



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (9) Friday 26th June 2026

As we come to the end of what has certainly been an unusual week, I would like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your patience, understanding, and support during the school closures caused by the extreme heat.

We recognise that the disruption will have presented challenges for many of you and we are incredibly grateful for the flexibility and encouragement you have shown throughout the week. Your support has been invaluable in helping us prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our entire school community.

Muddy Church

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our Muddy Church session this week and as the end of term is rushing on at pace, the decision has been made to return to these sessions in the Autumn Term. We would like to thank our friends from St Mary's Church for their support with Muddy Church over this academic year, which has been tricky at times given the varying weather we have experienced!

REMINDERS	
Monday 29 th	EYFS 2027 School Tour @ 9.45am Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 30 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Friday 3 rd	Sports Day (details below) Summer Fayre (details below)



Worker of the Week



Due to the red weather warning and subsequent school closure, we were unable to hold our Worker of the Week assembly this week.

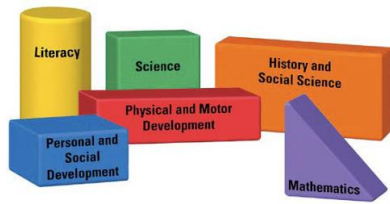
Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

- **Jaiden** in Bowie for receiving a medal from Templecombe FC for great participation.
- **Kasey** in Anning for being awarded star of the week for outstanding constant effort 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.



Our Curriculum



Bowie Class

Bowie Class had a great time creating their Under the Sea Aquarium with papier mache – we had lots of fun making lots of mess! Hopefully the aquarium will be open soon!



Updates

Sports Day – Friday 3rd July

Timings for Sports Day next Friday are as follows:

<p>Lower School 9.15-10.45am – All YrR/1/2 pupils take part in a range of sports day events competing against their own year group. The top gate will open for family spectators at 9.05am.</p>	<p>Upper School 1.30-3.15pm - All Yr3/4/5/6 pupils take part in a range of sports day events representing their houses. Year 3 / 4 and year 5 / 6 will compete against each other to allow for a proper competition in our smaller year groups. The top gate will open for family spectators at 1.20pm.</p>
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This will all be followed by our Summer Fayre, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. See below for more information on this event.

Class Photographs

A message from Tempest: It's time to find a spot on the mantelpiece or a space on the wall as we are pleased to let you know that your class group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at the following links:

Nightingale: <https://htmp.st/NIGHTINGALE-618FF5D80D>

Bowie: <https://htmp.st/BOWIE-3AE0E6F855>

Anning: <https://htmp.st/ANNING-5A2D6B5A34>

Zephaniah: <https://htmp.st/ZEPHANIAH-EE765632F1>

Tempest offer a free “deliver to school” option that is open for 14 days. Alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing. If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the “contact” button on Tempest’s website home page (htempest.co.uk) where their friendly team will be happy to help.

Stalbridge Library Visit – Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday afternoon we welcomed Mrs Peters from Stalbridge Library. She introduced all the children to this year’s Summer Reading Challenge “Read to the Beat”. Please see the end of this newsletter for their newsletter and the attachment to this newsletter for the July edition of “The Bookworm”.



Every Learner Matters

When children seem clingy or anxious (Attachment Theory):

What you might notice:

- Your child finds it hard to separate from you
- They need lots of reassurance
- They struggle after changes (e.g., starting school, new routines)
- They overreact to small problems

What this might tell us:

Your child may be feeling unsafe, unsettled, or unsure. Behaviour like this is often a signal that they need to feel secure and connected before they can cope with challenges.

What you can do to help:

- Keep routines as predictable as possible
- Give extra connection time (e.g., reading, talking, cuddles)
- Acknowledge their feelings: “I can see this feels hard.”
- Reassure them that you are there for them
- Stay calm and consistent

Key message: Children behave best when they feel safe, secure and connected first.



Summer Fayre

We're excited to invite you to our **Summer Fayre** on **Friday 3rd July 2026**, from **3:30pm – 5:30pm**. You will have seen the posters around school and our email to parents earlier this week with more information – not long to go now! Your child should have brought home a Country Show entry form earlier this week – Mr Webb will be judging all the entries on Fayre day. We also have some amazing raffle prizes to be won and we are incredibly grateful to the local businesses who have generously donated prizes, including Hall & Woodhouse, Snowtrax, The Gardens Group, The Entertainer, Yeovil Town Football Club, Wincanton Racecourse, Moors Valley Country Park, Thatchers and Swanage Railway.

We are also delighted that **Madjeston Farm Park** will be joining us with a wonderful animal corner, giving children the opportunity to meet and cuddle some friendly animals and **Happy Bouncers** will be providing the bouncy castles for the event.

Games tokens and raffle tickets will be available to purchase after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, as well as at the Fayre on the day. **Please note** that Bouncy castles / Raffle / BBQ / Animal Corner will be **cash only**. We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon of fun, laughter and community spirit. Bring your family and friends and help us make this year's Summer Fayre our best one yet! We look forward to seeing you there.

