



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (1) Friday 24th April 2026

It was lovely to welcome everyone back into school on Tuesday, looking refreshed and keen to get back into their learning following the Easter break.



Collective Worship Reflections



As with all terms, we began with our school values, reminding children of how we should engage with one another in order to be a harmonious community. Later in the week we looked more closely at kindness and how we can 'colour' the school with kindness. The children reflected on the kindness colour of our school and how they could help to make this colour even brighter.

REMINDERS	
Monday	After School Clubs: YrR-2 Choir / Yr3-6 Rounders
Tuesday	After School Clubs: Yr2-6 Crafts
Wednesday	After School Clubs: Yr2-6 Board Games / Yr3-6 Choir
29/4 to 1/5	Yr 5 Residential No After School Clubs on Thursday and Friday due to Yr5 Residential
Please see end of Newsletter for 2026/2027 Term Dates	

Abbas and Templecombe Church School



Is your child starting primary school in September 2027?

Please come for a tour of our School and meet our staff

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:
 Thursday 11th June at 9.45am
 Wednesday 17th June at 1.45pm
 Monday 29th June at 10am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@at.bwmat.org or by phone on 01963 370481. If these dates are not convenient or you would prefer an individual tour, please let us know your availability and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We hope to see you soon



Worker of the Week



NIGHTINGALE

Maeve for being super helpful in class.

Jordy for brilliant work in phonics and for having a good first week back.

BOWIE

Isobel has worked very hard this week, showing great focus in her learning and support to her learning partner.

Eliza thoroughly enjoyed our investigation of non-chronological reports and sharing all the information she had learned.

ANNING

Whitney for being amazingly enthusiastic during our scavenger hunt. You're a superstar for having so much spirit! Well done, Whitney!

Lacey for consistently working hard at perfecting your times tables. Your hard work has certainly paid off! Well done, Lacey!

ZEPHANIAH

Rupert for being such a great role model and always being sat SHARP and ready for learning. He has become much more confident to share ideas and knowledge in front of the whole class - well done Rupert!

Norah for always being such a great role model and being able to demonstrate that she has remembered key knowledge. In particular this week, she has used some of the extended vocabulary in her Science facts about the circulatory system. Well done Norah!



Templecombe
Token
Certificates



Congratulations go to:

- **Harry, Lola and Kenny** in Bowie and **Freddie S** in Zephaniah for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token award.
- **Amelia, Isaac, Grace and Jacob** in Zephaniah for achieving their Gold Templecombe Token award.

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

- **Kasey** in Anning for being awarded Star of the Week for good attitude towards learning and improvement at Castle Cary Cygnets Majorettes.

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.



Every Learner Matters

Working Memory Difficulties

Working memory is the ability to hold and use information in the moment. Some children may forget instructions quickly or lose track of multi-step tasks. Visual prompts, chunked instructions and repetition help reduce frustration. These small adjustments allow children to show what they know without being held back by memory overload.



Updates

Curriculum Maps

This term is packed with engaging learning opportunities and exciting events for your child/ren. Curriculum Maps for each class have been emailed out to parents today which outline the key topics and areas of learning. We hope this will give you a clear picture of what is in store and help you support your child with their learning at home. We have included a 'Special Events' box on each class document so that you can save any key dates for the term and further information will be published on our weekly newsletters.

Sunshine!

We have been enjoying some beautiful sunny weather this week which provides a timely reminder to apply suncream at home before school and for your child to bring a sunhat with them to wear during outside play/learning sessions please. Whilst we are happy for your child to bring suncream into school to apply themselves if needed, please do make sure they know that they must not share the product with other children due to possible allergies.

Yew House – Non-uniform Day – Friday 8th May

Last term's house winners were Yew House and they will be able to come into school on Friday 8th May in non-uniform in celebration of their awesomeness! Please ensure clothing is suitable for your child's in-school activities and the weather that day, especially if they have PE.

Inspirational fundraising



One of our pupils held a cake sale after school yesterday to assist with her grandparent's fundraising efforts for Blood Cancer UK. Tamsin enlisted the help of her friend Nala and the amount she raised took the total fundraising over the £10,000 mark, so thank you to everyone who bought cakes to support Tamsin to make this happen!

Thank you for making a
difference!

Your donation of **£65.26** is on its way to
Blood Cancer UK.
A confirmation email will be with you
shortly.

