



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (14) Friday 16th December 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks in school and we know the children have had lots of fun and laughs along the way. This year saw us return to our more 'normal' Christmas activities, which has been lovely.



The children and staff enjoyed their Christmas meal all together and we would like to say thank you to Piskula for providing us with a very tasty Christmas Lunch as well as a cookie for each of the children. The delights of the class Christmas parties followed, which included another special delivery of class gifts from the PTA to increase the range of games during wet break and lunchtimes.

A really special moment this week was the class Christmas Song Showdown which saw children and staff performing together; there were actions, props and, most of all, some amazing singing. We truly have very talented children.



Our week will end with the Year 6 children leading our annual Christmas Service and we are very pleased to be able to welcome parents back to this end of term event. Lots of the school took part in our Christmas Jumper Day (raising £69) for Save the Children, which reminds us all that unfortunately some children don't have a brilliant time at Christmas, which brings me to the closing prayer of my seasonal message that is for all of our community.

"May the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the Shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas. Amen."



Awards



On Thursday we held our End of Term Awards – well done to everyone for all your hard work, but some special congratulations go to Harrison, Gabriel, Martha and Khalisee from Diamond Class, Lucy, Austin, Rupert and Edith from Emerald Class, Amelia, Layla and Jacob D from Ruby Class, Sophia, Emily, Cameron and Bella from Sapphire Class and Charlie Sm, Olivia and Harley from Topaz Class.



Templecombe tokens – Willow House Winners

Well done to Willow House for winning the overall Templecombe Token House Award this term. Willow and Beech shared the most collected Love tokens, Willow the most Inspire, Beech the most Respect and Willow and Chestnut shared the most Perseverance. If you are unsure which House your child is in, please do ask their teacher or contact the school office.

Templecombe tokens - Certificates

Congratulations go to Ruby-Mai, Darcey, Havanah, Tabitha and Fred in Sapphire Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Congratulations also go to Chloe from Sapphire Class for achieving her Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week.

A big well done to all of you!



Sensory Garden Area

We would like to say a big thank you to the group of volunteers from Tivoli Services who have worked very hard this week, despite the cold weather, to clear our sensory garden and make it usable once again. They have also donated some bird nesting boxes, a hedgehog house and a lovely new picnic bench for Forest School. We very much look forward to rejuvenating the area throughout the spring term and being able to make good use of it throughout the summer.



Friday 16th

Christmas Service in St Mary's Church, 2pm

Our traditional End of Term Service led by our eldest children; featuring singing, readings, drama and digital media. We look forward to welcoming parents to join us.

3pm School Closes for Christmas

Assistance and Support

We know that this time of year can be very hard for some families and so if you do find yourself in need of support, please email Mrs Mewett and she'll point you in the direction of the relevant assistance (MMewett@abbasteplecombprimaryschool.co.uk)



Christmas Fayre

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Fayre such a success last Friday afternoon. Together we raised a fantastic total of £1041.72.



Christmas Tree Festival

Do please go and view our school Christmas Tree, alongside many others in the Church this Saturday and Sunday (details below). Our tree features children's colouring in of elements from the song 'Come and Join the Celebration', you can also enjoy a recording of the children singing the song too!

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas time and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

Mr Webb



BENEFICE OF ABBAS & TEMPLECOMBE, HENSTRIDGE AND HORSINGTON

Services for December 2022 at St Mary's Church, Abbas & Templecombe

Sunday 18th December, 4pm Christingle Service

6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve, 4pm Crib Service at Henstridge

11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion at Henstridge

Christmas Day, 10am Holy Communion

The Church building is also open on Tuesdays and Fridays between 1.30pm and 4.30pm



DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2022/23 Academic Year

Entries highlighted in green are new this week!

DECEMBER:

Friday 16th

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser

2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church

3pm School Closes for Christmas

IN ST MARY'S CHURCH:

Saturday 17th

Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 18th

Christmas Tree Festival

4pm Christingle Service

6.30pm Carol Service

19th DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Tuesday 3rd

INSET Day – school closed

Wednesday 4th

School re-opens

Thursday 19th

PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Friday 10th

3.30pm School closes for half term

13th FEBRUARY to 17th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 20th

School re-opens

MARCH:

Monday 27th

Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)

Tuesday 28th

Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)

Wednesday 29th

9.15am End of Term Awards

Thursday 30th

2pm Easter Service in St Mary's Church

3pm School Closes for the Easter Break

Friday 31st

INSET Day – school closed

APRIL:

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| Tuesday 25 th | PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please |
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3rd APRIL to 14th APRIL – EASTER BREAK

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| Monday 17th | INSET Day – school closed |
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| 24 th /25 th | Yr3/4 Residential to Hooke Court |
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MAY:

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| Monday 1st | Bank Holiday – school closed |
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| 3 rd /4 th /5 th | Year 5 Residential to New Forest |
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| Monday 8th | Additional Bank Holiday – school closed |
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| 8 th to 11 th | SATS Week |
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| 22 nd /23 rd /24 th /25 th | Year 6 Residential to Bournemouth |
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| Friday 26 th | <u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u> |
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29th MAY to 2nd JUNE - HALF TERM

JUNE:

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| Wednesday 5 th | Swap a class afternoon |
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| Friday 7 th | School Sports Event |
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| | PTFA Summer Fayre |
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| Friday 21 st | 9.10am End of Term Awards 2pm Leavers Service in school |
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3pm School Closes for the Summer Break

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.