



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (11) Friday 23rd November 2024



Collective Worship
Reflections



We have continued with our Collective Worship 'Mr Men Faith' focus, this week looking at Mr Grumpy. We talked about the 'fruits of the spirit' and how we should try to be a radiator and not a drain. In our reflection time children shared how they could be radiators: Delilah from Bowie said "Making my brother's bed in the morning because I love him" and Victoria from Zephaniah Class shared "You can radiate God's fruits of the spirit by being kind, showing love, being respectful, faithful, helping others and persevering".

Muddy Church

We had a great, if slightly chilly, time at Muddy Church this week. We shared the story of the Christmas shepherds, all gathered around the fire, and explored how they would have felt being called by the angels to visit Jesus. The children made angels out of scavenged materials and enjoyed toasting marshmallows to make smores...



Invitations from St Mary's Church

Christingle Service: Sunday 5th December at 4pm. Come and make your Christingle as part of the afternoon of celebration. There will be refreshments, music, prayers and a collection in aid of The Children's Society.

Christmas Tree Festival: this will be held over the weekend of 14th/15th December. Entries are open to all, not just restricted to local clubs/businesses etc, so if parents would like to provide a tree to decorate, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information and how to obtain an entry form.

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

Jaiden for your fantastic effort in Maths this week where you have been working hard on recalling key number facts in fact families. Well done!

Frank for your fantastic reading this week. You have shown great enthusiasm and have been trying hard with our Phase 3 sounds - well done!

Bowie

Florence for coming back so brilliantly and showing off your amazing phonics skills! Well done for being so smiley, Florence!

Harrison for being consistently brilliant. You completed our assessments with no complaints. You are a superstar, Harrison!

Anning

Martha for working really hard in our assessments this week and achieving excellent results - well done Martha!

Sienna for having a really positive attitude towards her learning for the past few weeks and working hard in our Autumn term assessments - well done Sienna!

Zephaniah

Whole Class for their amazing effort in the assessments this week.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Isla S** from Anning Class for achieving Level 1 of the Golfway Programme
- **Matilda** from Bowie Class for achieving Level 4 Learn to Swim award
- **Delilah** from Bowie Class for achieving Level 2 Learn to Swim award
- **Amelia** from Zephaniah Class for achieving Level 5 Learn to Swim award



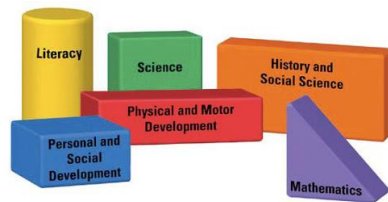
**Templecombe
Token
Certificates**



Congratulations go to **Evelyn, Bodhi** and **Kasey** from Anning Class for achieving their 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



Zephaniah Class

Zephaniah Class worked in teams to create informative posters about the planets. They worked incredibly hard together, with elected leaders for each group guiding the research and design of the posters.





Parents Evenings



Many thanks to all parents who attended Parents Evening this week. If you were unable to attend and haven't yet arranged a time, class teachers will contact you soon to schedule a convenient time to update you on how your child is getting on. Lots of you completed the parent survey and on first look, the responses were very positive. We really appreciate this feedback as we are all fully committed to providing your children with the best school experience possible. You will have also noticed that we drafted in some extra help to ensure the smooth running of the evenings – I'm sure you will agree that our Year 6 helpers were outstanding, very professional and a credit to us all! Well done to them!

Wrapping up for the colder weather



Temperatures have dropped this week, and it has been very cold! Please make sure your child has a suitable winter coat and hat/gloves to keep them warm while they are out at break and lunchtime. You can see the children enjoyed the brief dusting of snow we had on Thursday morning!



Winter Coat Donations

If you have any winter coats at home which you would be happy to donate, we would love to take them off your hands. We are holding our winter coat exchange again this year, on **Wednesday 27th November**. If you have a coat to donate, please bring it to school on that morning. In the afternoon all the coats will be put out in the KS2 shelter for parents to take. Please make sure that donations are of good quality and in a clean condition (if you can, please remove any name labels). Coats of any shape or size, for children are accepted. There is no expectation of any cash donations or for you to donate a coat in order to take another one away – we just want to facilitate a place where preloved coats, in good condition, can be utilised within our school community.

Eco Crew



A massive thank you to all the children who helped today, either collecting litter around the school site or sweeping leaves off the playground and play area. They all did a great job and were very keen to show our school value of respect.



Tuesday Treat Shop – 26/11/24

Following on from the success of the Hello Yellow day treat shop, we have decided to make this a monthly occurrence. So, our first treat shop will be on **Tuesday 26th November**. Children will be able to purchase **1 item for 50p**. The shop will offer doughnuts, cookies and fairy cakes. Children will need to give their class teacher the 50p in exchange for a token, which they can then exchange for a treat! Our Year 4's will be running the shop as before.

