



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (3) Friday 25th September 2026



Collective Worship Reflections



This week, our worship has been focused on our school value of perseverance. We explored how God set Noah a challenge in the Bible story of Noah's Ark. How he kept on with his task despite all the difficulties he faced. He kept working day after day, even though he was tired; he stayed strong, even though others laughed at him; he stayed patient, even though the storm raged. Our reflections were based upon our experiences of facing difficult situations and how our feelings changed from negative to positive, once we were successful. Nala said, "I gave up on painting a picture when there was one tricky bit and it made me feel frustrated". Hope said, "I was scared to go on a rope course, but when I got to the end, I really loved it!" Our takeaway thought was: "You are stronger than you think!"



We also participated in the Bishop's Collective Worship online this week where the theme was Autumn and new beginnings. She talked about farmers planting a seed and nurturing it as it grows. We then reflected on our own growth and what helps us grow well. It ended with us all thinking about the new school year and how we want to grow as learners.

REMINDERS

Monday 28 th	9.45am School tour for new starters September 2027
Tuesday 29 th	Whole School Flu vaccinations – please complete online consent even if your child is not going to be immunised.



Celebrating Our Core Values

NIGHTINGALE

Eleanor - Respect - She is always sitting SHARP ready for learning and is great at helping to keep our classroom tidy.

Maeve - Inspire - she is always inspiring us with her complicated creations. Using a variety of skills to make her ideas a reality - from glasses to photo frames!

BOWIE

Jacob - Inspire - for being so enthusiastic about all of the learning we do in Bowie, especially our reading fluency lessons. I love to hear Jacob reading! Well done Jacob, keep it up.

Declan - Perseverance - Declan has impressed us all with his perseverance and positive learning attitude this week. Well done Declan, keep it up!

ANNING

Patricia - **Inspire** - has inspired the class with her hard work and focus. She is always ready to learn and try her best in all subjects. Pati also shows kindness and support to her classmates and the staff.

Jessica - **Inspire** - has been an inspiration to her classmates with her fantastic learning attitude. She has also shown her kind and caring nature by helping and supporting her learning partner and classmates.



Congratulations go to:

- **Nova-Ray** being caring towards her friends.
- **Rupert** for always helping and being polite.

ZEPHANIAH

Freddie E - **Inspire** - for blowing us away with his wonderfully composed story, full of heart, personification and emotion.

Alice - **Love** - for always being a positive light, supporting us all with a smile and her wonderful attitude to every aspect of classroom life.

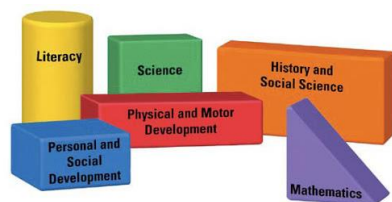
Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

- **Barney** in Nightingale and **Lola** in Bowie for participating in a "Steps for Change" Challenge, completing a 10k walk/run/scoot, raising funds for the charity Able Child. Barney scooted the whole distance!

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



Zephaniah Class

This term, Zephaniah are learning all about the classification of living things, from the blue whale to spider plants; healthy bacteria to harmful micro-organisms. We have really enjoyed understanding the different ways in which we can sort living things into groups based on physical features. In order to understand that micro-organisms are alive, we completed a practical science experiment: by adding yeast, sugar and warm water together - we were able to see the yeast thrive, bubbling up, foaming, hissing and even destroying reading records with its foamy mess! Unfortunately, the yeasty smell still lingers...



Updates

Food in School – a gentle reminder

In home packed lunches we do ask that there are no glass bottles, cans of fizzy drinks, or chocolate bars/sweets/chewing gum. The children put their lunchboxes in class crates by the classroom when they arrive each morning. We operate a "no nuts" policy due to concerns over undiagnosed nut allergies (this includes things like Chocolate spread and Kinder bueno bars). We encourage healthy balanced meals with both our hot and packed lunches.

School Governors (Trust Local Committee)

Before the summer holidays you may remember voting for a new member for our team of Governors. I have pleasure in announcing that, following a very close vote, Iker Banales Tully was the successful candidate and we look forward to welcoming him into this new role.

Flu Vaccination for All School Aged Children

You will have received an email with all the information around the upcoming flu vaccinations in school which form part of the NHS routine immunisation programme for your child. Please complete the decision form on the link shown in the NHS letter **even if you do not consent to the vaccination**.

