



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (12) Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Collective Worship  
Reflections



In our Collective Worship this week we focused on Advent – a time of waiting and preparing for something special which is about to happen. It is hard to wait for things but when we do, it makes them even more special – during Advent, Christians think about God coming to earth in the form of a little baby to spread a message of love, and the Advent Candle is lit, which stands for hope, love, joy and peace. In our reflection time this week, the children were asked how they share one of these lovely feelings with someone else during this Advent time: From Bowie Class, Gabriel said “By showing happiness, you need to be kind and taking care of our teachers at school and looking after the school because it shows respect, perseverance, love and inspire” and Darcey from Anning Class said “I can donate food, toys and books to make those children and adults feel happy”.

## Invitations from St Mary’s Church

**Christingle Service: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm.** Come along for a lovely evening of carols (old and new) and the Christmas readings.



**Worker of the Week**



## Nightingale

**Eliza** for your amazing work in phonics this week, you have been trying really hard when learning your phase 5 sounds. Well done!

**Ivy** for fantastic work in phonics this week. You have been reading with enthusiasm and have persevered when reading new words. Well done!

## Bowie

**Jacob** for showing the most fantastic attitude to learning. We have noticed a huge step up across all subjects. Your positivity and smile light up the classroom from the moment you first step in the gate, right through to when you leave. Thank you for being you, Jacob!

**Delilah** for showing a great talent for performance as we have begun learning our Nativity lines. You have even helped your friends in class when they stumble across a tricky sound or word. You’ll be on the stage one day, Delilah!

## Anning

**Lacey** for always being a star learner. You have worked so hard this week, concentrating and doing your absolute best. What a great learning attitude you have!

**Corey** for making a fantastic effort to make the right choices. It has been lovely to see you really focussing on your learning and cooperating brilliantly to make the most of your great abilities. Keep up the good work!

## Zephaniah

**Alisha** for her amazing work with fractions this week. Alisha has worked incredibly hard to add fractions.

**Daisy-Mai & Olivia T** for their brilliant team work in PE this week. The girls worked well together to design and perform their 1990's dance.

## Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

- **Isaac** from Zephaniah Class for achieving his green belt blue strip (5<sup>th</sup> Kup) in Taekwon-Do.



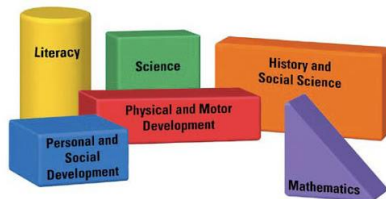
Templecombe  
Token  
Certificates



Congratulations go to **Grace K, Jacob** and **George** from Bowie Class and **Pippa** from Zephaniah 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.*

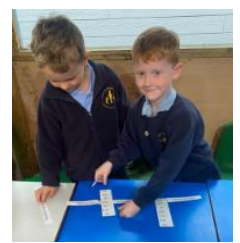
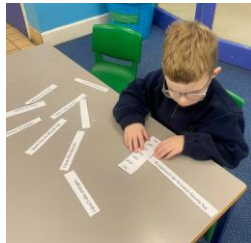


Our Curriculum



## Bowie Class

This week in Bowie Class, we have been learning about coordinating conjunctions. More specifically, how we can join two related sentences together to expand them. Miss Edwards is incredibly impressed with our understanding, especially because we've been spotting them in the 'wild' – for example, in our Nativity script!



Updates

## Bookings on Parentmail

Thank you for bearing with us while we try to sort out the issue of minimum payments on the Parentmail App and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. In the meantime, we are able to accept cash for payments less than £5 so please do bring those to the office in a clearly marked envelope.

A reminder that there is no After Fun next Friday, 6th December, due to our Christmas Fayre and on the last day of term (Thursday 19th December) as school will close at 3pm.

Bookings can now be made on the Parentmail App for Hot Lunches, Breakfast Club and After Fun in the Spring Term.

### Winter Coat Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated a preloved child's coat to our Winter Coat Exchange on Wednesday and we were pleased to be able to rehome a few!

### House Teams

This week we launched our new house teams: Oak, Sycamore and Yew. The Houses have been named after trees found on our school site. On Thursday, children took part in our first House Challenge. They were asked to make decorations to decorate a Christmas tree, which will be on display during our Christmas Fayre on Friday. It was so great to see all the children working together and having fun.



### Tuesday Treat Shop – 26/11/24

Thank you to our Year 4s for running our Tuesday Treat Shop today. It was a great success again - some children even managed to conquer the doughnut challenge! Following some parental feedback, we will be adding delicious fruit smoothies to our offering in December. Fruit is readily available for the children in school every day so it was felt that the addition of smoothies would balance nicely with our sweet treats. So, children will be able to purchase 1 treat item and a smoothie for 50p per item.





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

- Non-uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com)) or let the school office know.

### Future Events:

**Movie 'n' Munch** is booked for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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*

### SCOUTS' FINAL FUNDRAISER FOR THEIR TRIP TO AUSTRALIA!



Tomorrow evening the Scouts have their last fundraising event for their Australia trip, in the form of local band The Puffins playing at Templecombe Social Club at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/templecombe-scouts-social-music-night>

This event is tailored towards over eighteens.



In addition, Rob at Babylon Hand Car Wash, Sherborne Road, Yeovil has very generously donated 20 free car washes worth up to £15 each (depending on size of car) to raffle at the event. Raffle tickets can only be purchased on the night.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
2024

To be held in the Church at St Mary the Virgin, Templecombe



**All entries welcome!**

Display Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Entry Forms to be Returned by 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am to bring and decorate your trees.

Alternatively, please contact Brenda Ford  
Mobile: 07747 773982  
Email: [bnriellie@aol.com](mailto:bnriellie@aol.com)

*Merry Christmas*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Templecombe Scout Group**



At Templecombe Village Hall & scout hut  
Doors open at 6:30pm eyes down 7:30pm  
**7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
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

### DECEMBER:

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

### 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER to 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

### JANUARY:

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

### FEBRUARY:

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

### 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	School re-opens 6pm Governors Meeting
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