



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (4) Friday 27th September 2024



Collective Worship Reflections



This week we were focusing on our last school value, that of inspire. We used the story of David and Goliath and the inspiration which God gave David to take on this mighty foe. Today children reflected on who had inspired them this week in school and why. From Anning Class, Amelia shared “My best friend inspires me to be helpful and kind” and Cory said that Rebecca, Fred, Cameron and Emily had inspired him because they hosted an assembly all by themselves.

Experience Harvest

This year we are going to run our Experience Harvest celebration in a different way. Next Thursday (3rd October) we will have a special collective worship time in Forest School all themed around harvest and the beautiful countryside we are so lucky to have on our doorstep (the weather forecast is currently promising). This will start at 3pm and finish in time for the end of the school day. Parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us but we do ask that you email the office in advance so we can arrange seating and arrive at the side gate by the staff car park at 2.50pm to be in place before we begin.

As part of this special time pupils will once again have an opportunity to donate gifts of tinned / dried foods, which will join with the Church’s donations and be distributed to those in need. It would be great if children could bring a food donation into school with them on the morning of the 3rd, but please don’t feel you must.

This week’s postponed Muddy Church will follow on from this special collective worship, continuing the harvest theme with fun activities and roasted marshmallows. Please do let the office know if children will be staying for this – 3.30pm to 4.30pm (collection at the top gate by the staff carpark). As usual, those in Afterfun will be attending unless parents notify us they would rather they did not.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Chloe for your careful collage work this week in art. You worked really hard to tear different materials to fit within the shape. Well done Chloe!

Harper for your super effort in phonics this week. You have been persevering to blend words together using new sounds we have learnt. Well done!

Bowie

Molly for diving into work and showing courage, humour, kindness and maturity! We are very impressed with your willingness to give everything a go, Molly.

Matilda for working fabulously and independently and always putting everything into your work!

Anning

Jaydee for working hard in P.E to intercept the ball during our game of bench ball and for participating really well in our whole class reading sessions - well done Jaydee!

Darcey for working really hard in Maths the past 2 weeks, showing so much confidence in her ability and for taking the time to improve her handwriting so that it is even more neat and tidy than it was - well done Darcey!

Zephaniah

Layla for her amazing reading to Nightingale Class pupils this week. It was lovely to see Layla reading with such enthusiasm and expression that her group were fully engaged in their story session with her.

Patrick for his kindness and enthusiasm at swimming this week. Pat encouraged his friends, showed respect to members of the community and shared his hilarious stories and anecdotes with eagerness when he returned.

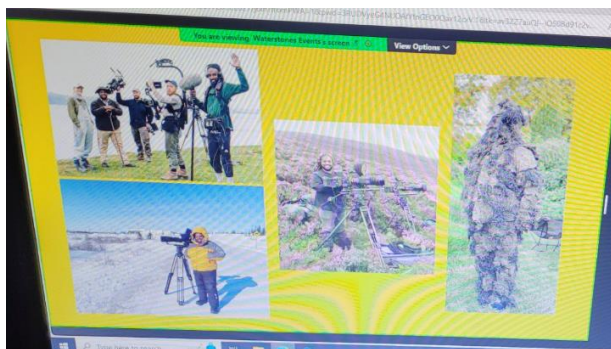
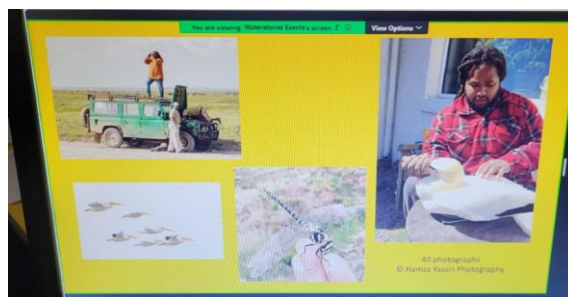
A big well done to all of you!

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.



Anning Class

In Anning class this week, we were lucky enough to take part in a virtual school visit from Hamza Yassin. Hamza is known for being a wildlife cameraman, CBeebies presenter and winner of the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing competition. During our visit Hamza told the children all about the animals he has been lucky enough to film and his new book 'Hamza's Wild World'. The children then got the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session with Hamza, where they discovered that the fastest animal on earth is the peregrine falcon and a wombat's poo is cube shaped! Mr Webb has agreed that we can purchase a couple of copies of this book, one for the library and one for our class to enjoy.



Updates

Uniform

A reminder to please clearly name cardigans and jumpers. We appreciate that new uniform is a cost to parents but it is very difficult to return items to their correct owners if there is no name on the garment. Please could parents also

check that their child hasn't taken someone else's jumper or cardigan home by mistake – this can also happen in a busy classroom!

Also, out on the playground it does get quite cold so please do send your child in with a suitable coat to wear at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Diary Dates

Please see the end of this newsletter for the diary dates for this academic year.

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.**

Remaining Secondary School Open Evenings:

School	Date(s)	Time
Gillingham School	Thursday 3 rd October	6.30pm
Gryphon School	Thursday 3 rd October 2024	5pm-7.30pm

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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

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our collection yesterday which raised a marvellous total of £*.

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 24th 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 11th 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



DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

SEPTEMBER:

Tuesday 3rd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 4 th	School re-opens for Years 1-6
Thursday 5 th	Yr6 Swimming – 2 nd payment deadline
Thursday 5 th /Friday 6 th	Reception children start
Thursday 12 th	Brass weekly tuition begins for Year 4
Tuesday 17 th	Yr6 swimming begins @ Leweston
Thursday 26 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

OCTOBER:

Friday 4 th	Yr6 Swimming – final payment deadline
Thursday 3 rd	Experience Harvest (3pm in Forest School) - parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 10 th	Hello Yellow Day: Young Minds Charity for youth mental health
Tuesday 15 th	9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake
Thursday 17 th	Yr6 Maths Visit – details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd	No Yr6 swimming this week PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow
Wednesday 23 rd	1.45pm School Tour for September 2025 intake
Thursday 24 th	PTFA AGM in school 7pm
Friday 25 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

28th October to 1st November - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 4 th	School re-opens 9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake
Wednesday 6 th	Tempest Photography – individual photographs
Sunday 10 th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Monday 11 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial Whole School Flu vaccinations – check email to confirm date
Thursday 14 th	9.15am Pantomime at school
Monday 25 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later
Tuesday 26 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly More info later

DECEMBER:

Monday 9 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Thursday 12 th	9.15am Nativity to parents 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Friday 13 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow (No After Fun provision)
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Thursday 19 th	9.05am End of Term Awards / 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)
Friday 20th	INSET Day – school closed

23rd DECEMBER to 3rd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 6th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	School re-opens
Thursday 30 th	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

MARCH:

Tuesday 4th Pancake Day activities

Monday 24th Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm

Tuesday 25th Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm

APRIL:

Thursday 3rd 9.05am End of Term Awards

Friday 4th 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 23rd School re-opens

MAY:

Monday 5th Bank Holiday – school closed

Yr3/4 Residential and Year 5 Residential plans to be confirmed

Thursday 8th PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

12th to 15th SATS Week

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

Tuesday 17th Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs

Wednesday 18th **INSET Day – school closed**

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 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.