



# Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (7) Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Collective Worship Reflections



We have begun our new theme of Mr Men Faith. Using well known Mr Men and Little Miss characters, we are exploring what the Bible says about the characteristics they show; week one was Mr Strong and how God is there for us in good times and bad. During our Friday reflection time, Ruby's Evelyn shared, "When I don't feel strong I lean on my teachers, friends and family so they can help me", and Topaz's Emily said "My inner strength comes from knowing I am loved by people".



## Worker of the Week



### Diamond

**Harrison** for your fantastic work in Maths this week, making fact families! Well done!

**Emmet** for your brilliant work in Phonics this week! You are using your sound mat independently to support your writing, well done!

### Emerald

**Isla S** for her fantastic work in Geography this week. Isla created a playdoh representation of the seven continents and five oceans and labelled it independently.

**Edith** for working very hard to apply all the punctuation rules when writing sentences with direct speech. Great job, Edith!

### Ruby

**Phoebe** for her focus and effort during our dance P.E. lessons this half term. Showing great leadership skills when dancing in a group.

**Isla- Rose** for working exceptionally hard in Maths this week to use column subtraction with one or more exchanges.

### Topaz

**Chloe** for representing the school well at the Tag Rugby tournament. Mr Ferrari and Mrs Mintern were really proud of how she conducted herself. Chloe has also had an amazing first half term - her learning attitude has been very impressive!

**Oscar** for representing the school well at the Tag Rugby tournament. Mr Ferrari and Mrs Mintern were really proud of how he conducted himself.



Templecombe  
Token  
Certificates



Congratulations go to Grace from Ruby Class for achieving her Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

**A big well done to all of you!**



This week, to finish their Geography unit, the Year 2 pupils were challenged to represent and label the 7 continents and 5 oceans using a range of construction resources. They worked independently or in pairs and some of them extended the activity themselves to include the equator line and to label the northern and southern hemispheres!



### **Maths in Action**

Yesterday our Year 6 children took part in an exciting Maths day at Wincanton Racecourse. As well as practising Math skills, the children were able to access areas of the racecourse not usually open to the public including the weigh room, parade ring and the course itself to look at the different types of jumps. They were even able to watch a few races and award the prize to the winning owner of the first race and meet the winning jockey. It was a really interesting day, enjoyed by all.



### **Tag Rugby Tournament**

On Tuesday this week, our squad of 12 pupils, Chloe, Sophia, Fred H, Oscar, Patrick, Alisha, Rebecca, Emily, Hayden, Mason, Alfie T and Harrison R went to Wincanton Racecourse to compete in a Tag Rugby round-robin tournament against seven other schools in the local area, run by King Arthurs. It was a great afternoon. We finished the tournament winning four and losing two matches. Our squad played superbly as individuals and as a team. We scored lots of excellent tries with lots

of amazing defending. They represented our school very well and should be immensely proud of themselves.



A reminder that school finishes at 3.30pm today for the half term break (but the last Tag Rugby session is still going ahead from 3.30pm to 4.30pm). We have an INSET day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, where all staff will be focusing on a phonics training session, so pupils will return to classes on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### PE Days

A reminder that after half term, Emerald Class Year 2's will be doing PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. PE days remain unchanged for all other year groups.

**Somerset Parents Carers Forum** have been able to find funding to run some parent coffee sessions in Henstridge at Grassroots Garden Centre Cafe. This is great for our area as most are in Yeovil or Bridgewater.



### Henstridge Group

Tuesday	7th	November	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	5th	December	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	2nd	January	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	6th	February	10:00 to 12:00
Tuesday	5th	March	10:00 to 12:00

If you have a child with additional needs and or disabilities 0-25 come along for a cuppa and chat with other parent carers.

The groups are a place to make new friends and share experiences and ask any questions you may have.



@ Grassroots Garden Cafe  
Stalbridge Rd, Henstridge,  
Templecombe, BA8 0SA





### **AGM**

Thank you to all those who attended our AGM on Tuesday. Our core committee kindly agreed to stand again so continuing as Joint Chair are Emma Hughes and Sophie Lomax with Karen Selway as Secretary and Emma Hughes as Treasurer. Nominations for committee members were proposed and agreed for Jemma Dare, Karen Lavelle, Eloise Lawson and Lisa Page. Upcoming fundraising events were booked in for the rest of this academic year so please be sure to check the "Diary Dates" below for all these important dates for your diaries.

