



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (5) Friday 10th October 2025



Collective Worship Reflections



This week we turned our attention to Harvest time. Thank you to all those who contributed food to our local food bank (Lord's Larder). In our Harvest themed worship times we focused on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-8 & 13:18-23) and what type of soil we want to be in our lives. Harvest time is also a time of celebration and Christians saying thank you to God for his generosity, so during our Wednesday reflection time, children shared their thoughts on what they are thankful for. They shared that they are thankful for family, food, a bed to sleep in, a loving home, friends and their teachers.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Kyle for showing great perseverance in Maths. Kyle has been focusing very hard on his number formation. Well done Kyle!

Clark for doing some lovely painting in Art. He was really engaged with the activity for a long period of time - well done Clark!

Bowie

Abigail for showing great perseverance in DT this week, where you have been sewing your hand puppet together. Well done!

Mavis for showing great independence within the classroom and completing your layers in Maths in your book. Well done!

Anning

Khalisee for being such a superstar with ALL learning - especially with our fronted adverbials in our poems! Well done, Khalisee!

Harrison for maintaining a GREAT attitude to learning and for showing curiosity across the curriculum! Well done, Harrison!

Zephaniah

Isla-Rose for remembering key geographical vocabulary for the lines and zones of the world map.

Alice for making really detailed notes, when comparing and describing the work of several artists in this week's art session.

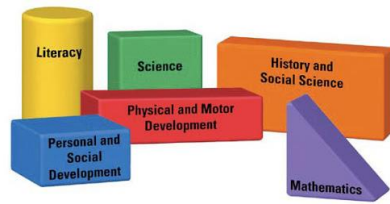
Lunchtime Award:

Year 2 for being respectful with the equipment.

Victoria from Zephaniah for helping Mrs Flagg so willingly in the hall, without hesitation and with a smile on her face.

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



Hello Yellow Day today



A huge well done to staff and the children for another successful 'Hello Yellow Day'. From the photos below you will see that everyone had a great day!

Nightingale Class have been very busy. The children have all created their very own Sunshines - the children showed great cutting and painting skills during this activity. We spent some time listening to calming music and popping bubbles which the children loved and it definitely put big smiles on everyone's faces. In the afternoon we all had a dance party - this was great fun. Nightingale Class definitely have some great dance moves. We then had a circle time which focused on what makes each of us happy: the children shared some lovely ideas and listened beautifully to their friends. Well done Nightingales!



Bowie Class have had a busy day doing things that make us smile. This has included: showing patience, teamwork and kindness to make loom band creations, words of affirmation mindfulness colouring, making a giant paperchain of kindness to fill our whole outside area and acts of kindness sunshine, writing and drawing things that might help our friends feel happy. We finished off the afternoon with a dance party!



Anning Class spent the morning discussing Sensory Circuits. We completed our favourite Alerting, Organising and Calming activities. Following that, we talked about our Zones of Regulation and how it is okay to feel big feelings when they take over our bodies, but it is important to know how to manage them. We can feel many things all at once and we coloured in our monsters to represent how we feel today - using the Zones of Regulation colours. We wrote positive affirmations for ourselves and then we posed in our very own Hello Yellow Day Photo Booth! Finally, we exchanged Secret Santa style letters to one another - giving each other compliments.



Zephaniah Class spent the morning exploring their personal mental health and inspired by 'The Beast', they considered the areas they struggle with and how they can keep their minds healthy. Everyone created their own artwork to represent this. This afternoon we listened to our class story, did some yoga and talked about how different types of exercise help us in different ways and then had the opportunity to be social with friends, choosing board games or other activities together.



Updates

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.



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 that every child brings.

Spotlight on ADHD

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a difference in how the brain manages attention, activity and impulses. In class, a child with ADHD may:

- Find it hard to sit still for long.
- Get distracted easily.

- Interrupt without meaning to.

This doesn't mean they *can't* focus — often, they focus intensely on things they love! ADHD brains are full of energy, creativity and fresh ideas. Teachers use strategies like movement breaks, chunked instructions and visual reminders. With understanding and support, children with ADHD can thrive both academically and socially.

Open afternoon – Stay and Play

We look forward to welcoming parents to this event on **Tuesday**. Please do remember to complete the online form to sign up if you haven't already - this will close at 5pm on Monday. Please enter through the main office where you will be greeted by Year 6 pupils who will seat you and collect your child/children.

Children's Eye Health

We have been contacted by the School Vision Screening Service which is commissioned by Somerset Council and provided by the NHS Orthoptic Service in Somerset. As part of the NHS 10 year plan they are focusing on early diagnosis and prevention of sight problems in children. We all know how vital vision is for a child's development and it is important that all those involved in children's development and education know how to best help children in achieving and maintaining good vision. Please click on the [link](#) to see the information flyer which promotes eye health and includes information on access to free sight tests at local opticians for children.

