



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (15) Friday 19th December 2024



Season's greetings to you all. It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks in school and we know the children have had lots of fun and laughs along the way. We've captured some of the activities below.

Christmas Song Event

A really special moment this week was the class Christmas Song Showdown which saw the children from each class performing Jingle Bells, 12 Days of Christmas, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and Snow is Falling which included a Christmas Conga!



Christmas Hot Lunch

The children and staff enjoyed their Christmas meal all together and we would like to say thank you to Piskula for providing us with a very tasty Christmas Lunch as well as a cookie for each of the children. Before lunch, each class received a special delivery of class gifts from the PTA.



Our week ended with the Year 6 children leading our annual Christmas Service. It was lovely to welcome parents to this end of term event. Lots of the school took part in our Christmas Jumper Day (raising £75) for Save the Children, which reminds us all that unfortunately some children don't have a brilliant time at Christmas, which brings me to the closing prayer of my seasonal message which is for all of our community.

“May the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the Shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas. Amen.”

BENEFICE OF ABBAS & TEMPLECOMBE, HENSTRIDGE AND HORSINGTON

Services for December 2024
at St Mary’s Church, Abbas & Templecombe

Sunday 22nd December: 9.30am Bubble Church (at Village Hall)
6.30pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve: 11.00pm Midnight communion at HENSTRIDGE
Christmas Day: 10.00am Family Communion
Sunday 29 December: 9.30am Bubble Church (at Village Hall)
10.30am Joint Benefice holy Communion at HENSTRIDGE



Awards



We held our End of Term Awards this morning – well done to everyone for all your hard work, but some special congratulations go to Star, Leo, Scarlett and Ada from Nightingale Class, Grace M, Jacob, Harvey Stb and George from Bowie Class, Evelyn, Freddie, Austin and Aiyla from Anning Class and Jacob D, Amelia, Alisha and Fred from Zephaniah. We also congratulate 16 of our students for achieving 100% attendance at school this term.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Jacob** from Bowie Class for achieving his Level 3 Learn to Swim Award
- **Theodore** from Anning Class for achieving 7 kyu in Nishikan Martial Arts



Updates

Wraparound Care

A reminder please to book any required spaces for Breakfast Club and/or After Fun for next term. Both clubs are becoming more popular and we quite often now reach the 20 space capacity for both clubs, so if you don't book early, you might miss out!



Movie ‘n’ Munch the children all thoroughly enjoyed the movie on Tuesday this week – we had a record number of attendees this time! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event such a success.



What a brilliant first term it’s been, lots of great learning and hard work by all. A heartfelt thank you for the thoughtful gifts received by our staff — your kindness is truly appreciated! We look forward to welcoming all children back on **Tuesday, 7th January 2025**. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your holidays be filled with joy and relaxation.

Mrs Brazier

DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

DECEMBER:

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 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

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 23 rd - Fri 25 th	Yr5 Residential

MAY:

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

26th MAY to 30th MAY - HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 2 nd	School re-opens
16 th to 17 th	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.