



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (12) Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## Collective Worship Reflections



This week we continued our focus on some of the main characters from the Christmas story: Week 2 is Obedient Joseph - Jesus' Stepdad. Joseph thought he was doing what was right in rejecting Mary, but God showed him a different path. God calls us to love each other so we should try to follow his path rather than the world's.

During our Wednesday reflection time children shared their thoughts on these reflection questions:

- Who helps you to do the right thing?
- When have you needed courage to do the right thing?

### Upcoming Festive Events from our local Church



For this - come dressed as an angel!



## Worker of the Week



### Nightingale

**Eleanor** for persevering in her phonics - Eleanor has made great progress, well done Eleanor!

**Dottie** for always being a kind and helpful member of Nightingale Class, well done Dottie!

### Bowie

**Amaya** for excellent progress in Phonics.

**Marcie** for always having a great learning attitude.

### Anning

**Freddie** for doing excellent times tables work in Maths as well as showing fantastic communication skills with your classmates! Well done, Freddie!

**Gabriel** for showing great skills and patience with running stitch and blanket stitch in D.T. Well done, Gabriel!

### **Zephaniah**

**Theodore** for great research skills when finding out about the key factors which helped Britain win The Battle of Britain.

**Grace** for demonstrating great perseverance and problem-solving skills, when creating her moving toy.

### **Lunchtime Award:**

**Clarke** from Nightingale Class for being helpful towards the lunchtime supervisors.

**Edith** from Anning Class for politeness and good manners.

### **Out of School Achievements:**

Congratulations to:

- **Amaya** from Bowie Class for achieving her Level 3 Learn to Swim Award.

### **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.*



### **House Challenge**

Our three houses were set the challenge to decorate a Christmas tree but the children had to make the decorations! Three very different trees were produced as you can see from the photos below. Oak House won with their Snowy Winter theme

**Oak "Snowy Winter"**



**Yew "Nativity"**



**Sycamore "Sustainability"**



### **Live Assembly from Antarctica**



The children experienced a live assembly this morning all the way from Antarctica! Robert Swan OBE, the first person in history to walk both the North and South Poles and Jenny Cooke, co-founder of the 2041 School charity streamed 600 miles from the South Pole. Rob shared stories from the ice, the importance of protecting our planet's frozen continent and is inspiring young people everywhere to become champions for Antarctica. We had a great time watching him as a school.



### Staffing – Site Manager and Cleaner

Mr Greene will be leaving us at the end of this term. I'm sure you will join with the staff in thanking him for his 13 years of dedicated service to the school; not only with the cleaning, maintenance and servicing but also for giving up his own time to help with special events, PTA activities and trips. We are working with the Trust to plan the next steps with our premises work.

### Treat Shop

The treat shop ran successfully again this week. Thank you to Miss Edwards and the team of helpers for organising it. Recent parent survey feedback suggested widening our choice of healthy foods at the shop. Next year, in addition to smoothies, we plan to introduce a wider range of healthier options. Further details will be shared after Christmas.



### Sensory Circuits: Supporting Children's Readiness to Learn

Some children start the school day with more energy, less focus or sensory needs that can make it hard to settle into learning. **Sensory Circuits** are short, structured activities that help regulate the body and brain.

Circuits include three types of activities:

- **Alerting** (e.g., bouncing, skipping) to wake up the brain
- **Organising** (e.g., balancing, sequencing) to support coordination and focus
- **Calming** (e.g., deep pressure, slow movement) to settle the body

These routines help children feel grounded and ready to learn. We do sensory circuits as a whole class every day, to create a calmer, more focused atmosphere. Some of the children in our school also attend additional sensory circuits to meet their individual needs. Supporting sensory needs benefits the whole class by creating a more settled start to learning. For more information on sensory processing, visit: <https://www.eastsussexchildren.nhs.uk/sensory-processing/>

Please see attachment to this newsletter for Somerset Council's Community Inclusion and Activity Team Christmas Holidays calendar.



### Christmas Fayre – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped to set up our Fayre so brilliantly today and we hope everyone enjoys the afternoon of fun and games!

### Christmas Trees and Wreaths

These can be ordered up to the deadline of **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** through Three Counties Landscaping (order form previously provided). We are grateful to TCL as they have pledged to donate 10% of all our orders received to PTA funds.