The team have their first meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, in Topaz class to begin arranging our Christmas Fayre. Please do come along if you are able to.

### **PTA Glo-Disco**

The children (and some staff!) enjoyed dancing at the Glo-Disco on Wednesday after school - everyone looked great in their bright colours. Thank you to the PTA and the new volunteer helpers for running this event.



We hope you have a restful break.

*Mr Webb*

Abbas and Templecombe  
Church of England  
Primary School




**Is your child starting primary school in September 2024?**

**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 Teacher and have the opportunity to meet our Early Years Staff. We hope to be able to answer any questions that 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:**  
**Wednesday 18th October at 9.45am**  
**Thursday 2nd November at 9.45am**  
**Wednesday 15th November at 9.45am**

Please contact Michelle Greene (01963 370481) to let us know which tour you would like to join. If these dates are not convenient, please do contact the school office to book an informal tour at another time.

*We hope to see you soon*



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### Signalong

Sign-supported communication system - for parents, carers and professionals

Signalong is a sign-supported communication system designed for children and adults with speech and language difficulties. Most users have learning disabilities or autism spectrum disorders, but the system is available to anyone who needs signing, including those with physical disabilities or hearing impairment. It is based on a consistent method of analysing and presenting signs, mostly drawn from BSL, which enables users to select vocabulary relevant to them.

This workshop will cover the philosophy and methodology of Signalong before teaching approx. 60 key words. CPD accreditation for training companies, conference providers, professional bodies, universities, academic institutions and corporate organisations. Activities are provided to put the vocabulary into context and reinforce learning. Participants receive a certificate.

*"A marvelous course that has really supported me developing effective communication skills. With a range of learners in School and home settings." Safeguarding and Attendance officer. June 2023*

**Details:**  
 Friday 3rd November 2023 09:30 - 15:00pm  
 Bradbury Training Centre at Fiveways School, Yeovil.  
 Parents/carers and Professionals: £35.00

**To book:**  
<https://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/Event/203530>  
**Email:** [officespts@fiveways.school](mailto:officespts@fiveways.school)  
**Phone:** 01935 411384

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## DIARY DATES - 2023/24 Academic Year

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

<b>OCTOBER:</b>	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October - HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	School reopens
<b>NOVEMBER:</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am Pantomime at school <b>3.35pm Yr5 Residential meeting for parents in Topaz</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Yr6 Residential deadline for payment of deposit</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photography – individual photographs
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am School Tour for September 2024 intake
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children in Need fundraiser at lunchtime</b>
<b>DECEMBER:</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Yr3/4 &amp; Yr5 Residential deadline for payment of deposit</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Hot Lunch followed by Class Christmas Parties (non-uniform day)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

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9.05am End of Term Awards  
2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church  
**3pm School Closes for Christmas**

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**18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK**

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**JANUARY:**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> School re-opens  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> PTA Dare to be Different day – more details to follow

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**FEBRUARY:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr3/4, Yr5 & Yr6 Residential – deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> payment  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)  
PTFA Spring Disco – booking form to follow  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> **3.30pm School closes for half term**

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**12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - HALF TERM**

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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

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**MARCH:**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day fundraiser at lunchtime  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.05am End of Term Awards  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Experience in Church  
**3pm School Closes for the Easter Break**

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**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY – school closed**

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**APRIL:**

**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL to 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK**

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**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Yr3/4, Yr5 & Yr6 Residential – deadline for final payment  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

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**MAY:**

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Residential to New Forest  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** **Bank Holiday – school closed**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Yr3/4 Residential  
13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> SATS Week  
20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Residential  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> **3.30pm School closes for half term**

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**27<sup>th</sup> MAY to 31<sup>st</sup> MAY – HALF TERM**

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**JUNE:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> PTFA Summer Disco  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

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## JULY:

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Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swap a class afternoon <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Sports Event
	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards 2pm Leavers Service in school

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

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**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.