



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (8) Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025



## Collective Worship Reflections



This week we began to focus on the upcoming Act of Remembrance. We shared a special video which explains what Remembrance Day is and why millions of people take time to stop and mark it - [Remembrance Day - BBC Teach](#). The key message was that Remembrance Day is a special day to remember and honour people who have helped to keep peace and protect us, especially those who served and continue to serve in wars. We asked children to focus on the values of peace, kindness and hope for a better future during next week's two minutes' silence. During our Wednesday reflection time children shared their thoughts on these important reflection questions:

- What or who do you feel is important to remember, and why?
- What can we say or do to show we remember someone who has helped us or made a difference?
- How might you promote peace and kindness in your own lives and school community?
- How can we ask God to help us remember the good things and be kind to others every day?

### Act of Remembrance

If you are able to, you are very welcome to join us at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard, next Tuesday. We will be arriving at around 10.50am, ready for the traditional words, playing of The Last Post and a two minute silence.



## Worker of the Week



### Nightingale

**Nancy** for persevering in her phonics, recognising all of the sounds correctly. Well done Nancy!

**Lottie** for always trying really hard and participating in carpet sessions, well done Lottie!

### Bowie

**Delilah** for great learning in English and making a super effort with her writing.

**Lola** for having a super attitude to her learning this week.

### Anning

**Nala** for showing great perseverance with maths learning - having a great 'eureka' moment! Well done, Nala!

**Rita-Rae** for coming back from half term with a great attitude to learning! Keep up the fab work, Rita!

### Zephaniah

**Bodhi** for demonstrating great scientific knowledge in helping to plan our class experiments to test materials.

**Jacob H** for using a variety of painting skills and techniques in their wave painting.

### Lunchtime Award:

**Emmet** from Bowie Class for honouring our school values.

**Lucy** from Anning Class for her willingness to help.

### Out of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

- **Lola** in Bowie Class for her participation in Port Regis Gymnastics Club's Tricks and Treats gymnastics competition.
- **Freddie S** in Zephaniah Class for achieving his 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.*



### Anning Class

Anning Class have been working hard in Art; learning how to capture different features of the human body in various art forms. We have depicted humans in many different ways throughout the last half term - from realistic sketches of our friends, all the way through to sculpting and manipulating clay and pipe cleaners to create surrealist sculptures. Our pipe cleaner sculptures were inspired by Alberto Giacometti with long, thin and pokey features whereas our short, wide and rounded features made of clay were inspired by Henry Moore's art style. We had lots of fun experimenting with each different art style and enjoyed the challenge of capturing the human form in such a variety of ways.



**Updates**

### Attendance

Last half term our whole school attendance was 96%, which is above our target! This is so great to see, and we thank all our families for their support with this. This week, a few classes celebrated with a class treat as they had completed their 'All day, Every day!' poster. Although this has been a great start, we still need your support in continuing this success as we head into winter cold and flu season. If you are struggling with any attendance issues, please do speak to your child's class teacher who can offer support with this.

Below is a reminder of our attendance processes:

Attendance Drops Below	What Happens
95%	If this has not been caused due to an extended period of illness and within the Autumn term, your child's class teacher will speak with you and may send a letter informing you of this. We'll invite you to a short meeting to talk through what is happening and complete a support plan.

93%	You'll receive a letter and meet again with the class teacher to create a personalised Early Intervention Plan.
90% (Persistent Absence)	You'll be invited to meet with our School Leadership Team. We'll work together on an Attendance Support Plan, agree clear actions and review progress.

### School Photos

Tempest Photography attended on Monday to take our individual school photos and order forms came home with your child that day. If you wish to purchase, please follow the instructions on the Tempest form to order online.



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other RBL merchandise has been available to purchase in school this week. We will be holding a short Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10.50am. The whole school will attend and a wreath will be laid by representatives from Year 6.



### Children in Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

We will be marking Children in Need next Friday. This is a great opportunity to have fun but also remember those children less fortunate than our own. We are requesting a donation of £1 per child (to come into class teachers by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November please).

The following activities will be taking place next Friday:

- **PJs** – All children and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day (facepaints and Pugsy-themed paraphernalia are also allowed).
- **Extended morning break** – there will be activities for children to enjoy including bubbles as well as a “Guess How Many Pudseys” hunt around the playground.

### **\*\*CHANGE OF DATES\*\* FOR PARENTS EVENINGS**

Due to a clash with staff training we have had to move the dates for our planned parents' evenings. The meetings will now take place on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November (not Yr5)** and **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November (all year groups)**. Appointments will be available to book on the Arbor Parent Portal next week – an email will be sent out notifying you when they go live.

### After School Clubs

There are still a few places left in our After School sports clubs for this half term. On offer this time are Yr4-6 Multi-Sports (Monday), Yr4-6 Badminton (Thursday) and Yr1-3 Multi-Sports (Friday). Please contact the office for bookings.