## Other Events Before Christmas:



Send your child to **Elf School** for the day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – children to come to school dressed as elves or other Christmas characters for £1, or combine Elf School with booking for **Movie ‘n’ Munch** for just £4 per child – book your child in so you can have extra time for some last minute Christmas shopping without them! Booking form to follow.



Don't forget to complete our feedback form too!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6gvbCNV9uHiE\\_6LRt4uvLOzTSTAwRMomyIxx42gLZ6BpOrsw/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6gvbCNV9uHiE_6LRt4uvLOzTSTAwRMomyIxx42gLZ6BpOrsw/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

**And finally...**

A very blustery end to the week! Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Brazier*

Enc: Somerset Council's Community Inclusion and Activity Team Christmas Holidays calendar.

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## A FESTIVAL OF CRIB AND NATIVITY SCENES

2025

BE CREATIVE AND TAKE PART IN ST MARY'S FIRST EVER  
NATIVITY FESTIVAL



All entries welcome and can be made of wood, stones, fabric, cake, cardboard or something you already have. The Crib and Nativity Scenes will be on display in the church for the Christmas period to include the Christingle Service on Dec.14th and the Carol Service on Dec.21<sup>st</sup>

Just bring your crib or nativity scene to the church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec between 10am and 4pm



## DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

### DECEMBER:

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| <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>    | Yr3/4 Residential – 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment deadline<br>Deadline for ordering Christmas Trees and Wreaths – letter to follow<br>PTFA Christmas Fayre – (No After Fun provision) |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.15am Nativity – dress rehearsal   |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents   |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>   | 4pm Christingle Service in St Mary's Church   |
| <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>  | Christmas Lunch / Christmas Song Showdown<br>PTA Elf School & Movie 'n' Munch (see PTA section for more details)  |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>2pm</b> End of Term Awards   |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>   | Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day &<br>2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church<br><b>3pm School Closes for Christmas</b> (No After Fun provision)                                   |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | 6.30pm Carol Service in St Mary's Church  |

### **22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER to 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK**

### JANUARY:

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| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>INSET Day – school closed</b>           |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | School re-opens                            |
| <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b> | Muddy Church – Candlemass                  |
| <b>FEBRUARY:</b>               |  |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>   | Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline |

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| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | House challenge – pancake races p.m.   |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Open Afternoon (Yr1-6 parents from 2.15pm / EYFS Stay & Play from 2.30pm)  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>  |
| <b><u>16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – HALF TERM</u></b> |  |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | School re-opens  |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Muddy Church – Spring, new beginnings  |
| <b>MARCH:</b>  |  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>   | World Book Day   |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> / Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Yr3/4 Residential – Kilve Court  |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm  |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Muddy Church – Easter  |
| <b>APRIL:</b>  |  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9.05am End of Term Awards  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | House Challenge a.m.<br>Easter Experience p.m.   |
|  | <b>3pm School Closes for the Easter Break</b> (No After Fun provision)   |
| <b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL to 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u></b>     |  |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>INSET Day – school closed</b>   |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | School re-opens  |
| 29/4 to 1/5  | Yr 5 Residential   |
| <b>MAY:</b>  |  |
| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Muddy Church   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>   | SATS Week  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Year 6 Residential   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ KA   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | <b>3.30pm School closes for half term</b>  |
| <b><u>25<sup>th</sup> MAY to 29<sup>th</sup> MAY – HALF TERM</u></b>           |  |
| <b>JUNE:</b>   |  |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>INSET Day – school closed</b>   |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | School re-opens / Y4 Multiplication check  |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> /Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Phonics screening check  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Muddy Church   |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre<br><i>Class &amp; Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed</i> |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)   |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)   |
| <b>JULY:</b>   |  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Swap a class afternoon <b>To Be Confirmed</b>  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | School Sports Event <b>To Be Confirmed</b> / PTFA Summer Fayre <b>To Be Confirmed</b>                                    |
| W/C Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Reports sent home  |

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| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>  | Yr6 Trip  |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | Whole School Fun Day                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>                                       | 9.05am End of Term Awards / 2pm Leavers Service in school |
| <b>3pm School Closes for the Summer Break</b> (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.