Year 5 and 6 Bikeability Course on 29th/30th June – advance notice to sign up

We have arranged a cycle training course, in conjunction with Somerset Road Safety, to take place in school over two days on 29th and 30th June. The Bikeability course has been designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. To enable this course to run, we need adult helpers with a roadworthy bike and bike helmet to accompany the children across the 2 days – it doesn't have to be the same person every day so if you can volunteer your time, even if it is just for one of the days, please do contact the school office. If you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to attend the course please email the school office: places will be allocated with Year 6 children taking priority and only those who have not successfully completed the course before may apply. Children will need a roadworthy bicycle, a bike helmet and be confident enough to ride on the roads around Templecombe.

Spring edition of the Parents' & Carers' Newsletter 2025-26.

We are delighted to share with you all the Spring edition of the BWMAT Parent and Carers' Newsletter. It is absolutely full of stories showcasing the huge range of activities enjoyed by children and staff across our Trust family. Please click on this link: [Parents and Carers Spring Edition Newsletter - April 2026](#)

Empowering Parents series - Thursday 30th April at 6pm online

This session, titled "Safeguarding Through the Lens of Understanding Brain Development" will be led by our guest speaker, Polly Harrow, a qualified Trauma and Mental Health Practitioner and Senior Mental Health Lead. Polly's expertise includes safeguarding, equality, diversity, inclusion, behaviour, trauma-informed practice and the session will focus on helping parents understand the typical behaviours expected at each stage of a child's development whilst also providing insight into child and adolescent brain development so they can create supportive and nurturing environments for their children. Please note anyone wishing to attend the session will need to register for a ticket, and this can be done via the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985994997499?aff=oddttdtcreator>.

And finally...

What a beautifully sunny return to school we've had. The children have settled back well into school life and it's been a super week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Brazier



**Somerset
Council**

**Somerset School Terms and Holidays
2026/2027 Academic Year**

September 2026					October 2026					November 2026										
M		7	14	21	28	Mo		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30		
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Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28				
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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.

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FREE Parent and Carer Workshops:



Each session will create a safe supportive space where parents and carers can engage in a way that feels comfortable for them, including anonymous contributions and end-of-session questions.

You only need to attend **ONE** workshop.

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Online (live only):

Monday 20th April 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of Secondary Pupils** - Talking about sex and relationships with your teen: What parents need to know.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293295>

Monday 11th May 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of SEND Learners** - Supporting your SEND child with Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293311>

Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login in by 6:55pm) - **Parents of children ages 0-11, Early years professionals welcome too** - Starting the Conversation: Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships for the Early Years and Primary aged children.

To book and for further information:

<https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293313>

These sessions will be led by Alice Hoyle, national RSHE expert-educator and co-author of Great Relationships and Sex Education and Becoming a Sensory-Aware School. Alice is a neurodivergent professional and parent of neurodivergent children, offering both expert guidance and lived experience to support truly inclusive, sensory-aware RSHE.

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Sticky Fingers Pre-School



Friday 15th May 2026

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

FUNDRAISING FOR STICKY FINGERS PRE-SCHOOL

DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

APRIL:

27 th	After School Clubs begin today (but no clubs on Thursday & Friday due to Yr5 Residential)
29/4 to 1/5	Yr 5 Residential

MAY:

Monday 4th Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 5 th	Muddy Church
Thursday 7 th	Treat Shop Thursday
Friday 8 th	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics Yew House non-uniform day
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	3.30pm School closes for half term

25th MAY to 29th MAY – HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 1st INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 2 nd	School re-opens / Y4 Multiplication check
Thursday 4 th	Treat Shop Thursday
Mon 8 th /Tue 9 th	Phonics screening check
Thursday 11 th	EYFS School Tour @ 9.45am
Monday 15 th	KS2 Top Link Festival @ KA
Tuesday 16 th	Open afternoon/stay and play 3:30-4:15pm
Wednesday 17 th	EYFS School Tour @ 9.45am
Monday 22 nd	Yr1-5 School Trip – to be confirmed
Tuesday 23 rd	Muddy Church
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	EYFS School Tour @ 9.45am Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only) <i>Email the school office in advance to book</i>
Tuesday 30 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

JULY:

Wednesday 1 st	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Thursday 2 nd	Treat Shop Thursday
Friday 3 rd	School Sports Event To Be Confirmed / PTFA Summer Fayre To Be Confirmed
W/C Mon 13 th	Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow
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.