And finally...

We hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Brazier

Enc: The Bookworm

Whilst we are happy to advertise events in our area provided by third parties, we make no representations or warranties about the suitability of such products or services referenced in these advertisements for any purpose. Our inclusion of such products and services does not constitute their recommendation or endorsement.

 **Summer Reading Challenge parent carer news**

Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a sticker booklet. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer and can join in with library events, collecting special stickers along the way.

Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal when they have collected 6 stickers, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.



2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of reading through music, rhythm and performance. Through vibrant illustrations, fun rewards and free library activities inspired by music and sound, Read to the Beat invites children to discover how stories and music connect, while enjoying their local library and sharing the experience with family and friends.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free holiday activity for children, and a key moment for the National Year of Reading. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence.

Library events

Libraries will have free events planned throughout the summer holidays for children to join in with. Keep checking our **What's On** webpages as more events are listed all the time.

Look out for some special events delivered by Dorset Music Service in Dorset libraries.




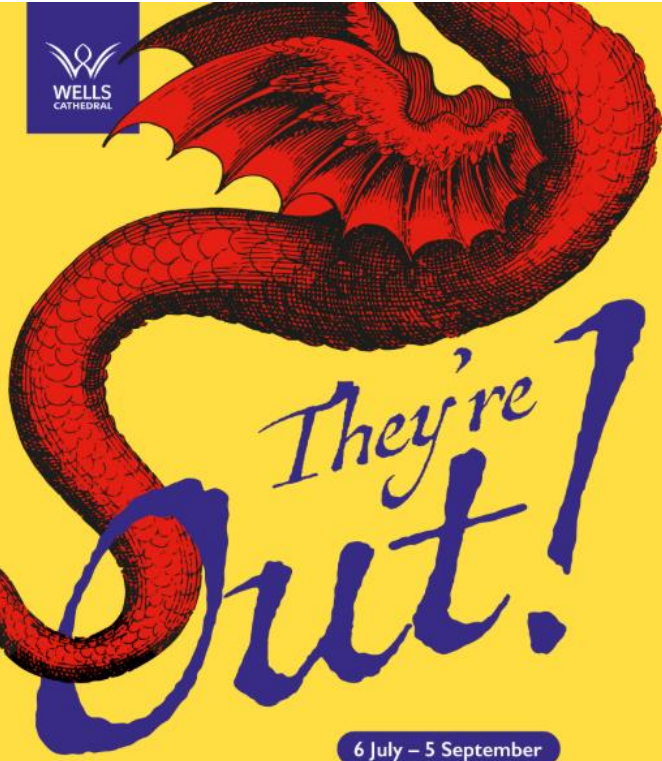
Culture Quest

Over the summer holidays, The Arts Development Company will be running Culture Quest. Through a Culture Passport, children will be encouraged to explore Dorset's rich creative offer trying new activities, and discovering new interests.

Children can pick up their passports from their local library from 24 July.

 Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect and Enable** our communities


 **WELLS CATHEDRAL**



They're Out!

6 July – 5 September

Mythical Creatures have escaped from the books in Wells Cathedral's medieval library – and they need your help!



Fly over to:
wellscathedral.org.uk/creatures

Mythical Creatures
WELLS CATHEDRAL

Wells Cathedral is a Registered Charity, No. 1207269

Just Act Natural

Activities for families who have a child or young person with SEND



BOOKING ESSENTIAL!
Book your tickets using the QR code! £8 per person*

Carymoor Environmental Trust
Nr. Castle Cary BA7 7NR

OFFROAD TRAMPER AVAILABLE



EVENTS SUMMER 2026

**THURSDAY 23RD JULY
WILD SUMMER**

**SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST
WILD CRAFTS**

10AM to 3PM

- Bring your family to Carymoor for a day of outdoor adventures
- Explore our beautiful nature reserve with games, crafts and trails
- Find out about the creatures that live here
- Meet other families and make new friends

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT: WWW.CARYMOOR.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON

*Bursary available if this cost would prevent you from attending. Please ask us for details: 01963 35093 / administrator@carymoor.org.uk



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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

DIARY DATES - 2025/26 Academic Year

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

JUNE:

Monday 29 th	EYFS School Tour @ 9.45am Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 30 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)

JULY:

Wednesday 1 st	Yr6 Transition day at King Arthur's
Thursday 2 nd	Treat Shop Thursday
Friday 3 rd	School Sports Event / PTFA Summer Fayre
Tuesday 7 th	Yr6 Induction days at Gillingham & Gryphon Yr5 WoW day at King Arthur's
Wednesday 8 th	Swap a class event
Mon 13 th	Dress rehearsal of KS2 Production
Tues 14 th	1.30pm and 6pm - KS2 Production to Parents
Friday 17 th	Reports sent home
Monday 20 th	Yr6 Treat
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.