School Tours for September 2025 Starters

We have been pleased at the response so far from new parents of children who will be starting school in September 2025. Our next tour is arranged for Thursday 28th November at 9.45am. As before, please email enquiries@at.bwmat.org to book in.

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

All children in attendance at school on Monday afternoon and for whom parental consent had been provided, received their flu vaccination. Somerset SAINT asked us to circulate details of walk-in clinics for children who missed the session at school:

2024 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11)			
Monday	18 th November 2024	14:00-17:00	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub; Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AS
Wednesday	27 th November 2024	14:00-17:00	Summerland's Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Room location will be signposted onsite)
Saturday	7 th December 2024	09:30-15:00	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Monday	16 th December 2024	14:00-17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Tuesday	17 th December 2024	14:00-17:00	Minehead Community Hospital Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF (Outpatients Department)
Wednesday	18 th December 2024	14:00-17:00	Frome Town Council, Frome Town Hall, Frome, BA11 1EB
Monday	23 rd December 2024	09:30-15:00	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AS
Monday	23 rd December 2024	09:30-12:00	West Mendip Community Hospital, Old Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 8JD (Outpatients Department)
Friday	27 th December 2024	09:30-14:00	Summerland's Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Room location will be signposted onsite)
Monday	30 th December 2024	09:30-14:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Monday	30 th December 2024	09:30-12:00	Burnham on Sea Community Hospital, 6 Love Lane, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1ED (Outpatients Department)
Tuesday	31 st December 2024	09:30-12:00	Chard Hospital Site, Upper Floor, Bracken House, Crewkerne Road, Chard TA20 1YA



Christmas Plans

Abbas And Templecombe Church School Christmas Fayre
Friday 6th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm
 *Santa
 *Gonk hunt
 *Bouncy castle
 *Crafts
 And much more...
 Cafe cash only
 Tokens on sale cash only

We held our Fayre planning meeting on Wednesday and would bring to your attention the following:

- Non-uniform day on Friday 29th November in exchange for a donation of chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola stall
- We'd like to receive donations of cuddly toys (not too large please!) for our Adopt a Teddy stall
- We will be running our popular Christmas Café and would appreciate donations of cakes to go with teas and coffees. We'll be sending home a plate to fill nearer the time.

As ever, we need volunteers to help set up and/or help to run a stall so if you have some time that you could offer, please contact the PTA team on their email (ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com) or let the school office know.

Future Events:

Movie 'n' Munch is booked for Tuesday 17th December – book your child in so you can have extra time for some last minute Christmas shopping without them! Booking form to follow.

Terracycle Don't forget to keep bringing in your crisp packets to the collection bin at the front of school, outside the office. This scheme is finishing in December so we would like to get another bulk load sent off before the end of this term.

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.

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



AT TEMPLECOMBE SOCIAL CLUB, VINE STREET BAS 03Y, ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30 PM
TICKETS ARE £7.80

FUNDRAISER FOR THE 2ND TEMPLECOMBE SCOUTS

THE PUFFINS

ROCK, REGGAE, DANCE BAND AND DISCO

Merry Christmas

2nd Templecombe Scout Group



At Templecombe Village Hall & scout hut
Doors open at 6:30pm eyes down 7:30pm
7th December 2025
Christmas meal during break @ £8
pre book before by Phoning 01963 370583
Leaving name contact number amount of meals

DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

NOVEMBER:

Tuesday 26 th	Treat Day Tuesday – bring in 50p for a tuck shop treat at breaktime!
Wednesday 27 th	Winter Coat Donation Day
Thursday 28 th	9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake
Friday 29 th	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for Chocolate Tombola Stall

DECEMBER:

Monday 2 nd	6pm Governors Meeting
Friday 6 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow (No After Fun provision)
Monday 9 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Thursday 12 th	9.15am Nativity to parents 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Tuesday 17 th	Treat Day Tuesday – bring in 50p for a tuck shop treat at breaktime! Movie ‘n’ Munch – booking form to follow
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Thursday 19 th	9.05am End of Term Awards / Christmas Lunch / 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary’s Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)
Friday 20 th	INSET Day – school closed

23rd DECEMBER to 3rd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 6 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	School re-opens
Monday 20 th	6pm Governors Meeting
Thursday 30 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Monday 10 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 11 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Wednesday 12 th	Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Friday 14 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 24 th	School re-opens 6pm Governors Meeting
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MARCH:

Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm 6pm Governors Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	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 22 nd	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 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 17th

Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

Wednesday 18th

INSET Day – school closed

Monday 23rd

6pm Governors Meeting

Tuesday 24th

KS2 Top Link Festival

Friday 27th

Non-uniform day for sweets for Summer Fayre

JULY:

Wednesday 2nd

Swap a class afternoon **To Be Confirmed**

Friday 4th

School Sports Event / PTFA Summer Fayre

Thursday 10th

PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow

Monday 14th

6pm Governors Meeting

Tuesday 15th

Movie 'n' Munch – booking form to follow

Monday 21st

Yr6 Trip

Tuesday 22nd

Whole School Fun Day

Wednesday 23rd

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.