



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (3) Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



## Collective Worship Reflections



This week we were focusing on our school value of respect, looking at the story of Jonah and the whale. In our reflection time together this afternoon, the children shared where we had shown respect for each other and our school. From Bowie Class, Harrison said that he respects the lunchtime staff by listening to them and Reggie from Anning Class shared 'I respect school by looking after our resources so that others can use them too'.

Abbas & Templecombe  
Church School

St. Mary's,  
Templecombe  
Muddy Church

Come along to  
**Muddy Church** in the Forest School Area  
at Abbas and Templecombe Primary School

3.30pm-4.30pm on Thursday 26th September 2024

Join us in the great outdoors for a fun time of faith-based stories, Crafts and much, much more!

School children are welcome to attend unsupervised by a parent. Mr Webb will be running the event supported by volunteers from our local Church. If you would like your child to attend please email Mrs Greene to give your permission by the end of school on Tuesday.

Siblings and Pre-School children are very welcome to attend with an adult.



## Worker of the Week



### Nightingale

**Otto** for your fantastic phonics learning this week! You have been joining in brilliantly and have worked really hard on remembering the new sounds we have learnt so far. Well done!

**Eliza** for being an independent Year 1 learner. You are using resources from around the room to help you complete your learning and showing great perseverance. Well done!

### Bowie

**Hope** for putting extra effort into your Maths and English work this week. We have really noticed a big difference. Well done Hope - keep up your determination!

**Gabriel** for always going the extra mile with each and every piece of work you complete. We are all very impressed with your attitude to learning. It's a pleasure to see your work, Gabe!

## Anning

**Ada** for having a wonderful attitude towards her learning and working really hard in Maths all week - well done Ada!  
**Kasey** for showing a mature attitude towards her learning and recognising that it is OK to ask for help when it is needed - great work Casey!

## Zephaniah

**Harrison** for his brilliant Geography work. Harrison was able to name and independently label the continents and many countries and worked hard to learn and remember the world's oceans. Harrison then offered to support others with their learning, helping them use the atlases to complete the activity.

**Isaac** for his fantastic artwork. Isaac produced some excellent drawings of distorted everyday objects, inspired by the work of Salvador Dali.

## Outside of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Reggie** from Anning Class for walking 8km along Bournemouth Cliffs in a Memory Walk and raising £255 for Alzheimer's UK.
- **Jacob, Dottie, Nelly, Isobel, Amelia, Jack, Ada, Abigail, Lacey, Isla S, Matilda, Theodore, Harrison T and Lola** for participating in the Somerset Libraries Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge.
- **Gabriel** from Bowie Class for receiving a Certificate of Recognition for fantastic gymnastics.

## 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.*



## Nightingale Class

Nightingale Class had a busy and fun first week! They explored their classroom environment, and have been working well with their friends, new and old. In Science they labelled their bodies and whilst outside, they used chalk to draw around their bodies!



## Zephaniah Class

Zephaniah Class have started a Science unit learning about light in order to solve the crime of 'the stolen briefcase'. The class worked hard to complete different activities and experiments to prove that light travels in straight lines and to test which materials were reflective.





# Updates

## 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). 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

## 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



### 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.

### 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...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*



**TEMPLECOMBE LADIES CHOIR**  
*Seasonal Concert*  
 on **Sunday 22nd 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.*