



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 values of respect and inspire, with the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10). With the key messages being that respect means looking beyond first impressions and seeing the value in every person. When we encourage others and give them a chance to succeed, we can inspire positive change just as Jesus did for Zacchaeus. Children reflected and shared their thoughts on these three questions: How can we show respect to people who are different from us? Have you ever changed your mind about someone? How can your actions inspire others to do the right thing?

REMINDERS	
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Thurs 16 th	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch – booking forms came home this week
Friday 17 th	Reports being sent home



Worker of the Week



<p><u>NIGHTINGALE</u> Romeo and Oskar for creating a beautiful classroom map together. They took time to decorate and label their maps, showing great teamwork skills helping each other. Well done boys!</p>	<p><u>BOWIE</u> Jack has worked hard this week in all his work. Bowie Class were all very proud of Jack when he volunteered to read our daily story starter to us. Jacob has had a great week. He has focused very hard on his handwriting and spelling and written some wonderful sentences.</p>
<p><u>ANNING</u> Pati for creating a beautiful galaxy silhouette piece of artwork this week. Rita-Rae for always showing such wonderful kindness and respect to everyone at school, especially in times of need.</p>	<p><u>ZEPHANIAH</u> Rupert for memorising his lines quickly and speaking confidently with clarity and precise timing. Jacob H for approaching rehearsals with confidence, delivering his lines fluently while mastering all of his different roles.</p>



Congratulations go to:

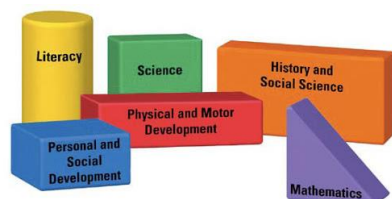
- **Gabriel** for always being polite and helpful
- **Tobias** for improved behaviour in the dining hall

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

- **Sienna** in Zephaniah for being awarded Highly Commended in the Engineer in the Making competition for her fantastic idea to assist blind people (see below for more information).
- **Jacob** in Bowie for receiving the U8 manager's Player trophy from Templecombe Titans

A big well done to all of you!



Our Curriculum



Letters from Thailand

We were delighted to receive a set of letters from pupils at a school in Thasala, in the province of Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand, where Mrs Benjfield's daughter works. The children in Zephaniah Class thoroughly enjoyed reading the letters together and learning a little about life in another part of the world. They were so excited that they eagerly wrote thoughtful replies, which will now be sent back to Thailand. What a wonderful opportunity to make international connections and share experiences across the globe!



Year 5 WoW Day at King Arthur's

All our Year 5 pupils were invited to attend a WoW day at King Arthur's School in Wincanton on Tuesday this week. They enjoyed experiencing various lessons through the day to complete King Arthur's Quest. Each participant was presented with a certificate in our WoW Assembly yesterday afternoon.



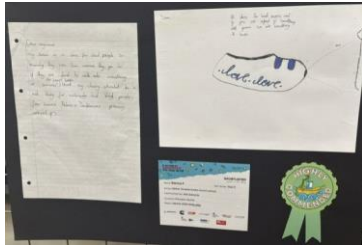
Updates

Primary Engineer Success

We are delighted to celebrate Sienna's fantastic achievement in this year's Primary Engineer competition. The competition saw more than 75,000 children from across the UK take part, including 25,000 pupils from the South West. From those 25,000 entries, only four children from each year group were recognised with awards: two winners and two highly commended. We are incredibly proud that Sienna was awarded a Highly Commended certificate for her innovative engineering design. As part of her achievement, she was invited to a special awards

ceremony at the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol), where she was presented with her award by industry professionals.

This is a wonderful accomplishment and reflects Sienna's creativity, problem-solving skills, and determination. We are incredibly proud of her and are excited to see where her design and engineering journey takes her in the future. Congratulations, Sienna, on this outstanding achievement!



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. Parents will receive an email during the holidays if the "go live" date occurs after school has broken up for the summer, which will provide all the information and a link for applying which must be done before school returns in September.



Every Learner Matters

When your child behaves differently from others (Personality Theory):

What you might notice:

- Your child prefers quiet time or avoids groups
- Or they are very active, talkative, and always "on the go"
- They may struggle in environments that don't match their style

What this might tell us:

This may simply reflect your child's personality or temperament, not a problem. Children naturally differ in how they think, socialise and learn.

What you can do to help:

- Accept and celebrate your child's unique traits
- Give them time and space if they need it
- Offer choices in how they complete tasks
- Avoid comparing them with others
- Support them to succeed in ways that suit them

Key message: There is no "one right way" to behave — understanding your child's personality helps them feel confident and valued.



Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre last Friday. Everyone had a great time and we are excited to announce that this year's Fayre made a profit of £776!

Movie 'n' Munch

Our final event this academic year will be Movie 'n' Munch on Thursday 16th July. Booking forms came home on Wednesday so please do complete and return those as soon as possible (and by Monday 13th July at the latest).

And finally...

We've had another very busy and rather warm week in school with staff doing their very best to keep classrooms cool alongside adjustments to learning, regular hydration breaks and quieter activities at break/lunchtimes. Thank you for your continued support during the recent hot weather and for helping to ensure that children come to school prepared with water bottles, sun hats and sunscreen. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted and continued to engage positively with their learning despite the challenging temperatures. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine safely.

Mrs Brazier

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POP-UP
ARTS & CRAFTS
WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

DATES
SATURDAY 25TH JULY
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

9.30AM - 10.30AM
FOR 5 - 8 YEAR OLDS

10.30AM - 11.30AM
FOR 9 - 11 YEAR OLDS

£10 PER CHILD ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED!

TO BE HELD AT
TEMPLECOMBE VILLAGE HALL

CONTACT ALISON ON
01963 371774 OR 07515 830435

36 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE ★ DBS CHECKED ✓



JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

Junior Coaching – Henstridge Golf & Leisure Centre, BA8 0TG

Fun, Friendly and Confidence-Building Sessions, designed for young golfers and open to all...

Every Saturday

£8 per session

- Under 11s:** 9:30am – 10:30am
- Over 11s:** 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Girls Only:** 12:30pm – 1:30pm

These sessions focus on developing skills, enjoyment and on-course confidence.

Contact Wes Caines

- 07508259637
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- <https://spond.com/invite/VRIUX>

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.

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.



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.



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



DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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JULY:

Mon 13th	Dress rehearsal of KS2 Production
Tues 14th	1.30pm and 6pm - KS2 Production to Parents
Thurs 16th	PTFA Movie 'n' Munch
Friday 17th	Reports sent home Whole School picnic lunch
Monday 20th	Yr6 Treat
Tuesday 21st	Whole School Fun Day with 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.