Music Instrument Lessons in School

All children participate in music lessons in school every week as part of their curriculum learning but in addition to this, we are delighted to be able to offer specialist lessons for guitar and, very soon, for piano with visiting teachers. These lessons take place during the school day and parents liaise directly with the visiting teacher to book these in and pay for the sessions. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please do contact James Davidson directly (please see flyer below). Thank you to all those parents who have responded positively regarding piano lessons in school and we are progressing with arrangements to put this in place. We will contact you directly when we have a start date for lessons to begin.

GUITAR LESSONS



with
James Davidson
For more information email
jwfdavidson@yahoo.co.uk

School Open Events

Please see the end of this newsletter for details of our school tours for new starters in September 2027 – please contact the school office to book in. You will also see our local secondary schools' upcoming open events for parents of current Year 5 and 6 children.



Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th October at 7pm** in school which will be mostly concentrating on Christmas Fayre planning. Please do come along, 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 unable to attend meetings but would like to share ideas, please contact the PTA directly on their email ptfa.templecombeschool@aol.com



We have signed up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This is a free way to effortlessly raise money while you shop online. When you shop with over 8,000 retailers through easyfundraising, you pay exactly the same price as you normally would and the PTA receives free donations from your everyday shopping.

Use the QR code to sign up or visit this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=443060&invite=RDAMD3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link or.

Upcoming PTA Events:

6/10/2026	Movie 'n' Munch
21/10/2026	Glo-Disco and non-uniform day – wear bright colours PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
27/11/2026	Non-uniform day in exchange of a donation of chocolate for the Tombola stall at Christmas Fayre
4/12/2026	Christmas Fayre
17/12/2026	Elf day

And finally...

What a week of learning, laughter and achievement! Our pupils continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm, kindness and determination, and I couldn't be more proud of them. Now it's time for everyone to recharge their batteries ready for another week of adventures ahead. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Brazier

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**Abbas &
Templecombe
Messenger**

Follow this link to see the Abbas & Templecombe Messenger -October 2026
<https://flipbook.so/flip/4TxB6tpUe05pDb64BlP6>

DIARY DATES - 2026/27 Autumn Term

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

SEPTEMBER:

Monday 28th 9.45am School tour for September 2027 starters
Tuesday 29th Whole School Flu vaccinations –**complete online consent.**

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 6th Movie 'n' Munch
Wednesday 7th 1.45pm School tour for September 2027 starters
Friday 9th Hello Yellow Day – Young Minds Charity raising awareness of young mental health
Tuesday 13th 2pm Harvest Celebration in Church – **all welcome**
Thursday 15th 9.45am School tour for September 2027 starters
Treat Shop Thursday
Wednesday 21st PTA Glo-Disco and non-uniform day – wear bright colours
Friday 23rd House challenge **To Be Confirmed**
3.30pm School closes for half term

26th October to 30th October - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 2nd **INSET Day – school closed**
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday – Church Service
Wednesday 11th Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial
Thursday 12th Visiting Pantomime
Friday 13th Children in Need fundraiser
Monday 16th Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 5pm. Times may differ slightly. More info later
Tuesday 17th Parents Evenings 3.40pm to 6.30pm. Times may differ slightly. More info later
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
Tuesday 15th Christmas Song Showdown
Wednesday 16th 9.05am End of Term Awards
Thursday 17th PTA Elf Day / Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day
2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

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.*

**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:
Monday 28th September at 9.45am
Wednesday 7th October at 1.45pm
Thursday 15th October at 9.45am

To book on a tour, please contact Michelle Greene by email at enquiries@atbmata.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

Open Events

King Arthur's School

OPEN MORNINGS
23rd | 24th
28th | 29th
SEPTEMBER 2026
9.15-10.45am

OPEN EVENING
24th
SEPTEMBER 2026
4.30-7.00pm

No need to book!



Families are invited to attend on Thursday 1st October. Please could you arrive for a 18:00 start to the Main Hall for a welcome presentation followed by a student lead school tour.



**YEAR 6
OPEN EVENING**
For September 2027 entry

**Thursday 1st
October 5-7.30pm**

Headteacher talks at 5.15pm / 7pm
No need to book - just turn up.