Family First Newsletter

Here's your free copy of the UK's largest parenting title - Enjoy! <https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue4-25>

2026 School Applications

The poster is titled 'CHOICE ADVICE' in large white letters on a purple background. Below the title, it says 'Advice and support on school admissions and appeals'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Call us on 01823 356 903', 'Fill in our online form www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice', and 'Contact us via email choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk or scan the QR code'. There are three speech bubbles with questions: 'CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?', 'There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?', and 'I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.' A red speech bubble asks 'IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?'. The Somerset Council logo is at the bottom left.

We are running our primary school tours for September 2026 starters soon! See the poster below for details and please contact the School Office to book your visit.

The poster is for 'Abbas and Templecombe Church School' and asks 'Is your child starting primary school in September 2026?'. It invites parents to 'Please come for a tour of our School and meet our staff'. The text says: 'You are warmly invited to visit our school and see it 'in action'. You will be welcomed by our Head of School and have the opportunity to meet our Early Years Staff. We hope to be able to answer any questions you may have related to the school and applying for a place. We will also be able to share our Parent's Guide which provides more information.' The tours will take place on: 'Wednesday 15th October at 9.45am', 'Thursday 23rd October at 1.45pm', and 'Thursday 6th November at 10am'. To book a tour, contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@abbschool.org or by phone on 01963 370481. The poster ends with 'We hope to see you soon'.

Have Your Say – Childcare Survey from Somerset Council

The poster is titled 'Parent/Carer Survey on Wraparound & Holiday Provision in Somerset, Autumn 2025'. It features a large QR code for the survey. The background shows a group of children.

Somerset Council is seeking feedback from families across the county about wraparound and holiday childcare needs. Whether you use these services or not, your views matter! The survey asks about:

- ☒ Current and future childcare needs
- ☒ Reasons families may not use existing provision
- ☒ Barriers or challenges you face accessing childcare

Please complete the survey by midday on 14th November 2025 and thank you for helping shape childcare services in Somerset!



7pm on Thursday 16th October 2025

As the PTA is a registered charity it must meet annually for an AGM to appoint key positions (Chair/Treasurer/Secretary), report on the past year and plan for the year ahead. The PTA need your help if they are to continue with their vital work. Please do come to this meeting, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can – without a growth in this leadership team, many events will simply not be able to take place this year. If you are new to our school, this is an excellent way to get to know some of your fellow parents and school staff.



Glo Disco – Thursday 23rd October

Booking forms will be coming home on Monday. Year 3s have the choice of attending either session (not both!). Please post the reply slip in the PTA postbox outside the school office by the deadline of Friday 17th October.

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.

Bag2School collection: Monday 10th November.

And finally...

We've all had a great week in school, with lots of excellent learning taking place! Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Brazier

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St Mary's
Abbas & Templecombe



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MASK MAKING

GLOW IN THE DARK FACE PAINT

NEON HOPSCOTCH

GLOW STICKS

SONGS, GAMES AND PUPPETS

PIZZA AND CAKE

BE A SUPERHERO FOR HALLOWEEN!
COME TO OUR FREE KIDS LIGHT PARTY

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 5.30 – 7PM TEMPLECOMBE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

FANCY DRESS WELCOME

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 14 th	Open afternoon (Yrs1-6) & stay and play (Reception)
Wednesday 15 th	9.45am School Tour for September 2026 intake
Thursday 16 th	PTA AGM, 7pm in school
Tuesday 21 st	House challenge (pm)
Thursday 23 rd	1.45pm School Tour for September 2026 intake PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow
Friday 24 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

27th October to 31st October - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 3 rd	School re-opens Tempest Photography – individual photographs
Thursday 6 th	10am School Tour for September 2026 intake
Friday 7 th	Yr3/4 Residential – deposit deadline
Sunday 9 th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Monday 10 th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
Tuesday 11 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
Thursday 13 th	9.15am Pantomime at school
Friday 14 th	Children in Need fundraiser
Monday 17 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later
Tuesday 18 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly More info later
Friday 28 th	Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER:

Thursday 4 th	House challenge – Tree Decoration
Friday 5 th	Yr3/4 Residential – 2 nd payment deadline PTFA Christmas Fayre – To Be Confirmed (No After Fun provision)
Monday 8 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal To Be Confirmed
Tuesday 9 th	9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents To Be Confirmed
Tuesday 16 th	Christmas Lunch To Be Confirmed Christingle making in school Christmas Song Showdown
Wednesday 17 th	9.05am End of Term Awards
Friday 19 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)

22nd DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 5th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 6 th	School re-opens

FEBRUARY:

Friday 6 th	Yr3/4 Residential – final payment deadline
Tuesday 11 th	House challenge – pancake races p.m.

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