### Yr3/4 Residential

A reminder that payment of the initial deposit is due today.

### Ad Hoc MDSA vacancy

We are looking to recruit an ad hoc Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to ensure we can cover when other supervisors aren't available. Experience of working with children in a voluntary or paid capacity is preferred. We have a really friendly and dedicated lunchtime team and full training will be given. The hours are from 11.45am until 1.15pm school term time only. This post requires a full safer recruitment check and a successful interview with provision of two suitable references. Please contact the school office if you are interested for an application form.



**Every Learner Matters**

Each week, in this new section of our newsletter, we will focus on a different topic – from what inclusion really means to exploring common needs such as ADHD, autism and dyslexia. Our aim is to give you clear, simple information, share the strategies we use in school and celebrate the strengths which every child brings.

### **Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH)**

Children with SEMH needs may struggle with emotions, relationships or behaviour. This can sometimes look like anger, worry, withdrawal or outbursts in class. Behind these behaviours, there is always a reason — such as difficulty managing feelings, challenges at home or unmet needs. School support includes emotional regulation tools, nurture groups and positive behaviour strategies. With empathy and guidance, children learn healthier ways to cope — and peers learn compassion and resilience.

### **Workshops for Information, Support and Education (WISE)**

Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle. To help support parent carers navigate these, a range of workshops have been created by Somerset Parent Carer Forum based on the subjects you have told them would be helpful. The idea behind the project is to empower parent carers through Workshops for Information, Support and Education. All the workshops will be delivered or co-delivered by someone with lived experience of being a parent carer. If you would like to know more, please click on this link: [WISE Up Workshops](#)



### **Bag2School**

Don't forget our next collection is on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – please bring donations to the lower playground gate by 9am that day. Collection bags were sent home during this week – please be mindful of the items which cannot be donated (school or work uniforms/soft toys/towels/bedding & curtains) but if you have more than will fit in one bag, black sacks are acceptable too!

### **Its Panto Time (oh yes it is!)**

We are excited for all the children to enjoy a visiting theatre company who are bringing their production of “Jack and the Beanstalk” to us on Thursday morning next week. This visit, which the whole school can enjoy, has been entirely funded by money raised through PTA events.

### **Fundraising continues...**

In the meantime, there are other ways you can continue to help with our fundraising efforts through various avenues:  
**My School Fund:** <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>

Please do donate books and games/CDs/DVD's (anything with a barcode). Please put donations in the marked bins outside the school's front door, at the Eco Council Recycling Point.

### **And finally...**

It's been a great first week back, wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Brazier*

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Sticky Fingers Pre-School



**Friday 21st November 2025**

Templecombe Village Hall

doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm



**6 BOOKS FOR  
£10  
OR £2 EACH**

**No children under 6**

CAKES, TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



## DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

### NOVEMBER:

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential – deposit deadline
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 10.50am at Templecombe War Memorial
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Pantomime at school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need fundraiser
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm (Not Yr5)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm (All years)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

### DECEMBER:

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Muddy Church – Advent To Be Confirmed
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3/4 Residential – 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment deadline PTFA Christmas Fayre – (No After Fun provision)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity – dress rehearsal To Be Confirmed
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents To Be Confirmed
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch To Be Confirmed Christingle making in school Christmas Song Showdown
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

**3pm School Closes for Christmas** (No After Fun provision)

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

**JANUARY:**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** School re-opens

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** **Muddy Church - Candlemass**

**FEBRUARY:**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** House challenge – pancake races p.m.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** **3.30pm School closes for half term**

**16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY to 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – HALF TERM**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** School re-opens

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** **Muddy Church – Spring, new beginnings**

**MARCH:**

**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**

**APRIL:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** 9.05am End of Term Awards

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** House Challenge a.m.

Easter Experience p.m.

**3pm School Closes for the Easter Break** (No After Fun provision)

**3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL to 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL – EASTER BREAK**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** School re-opens

**29/4 to 1/5** **Yr 5 Residential**

**MAY:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** **Bank Holiday – school closed**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** **Muddy Church To Be Confirmed**

**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>** **3.30pm School closes for half term**

**25<sup>th</sup> MAY to 29<sup>th</sup> MAY – HALF TERM**

**JUNE:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** **INSET Day – school closed**

**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 To Be Confirmed**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Non-uniform day for sweets for Tombola at Summer Fayre

	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs to be confirmed	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)	
JULY:		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Sports Event To Be Confirmed / PTFA Summer Fayre To Be Confirmed	
W/C Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reports sent home	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Trip	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Fun Day	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.05am End of Term Awards	/ 2pm Leavers Service in school
<b><u>3pm School Closes for the Summer Break</u></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.