said the Good Samaritan taught us to always show love even if people aren't our friends and Pippa added "Be kind". This week we have focused on the value of perseverance through the story of the lost sheep; the good shepherd persevered in looking for the lost sheep, never giving up. In our reflection time together today, Atticus from Zephaniah Class said he persevered in his art this week by drawing something wrong, then persevering to make it right and Isaac shared that he persevered to count to sixty nine in French.



Worker of the Week



## Nightingale

**Charlie** for settling so brilliantly into Nightingale class, always with a smile on your face.

**Ada** for settling into the routines of Year 1 with such ease. Well done!

## Bowie

**Harry** for jumping straight back into routines and putting amazing effort into all his work – especially in Maths and English! Well done Harry!

**Lola** for starting this new term with an excellent attitude to learning and with a huge smile on her face! Keep up the hard work Lola!

## Anning

**Lacey** for trying her absolute best in Anning class this week and working her socks off in every subject - well done Lacey!

**Freddie E** for coming back to school this year with an epic positive attitude towards all of his learning - keep it up Freddie!

## Zephaniah

**Norah** for fantastic effort in PE this week. Norah worked hard to perform the jumps and leaps correctly.

**Iesha** for her enthusiasm in English. Iesha has made a wonderful, positive start with her writing.

## Outside of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Harrison** from Bowie Class for achieving his Level 2 Learn to Swim award and for participating in Milborne Port Football Club's summer football camp, showing hard work, determination and outstanding football skills.

**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.*



## Bowie Class

As an introduction to our new Geography unit ('The Seven Continents'), Bowie class have created representations of planet earth. We noticed just how much sea there is, compared to land and we impressed Miss Edwards with our knowledge of countries... far and wide. Next task is to impress her as we learn about the seven continents!



**Updates**

## Year 6

We are encouraging our Year 6 to take on responsibilities around school this term. On Monday we selected Emily, Rebecca, Fred and Cameron to be our first group of Worship monitors. They will be responsible for setting up the hall, welcoming everyone to worship and saying the closing prayer. Over the year they will also be involved in the planning and organisation of some worships. We plan to select a new set of monitors each half term, so they all get a chance to participate.

We have also appointed Cameron, Emily and Bella as morning helpers for Nightingale Class and Harrison is our first aid kit monitor. Most of Zephaniah Class volunteered to become readers for our KS1 classes (Nightingale and Bowie) as well as for Sticky Fingers Pre-School. This will occur at different points during the week and everyone who volunteered will be involved. We will be reintroducing our Play Leader scheme over the coming weeks – again this is voluntary, and we are expecting a keen response from the children to participate in this important role too! We are all very proud of how our new Year 6 children are conducting themselves in these roles – they are doing a great job!



### New Benches

We would like to say a big “thank you” to DL Group and Spectrum Electrical who have very kindly donated two new 5ft benches for our Forest School. As you can see, they have already been put to good use!



### Ad Hoc MDSA vacancy

We are looking to recruit an ad hoc Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to ensure we can cover when other supervisors aren't available. Experience of working with children in a voluntary or paid capacity is preferred. We have a really friendly and dedicated lunchtime team and full training will be given. The hours are from 11.45am until 1.15pm school term time only, with a commitment of around two to three days a week. This post requires a criminal background check via the disclosure procedure. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### 2025 Admissions Process

School Admissions have asked us to publicise the admissions process for school place applications for September 2025. The online portal will be live for secondary applications from Monday 16 September and for primary applications from Monday 30 September. For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school the closing date for applications is 31 October 2024 and the national offer day is 3 March 2025. For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is 15th January 2025 and the national offer day is 16 April 2025.

The web pages and primary and secondary admission guides for the 2025 admissions process will be updated from early September and can be found on their website under “Applying for school” ([somerset.gov.uk](http://somerset.gov.uk)). Parent/carers are advised to read the information thoroughly before making an online application. **It is a parent's responsibility to make an application by the closing date.**

Secondary School Open Evenings:

School	Date(s)	Time
Gillingham School	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	6.30pm
King Arthur's School	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	4.30pm-7pm
Sturminster Newton High School	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm-8.30pm
Gryphon School	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	5pm-7.30pm



### Bag2School

We have booked our Bag2School collection dates for this academic year and the first one is on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Please bring donations to the lower playground gate by 9am that day.



## Asda Cashpot for Schools

Asda Rewards have teamed up with Joe Wicks to support UK primary schools through a new “Cashpot for Schools” scheme and we would be grateful if you would support us. All you need to do is open your Asda Rewards app and tap ‘Cashpot’ then ‘Join Cashpot for Schools’ to opt-in. You’ll then be able to select our school and every time you spend £2 or more at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com) or in store, 0.5% of your total will go to our Cashpot. This is an additional donation and doesn’t affect your personal earnings. Plus, we’ll get an extra £1 for every customer who chooses us and as we are a member of Parentkind, they will add £50 to our Cashpot. Our total already stands at £75.61!

## AGM

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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...

It has been a great first ‘full’ week back; the children have all settled well into the routines of school and have been working hard in lessons this week. In particular, the children who have started school, joining us in Nightingale Class have really impressed us all!

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

*Mrs Brazier*



**Scouts**

# BINGO



2<sup>nd</sup> Templecombe Scout Group  
At Templecombe Village Hall  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Doors open 6:30 pm Eyes down 7:30 PM  
Raffles  
Food and Drink available



HAPPINESS IS YELLING  
**BINGO**

# SONGBIRDS

## Youth Choir

Songbirds youth choir resumes on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September for young people aged 7-16.

A fabulous opportunity to sing a range of songs, have fun and smile under the tuition of Becky Peckover-Mitchell.

6pm-7pm Tuesday evenings  
Stalbridge Primary School Hall  
Mobile: 07957133317

Email: [beckymitch05@gmail.com](mailto:beckymitch05@gmail.com)

**CALL BECKY FOR MORE INFO!**



**TEMPLECOMBE LADIES CHOIR**  
*Seasonal Concert*  
on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
at 3pm  
in St Mary's Church, Templecombe  
directed by Annemarie Lees  
and featuring Caroline D'Cruz (Piano)  
Becky Ash (Soprano Soloist)

Come along and enjoy a variety of music at this teatime concert, followed by refreshments.

Free admission but donations for St Mary's Church will be gratefully received.