



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

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Collective Worship Reflections



In Collective Worship we continue to consider our school values and how these can be applied in our everyday lives. This week we looked at the value of love and the story of The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7). With the key messages being that every person is precious and deserves to feel loved and valued; also, that we can help others feel they belong by including and caring for them. Children reflected and shared their thoughts on these three questions: How can we help someone feel included? Why is it important to care for others? What makes you feel valued?

REMINDERS

Tuesday 7th	Yr6 Induction days at Gillingham & Gryphon Yr5 WoW day at King Arthur's
Wednesday 8th	Swap a class event



Worker of the Week



NIGHTINGALE

Amelia for trying so hard with her phonics and writing, making huge improvement. Well done, Amelia.

Barney for catching straight up on his work after being ill for a couple of days. Well, done Barney, keep up the good work!

ANNING

Olivia for always showing creativity and curiosity with vocabulary. Very ambitious, Olivia!

Ada for always giving a considered and determined answer in reading lessons. Excellent comprehension, Ada!

BOWIE

Ivy has shown great focus this week, she worked hard creating her under the sea structure for our aquarium.

Isobel has had a great week, working very hard on her handwriting and has written some lovely cursive sentences.

ZEPHANIAH

Olivia and **Evelyn** for amazing performances in our rehearsals this week and confidently delivering their lines.



Congratulations go to:

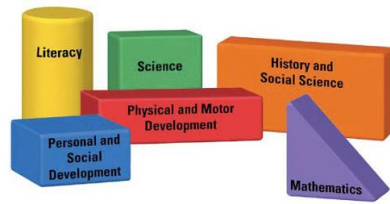
- **Tamsin** for always being Sharp
- **Jordy** for eating lunch nicely and sitting Sharp

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

- **Scarlett** in Bowie for being Star of the Week and receiving the trophy from Castle Cary Cygnets Majorettes.
- **Harrison** in Anning for receiving the U8 Players' Player of the Year trophy from Templecombe Titans.

A big well done to all of you!



Our Curriculum



Bikeability

Eleven of our pupils took part in the Bikeability course earlier this week and I'm pleased to say they all achieved Level 2 so were awarded their certificates and badges at our WoW Assembly yesterday. Congratulations to **Tamsin, Nala, Pippa, Norah, Jude, Grace, Freddie S, Darcey, Cory, Bodhi** and **Amelia**. We'd like to thank Lara and her team from Somerset Road Safety for their excellent tuition and a special thank you goes to Mr Mainwaring and Mr Johnston for being great parent volunteer helpers.



Updates

Parking near school

Following our sports days today we have been contacted by local neighbours with concerns about parking around the school. This is the first time we have received such concerns and we are keen to maintain the positive relationships we have with our local community. In particular, we ask that parents and carers do not park on Throop Road. This road is regularly used by tractors and other agricultural vehicles accessing the surrounding fields and farms. Parking along this route can restrict access and create difficulties for these large vehicles.

Please help us by:

- Parking legally and considerately.
- Avoid blocking driveways, access points or narrow sections of the road.
- Leaving enough space for larger vehicles to pass safely.
- Walking the final short distance to school if you need to park a little further away.

Your cooperation helps to keep everyone safe and ensures we remain good neighbours within our community.

Expansion of Free School Meals

There are plans for the expansion of Free School Meals so that eligibility will be extended to all children where the parent is in receipt of Universal Credit above the £7.4k income cap. Parents will have to apply using their National Insurance number. The new portal is not yet live and we are conscious that the holidays are approaching. If the "go live" date occurs after school has broken up for the summer, parents will receive an email during the holidays which will provide all the information and a link for applying which must be done before school returns in September.

Class Photographs

A reminder of the order codes for class photographs:

Nightingale <https://htmp.st/NIGHTINGALE-618FF5D80D>

Bowie: <https://htmp.st/BOWIE-3AE0E6F855>

Anning: <https://htmp.st/ANNING-5A2D6B5A34>

Zephaniah: <https://htmp.st/ZEPHANIAH-EE765632F1>

Tempest's offer of a free "deliver to school" option that will close next Friday, 10th July. Alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing. If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on Tempest's website home page (htempest.co.uk) where their friendly team will be happy to help.

Somerset School Nurse Team Newsletter

Please see attached a newsletter from the Somerset School Nurse Team which contains some helpful information.



School Sports

Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported our Sports Day events today – it was lovely to see so many in attendance. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their activities too and it was great to see them supporting each other in their teams.





Every Learner Matters

When behaviour feels like “big emotions” (Psychodynamic Theory):

What you might notice

- Sudden angry outbursts
- Meltdowns that seem bigger than the situation
- Withdrawal or shutting down
- Wanting to be in control

What this might tell us

These behaviours can be a sign of strong feelings underneath that children don't yet have the words to express — such as worry, fear, frustration, or sadness.

