



# Abbas & Templecombe Church School

## Newsletter (13) Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

As we reach the end of another school year, and my final one as Head Teacher, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our school community for the support you have given our school and me over the last ten years.

Together, we have achieved so much. Our school has grown in strength, standards have improved, opportunities for children have expanded and, most importantly, we have continued to build a caring and ambitious school community which puts children first. Thanks to the dedication of staff, pupils, governors, parents and the wider community, the school is in a very strong position for the future.

Thank you for your trust, support and friendship over the years. It has been a privilege to serve this wonderful community.

*James Webb*

### Year 6 Leavers



Our Year 6 children leave us today and they will certainly be missed. They are a fine bunch of children who have been a real credit to our school, both as an example to our younger pupils but also when we have taken them on trips. They worked tirelessly to achieve some truly excellent end of Key Stage 2 assessment results – well done and thank you for all you have brought to our school.

We also said a very fond farewell to Miss Ash and Miss Elson; we wish them all the best in their new adventures.



## Awards



We held our End of Term Awards this morning – well done to everyone for all your hard work, but some special congratulations (Head Teacher's Awards) go to Nancy, Eddie, Jordy and Maeve from Nightingale Class; Jackson, Amaya, Lola and Harry from Bowie Class; George, Jess, Josh and Lucy from Anning Class and Phoebe, Sienna, Rupert and Olivia from Zephaniah Class.

### **Dersley Reading Award**

Our annual reading progress and achievement award, given in honour of Mrs Dersley, a former TA at our school who sadly passed away but is still remembered very fondly by staff and parents who knew her, was awarded to Star in Key Stage 1 and Harry in Key Stage 2. They were both awarded a gift voucher and will have their names engraved on the Dersley Reading Plaque. Eli, Otto, Eliza, Olivia B, Delilah and Evelyn were all nominated and were congratulated for their achievements this year in reading.



### **Maths Prize**

An ex-pupil, who recently retired, visited the school last year after a successful career in education and has gifted a lovely trophy to recognise pupils' Maths ability and encourage future pupils to give Maths their all. The award was presented to Charlie in Key Stage 1 and Pippa in Key Stage 2. They were both awarded a gift voucher and will have their names engraved on the Maths trophy. Barney, Emmet and Khalisee were also nominated and were congratulated for their achievements this year in Maths.



### **Creativity Prize**

Mrs Hukins, an ex-Chair of Governors, marked her retirement from this role, last year, by gifting a special trophy to recognise pupils' creativity, not just in art and DT but in all aspects of the creative sphere. The award was presented to Romeo in Key Stage 1 and Theodore in Key Stage 2. They were both awarded a gift voucher and will have their names engraved on the Creativity trophy. Harper W, Harper D and Pati were also nominated and were congratulated for their creativity.



### **Inspire Award**

Mr Hamblin-Boone, a long standing School Governor, marked his retirement from governorship this year by gifting a special trophy to recognise inspirational pupils. The Inspire Award is designed to be as inclusive as possible, so that none of the children are disadvantaged by age or ability. It can be attained for either an exceptionally inspirational act or sustained behaviour that inspires others, something innovative or creative that inspires or a demonstration of leadership that encourages others. Such an award reflects one of the school's core values and Mr Hamblin-Boone's role as Foundation Governor with the link to Christian ethos. The Award was presented to Reggie in Key Stage 1 and Sienna in Key Stage 2. They both received a gift voucher and will have their names engraved on the Inspire trophy. Freddie W and Pippa were also nominated and were congratulated for inspiring attributes.



### **100% Attendance Award**

Well done to 21 students for achieving 100% Attendance for the summer term and congratulations to six of our pupils for achieving their 100% Attendance Award for this academic year: Lottie-Mae (Nightingale), Emmet (Bowie), Isla P (Anning) and Bodhi, Jacob D, Matthew (Zephaniah).

### **Templecombe Tokens Platinum Awards**

Congratulations go to our Platinum Award winners for the year, winning the most tokens overall are: Nightingale Class – Barney and Charlie (jointly); Bowie Class – Harry B; Anning Class – Rupert P; Zephaniah Class – Pippa.

**A big well done to all of you!**





### **Somerset Libraries Summer Reading Challenge**

Don't forget to register your child/ren for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This is a great way to ensure children keep reading over the summer holidays!

### **Hot Lunches for September**

Parents should be able to log into Arbor parent portal to book in meals for September. You'll need to choose the next academic year from the drop down menu (2026/27) and order as normal. The deadline date is 1<sup>st</sup> August for meals for the first week of September.

### **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.



### **Waitrose Green Token Scheme**

Throughout the summer, we can still fundraise! Waitrose has reinstated its green token voting stations in stores to give customers the chance to support local charities. – our PTFA is now live in Sherborne's Waitrose, so if you shop in there, please do collect your green token(s) and post them where they count!

### **AGM – advance notice**

We have agreed the date of the PTA's Annual General Meeting. This will take place in school at 7pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

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

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, I want to say a huge thank you to our wonderful children, families and staff for making it such a memorable one. We've shared so many special moments together and have so much to be proud of.

I hope you all have a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning and adventure.

Have a wonderful summer!

*Mrs Brazier*

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## **DIARY DATES - 2026/27 Academic Year**

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

### **SEPTEMBER:**

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   | <b>INSET DAY – school closed</b> |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>INSET DAY – school closed</b> |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>     | School reopens for all years     |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> | PTA AGM, 7pm in school           |

**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.

| September 2026 |  |   |    |    |    |    | October 2026 |  |   |    |    |    |    | November 2026 |   |   |    |    |    |    |
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| T              |  | 1 | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29 | Tu           |  |   | 6  | 13 | 20 | 27 | T             |   | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |    |
| W              |  | 2 | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30 | We           |  |   | 7  | 14 | 21 | 28 | W             |   | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |    |
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| F              |  | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |    | Fr           |  | 2 | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30 | F             |   | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |    |
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| Su             |  | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |    | Su           |  | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |    | S             | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |    |
| December 2026  |  |   |    |    |    |    | January 2027 |  |   |    |    |    |    | February 2027 |   |   |    |    |    |    |
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| March 2027     |  |   |    |    |    |    | April 2027   |  |   |    |    |    |    | May 2027      |   |   |    |    |    |    |
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| June 2027      |  |   |    |    |    |    | July 2027    |  |   |    |    |    |    | August 2027   |   |   |    |    |    |    |
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**Key:**

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

**Term dates summary:**

- Term 1:** 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
  - Term 2:** 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
  - Term 3:** 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
  - Term 4:** 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
  - Term 5:** 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
  - Term 6:** 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)
- TOTAL = 195**

**Bank and public holidays 2026/27**

|                            |                   |                      |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Christmas Day Bank Holiday | 25 December 2026  | Easter Monday        | 29 March 2027  |
| Boxing Day Bank Holiday    | 28 December 2026* | May Day Bank Holiday | 03 May 2027    |
| New Year's Day Holiday     | 01 January 2027   | Spring Bank Holiday  | 31 May 2027    |
| Good Friday                | 26 March 2027     | Summer Bank Holiday  | 30 August 2027 |

\*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.