



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (7) Friday 23rd October 2026



Collective Worship Reflections



This week, our collective worship focused on the Old Testament story of Ruth and Naomi, exploring how true loyalty can transform lives. Through their journey, the children reflected on our core school value of love, seeing how Ruth's deep devotion to her mother-in-law meant putting someone else's needs above her own. We also linked this story to our British values of mutual respect and tolerance. Ruth was an outsider in a new land, yet she was welcomed and respected. When we reflected on the story, Nova-Ray said "They didn't say go away, you don't belong here" and Eli shared "They showed love and kindness". The children then discussed how we can show this same unconditional love and respect within our school community every day. Lottie-Mae said "If someone is sad, we can ask them if they are okay"; Ava said "The children asked me if I needed help and shared their names"; Rita-Rae said, "Make them laugh!"

REMINDERS

26th October to 30th October - HALF TERM

(See end of Newsletter for *FREE* Breakfast offer at Morrisons!)

Monday 2nd NOVEMBER:

INSET Day – school closed

Sunday 8th

Remembrance Sunday – Church Service

****PLEASE NOTE** DECEMBER DATE CHANGES**

The last two weeks of the Autumn term are always incredibly busy in the run up to Christmas. Due to staffing availability, we have had to change the date of our Christmas Church Service so that it will now take place on Tuesday 15th December at 2.30pm. Our End of Term Awards assembly will now be at 2.15pm on Friday 18th December, with school closing at 3pm as is usual on the last day of each whole term.

Parents are warmly invited to attend both events.



Celebrating
Our Core Values

NIGHTINGALE

Saffie – Respect - This week Saffie has sat super SHARP and listened really well. She was able to recall many of our key facts from our learning this term.

Eli - Love - Eli is always looking out for others, being kind and super helpful.

BOWIE

Emmet - Inspire - for always trying his best and having wonderful ideas in English!

Ivy - Perseverance - for working really hard on her Maths even when she struggled. Well done Ivy!

ANNING

George - Inspire - George has inspired Anning Class this week with his fantastic positive learning attitude - he has written a wonderful non chronological report about our school.

Harvey - Perseverance - Harvey has persevered with some tricky maths and improving his handwriting this week. He has shown great independence and has also been a helpful learning partner.

ZEPHANIAH

Edith - Perseverance - for really working hard with maths over recent weeks - even taking homework in your stride!

Cory - Perseverance - for working ever so hard, in spite of not having four operational limbs!



Congratulations go to

- **Tobias** in Nightingale for always sitting well at lunchtime.
- **Freddie S** in Zephaniah for always being polite.

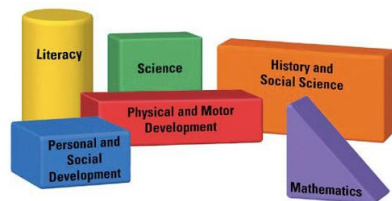
Out of School Achievements

Congratulations go to:

- **Amelia** in Nightingale for achieving her Level 1 Learn to Swim award
- **Dottie** in Bowie for achieving her Riversmeet Level 8 Gymnastics award
- **Nelly** in Anning for being awarded a certificate of participation for Gillingham Carnival's children's afternoon procession.

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



Surprise Attendance Day "All Day, Every Day"

After a very wet start to the day, the rain held off so that we could have a boogie at breaktime! The music really lifted our spirits on a grey day and, as you can see, there were lots of smiles and most of the staff were dancing too!! This led on beautifully to the PTA Glo-Disco after school and we thank all the PTA volunteers for arranging this event for us.



Nightingale Class



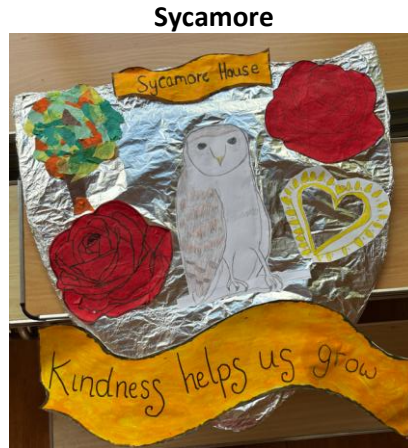
Our RE this term is focused on belonging. We have thought about ourselves and how we are part of a family unit. We then moved onto how we belong to our school community and discussed the things that show us we belong, like badges and uniform. This week, we learnt about the Christian practise of baptism, which welcomes people into the Christian faith. As part of our lesson, we recreated a Baptism ceremony using a doll, discussing the common procedures and the symbolism behind them.





House Challenge – Design a Shield

Everyone had a great time this afternoon at our House Challenge designing and making a Shield to represent their House. You can see from these pictures how creative each group was. The winning House is Oak.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



After half term, we will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Poppies and a range of other Royal British Legion merchandise will be available to purchase in school, giving children and families the opportunity to support this important cause and help honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

As part of our commemorations, we will also hold a short time of reflection in school on Wednesday 11th November which will provide pupils and staff with an opportunity to reflect, remember and pay their respects to members of the Armed Forces, past and present.

School Photos – Tuesday 10th November

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Tuesday 10th November to take our individual school photos.

Parents Evenings

Our planned parents' evenings will take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November. Appointments will be available to book on the Arbor Parent Portal on Tuesday 3rd November (first day back after half term).

2026 School Applications

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that the secondary school application deadline for September 2027 entry is during half term, on the **31 October 2026**.

Templecombe Messenger

Please visit this link for the November edition of the village news: <https://flipbook.so/flip/14AYPfUgVcKEQZlexLxN>



Please see separate newsletter from the PTA with all the updates you need to know!

And finally...

What an amazing half term it has been! We had a visit from South Street Dental team to support children with oral hygiene; Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness and support children to develop healthy mental health habits; Harvest Festival - we were so pleased to be able to share this with so many parents. Many classes have celebrated whole class

attendance reward and not forgetting our amazing Surprise Attendance Days! Finally, today, the children took part in our House Challenge. Wishing everyone a fabulous and relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Mrs Brazier

DIARY DATES - 2026/27 Autumn Term

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

OCTOBER:

Friday 23rd House challenge - House Shields and Banners

3.30pm School closes for half term

26th October to 30th October - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 2nd **INSET Day – school closed**

Tuesday 3rd School reopens

Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday – Church Service

Wednesday 11th Whole School Act of Remembrance in school

Thursday 12th Visiting Pantomime

Friday 13th Children in Need fundraiser

Monday 16th Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6pm.

Tuesday 17th Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6pm.

Friday 27th Non-uniform day for chocolate for Tombola at Christmas Fayre

DECEMBER:

Thursday 3rd House challenge – Tree Decoration

Friday 4th PTFA Christmas Fayre (No After Fun provision)

Monday 7th Nativity – dress rehearsal

Tuesday 8th 9.15am Nativity to parents / 2.15pm Nativity to parents

Thursday 10th PTA Movie 'n' Munch

Friday 11th Christmas Song Showdown

Sunday 13th 4pm Christingle Service in Church

Tuesday 15th 2.30pm Christmas Service in Church – all welcome

Thursday 17th PTA Elf Day / Whole School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day

2.15pm End of Term Awards – all welcome

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

21st DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 4th School re-opens

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.

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NEW SEPTEMBER INTAKE

STAY & PLAY

We would love to invite our new September intake children and families to join us for a Stay & Play session!

This is a great opportunity to:



Meet our friendly staff



Explore the classroom



Play with our resources



12 October • 22 October
10 November • 20 November

3:45 – 4:30pm

Come and see what makes our school so special!



Small school • Big futures