What you can do to help

- Stay curious: *“I wonder if something is worrying you...”*
- Help them name feelings: *“That looks like frustration.”*
- Create safe spaces for talking, drawing or play
- Look for patterns (e.g., tiredness, change, school stress)
- Keep your response calm and non-judgemental

Key message

Behind every behaviour is a feeling — helping children understand their emotions reduces challenging behaviour.

Attendance – All day, Every day, On time.

We know that children learn best when they are in school every day, on time and ready to learn. The good news is that, overall, attendance at our school is positive. Over half of our pupils currently have attendance above our school target of 95% and we have 6 children who have achieved a fantastic 100% attendance so far this year. Thank you to all of our families for helping to make this happen. This year we have continued to monitor attendance carefully so that we can support any children whose attendance gives us cause for concern. Some families have received attendance letters or invitations to meet with us. These conversations are never about blame – they are about working together to give every child the very best chance to succeed.

With Sunday morning's England World Cup Match in mind, whilst we recognise that major sporting events can be exciting and memorable occasions for children and families, helping to foster a sense of pride, community and shared experience, children will be expected to attend school at the normal time on Monday morning. Non-attendance linked to tiredness / staying up to watch the match will have to be coded as unauthorised.

Why is attendance so important?

Every lesson matters. Learning in school follows a sequence, with each lesson building on the last. When children miss school or arrive late, they miss important learning and can find it more difficult to keep up. Good attendance is about much more than academic progress. Being in school every day helps children to build friendships, develop confidence, feel part of our school community and establish positive routines that support their wellbeing. Small absences soon add up...

Attendance	Time Missed
100%	0 days
99%	1 day
98%	3 days
97%	1 week
96%	1½ weeks
94%	2 weeks
93%	2½ weeks
92%	3 weeks
90%	3½ weeks

Even a few days away from school can quickly become weeks of missed learning over the course of a year.

Working together

We understand that children become unwell and that, occasionally, exceptional circumstances mean they cannot attend school. We also know that some families face challenges that can make regular attendance more difficult. If this is the case, please talk to us. We are here to listen and to work alongside you to find the right support. For children of compulsory school age, **attending school is a legal requirement**, and we all share a responsibility to ensure that children receive the education they deserve. Our aim is simple... **All day. Every day. On time.** Together, we can make sure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.



Summer Fayre

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for all their hard work in organising this afternoon's Summer Fayre. Their dedication and enthusiasm make events like these possible and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do for our school community.



Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Country Show events. It was a real pleasure to judge the entries, and Mr Webb was so impressed by the creativity, effort and care that went into every submission. Well done to all who entered!



And finally...

After a very busy week in school, we hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mrs Brazier

Enc: School Nursing Summer Newsletter

Whilst we are happy to advertise events in our area provided by third parties, we make no representations or warranties about the suitability of such products or services referenced in these advertisements for any purpose. Our inclusion of such products and services does not constitute their recommendation or endorsement.



Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a sticker booklet. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer and can join in with library events, collecting special stickers along the way.

Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal when they have collected 6 stickers, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.



2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of reading through music, rhythm and performance. Through vibrant illustrations, fun rewards and free library activities inspired by music and sound, Read to the Beat invites children to discover how stories and music connect, while enjoying their local library and sharing the experience with family and friends.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free holiday activity for children, and a key moment for the National Year of Reading. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence.

Read to the Beat starts Saturday 4 July

The Summer Reading Challenge website will be having a Read to the Beat makeover - take a look at the [webpages](#) from early July. It will be full of book recommendations, games, quizzes and fun things for children to explore.



Culture Quest

Over the summer holidays, The Arts Development Company will be running Culture Quest. Through a Culture Passport, children will be encouraged to explore Dorset's rich creative offer trying new activities, and discovering new interests.

Children can pick up their passports from their local library from 24 July.

Library events

Libraries will have free events planned throughout the summer holidays for children to join in with. Keep checking our [What's On](#) webpages as more events are listed all the time.

Look out for some special events delivered by Dorset Music Service in Dorset libraries.



The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries.

Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect and Enable** our communities



DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

JULY:

Tuesday 7th	Yr6 Induction days at Gillingham & Gryphon Yr5 WoW day at King Arthur's
Wednesday 8th	Swap a class event
Mon 13th	Dress rehearsal of KS2 Production
Tues 14th	1.30pm and 6pm - KS2 Production to Parents
Friday 17th	Reports sent home Whole School picnic lunch
Monday 20th	Yr6 Treat
Tuesday 21st	Whole School Fun Day / Whole School picnic lunch
Wednesday 22nd	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.