



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (12) Friday 9th December 2022



Collective Worship Reflections



We have continued our series looking at the many heroes in the Bible, this week focusing on those 'rough and ready' shepherds that were invited by the angels to visit baby Jesus on that first Christmas night. Isla from Topaz class said: "The role of the shepherds in the nativity was to see baby Jesus. They were chosen because they were normal people. No matter who you are or where you come from, you should be treated fairly." And Emerald class's Alice shared, "It doesn't matter what you look like, God loves us all the same."



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Harry B for settling into the routines of school brilliantly and coming in with a smile.
Hope for improved resilience and showing great kindness to others in the class.

Emerald

Theodore for his excellent learning attitude despite all of the Christmas excitement! Theodore has continued to work hard this week, well done!

All of EYFS and KS1 for their fantastic performances in the Nativity. The children should all be proud of the brilliant show they delivered for their 3 audiences this week!

Ruby

Atticus for using some fabulous words and a good recollection of historical facts, when writing about the changes in tools from Stone Age to Iron Age.

Alfie for making a really big effort with his presentation and making his handwriting much neater.

Sapphire

Emily for writing an excellent letter about palm oil, persuading companies not to use palm oil in their products.

Darcey for working really hard with her partner to create and present an interesting and informative power point about the Amazon river.

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Topaz

Max J for excellent contributions in class and great focus in recent Maths lessons.

Olivia for showing an excellent learning attitude in all subjects but especially in writing where she is working particularly hard on creating interesting and engaging sentences.



Templecombe Token Certificates



Congratulations go to Harvey, Nelly, Olivia, Molly, Harry, Khalisee, George, Jack, Abigail, Lacey, Rita-Rae, Isla, Hope, Georgia from Diamond Class, Whitney, Jos, Freddie S and Nala from Emerald Class, Isaac, Amelia, Jacob D, Daisy B from Ruby Class, Amelia, Lillian and Mason from Sapphire Class and Charlie Sm, Maxx, Rose, Willow and Tyler D from Topaz Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

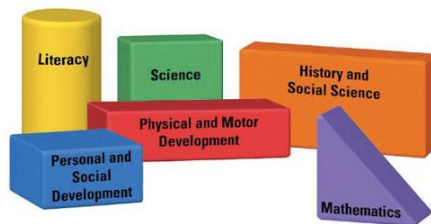
Congratulations go to Bodhi and Theodore from Emerald Class and Jack from Topaz Class for achieving their Silver Templecombe Token certificate this week.

Outside of School Achievements

Well done to Isaac who received the best effort award this week for defending and nearly scoring in a football match against Blandford.

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 Friday worship. Please bring certificates etc to the school office.



Our Curriculum



Last Thursday Year 6 took part in an exciting Maths day at Wincanton Racecourse. As well as practising math skills, the children were able to access areas of the racecourse not usually open to the public including the weigh room, parade ring and the course itself to look at the different types of jumps. We were even able to watch a few races. It was a really interesting day, enjoyed by all.



KS1 Nativity

Diamond and Emerald Classes presented "Christmas Counts" to parents this week and they were all amazing! Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the class staff for all their efforts with rehearsals and costumes.





A very special visitor comes to school

We were very fortunate to have a very special visitor literally drop in on us today. Santa Claus left the elves working hard in his Toy Factory at The North Pole and, because his reindeer are resting ahead of Christmas night, he arrived by helicopter at school yesterday morning! We were very lucky to have Santa visit us - it must be because the children have all been so good.

Whilst with us, Santa passed on a special gift from the PTA for each child, which I'm sure all the children will enjoy munching in the build up to Christmas.



A very special thank you to the Army Air Corps for bringing Santa to us and giving us the thrill of having a Wildcat helicopter land on our school field - all very exciting!

Staffing update – Sapphire class

As I'm sure many of you would have seen in the news over recent months, like many other areas of life, schools' financial positions are incredibly challenging at present. Due to this we have had to take the sad decision to end Ms Bishop's teaching in Sapphire Class on Fridays. In January Miss Hancock will return to working Fridays, with her day off moving to a Monday when I will be teaching Sapphire class. Please be aware that no decision is without consequence: from January, I will be in class two days a week (Topaz and Sapphire classes), meaning my availability will be reduced to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Hot Lunches for next term

A reminder that booking forms for hot lunches need to be back by Monday 12th December. If you are happy to continue with your lunch choices as they are this term and don't need to make any changes, please email Mrs Russell (DRussell@abbastemplecombeprimary.co.uk) to confirm.

Breakfast and After Fun Clubs

Booking form for both these clubs are now available on our website. If you need to book for the first week of term, please return your form(s) no later than Tuesday 13th December.

Academisation

Over the last two years the Government has made it clear that it is expected that all Local Authority schools will join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) in the coming years. Therefore over the last 18 months our Governing Board has been working hard to get to know the trusts in our area and make a decision as to the best trust for us to join. This process of fact finding has included training from the Diocese, lots of research, presentations from two local MATs, visits to multiple MAT schools and many lengthy conversations to ensure that the right decision is made, not only for our current families and staff but those in the future too.

At last week's Governors meeting we voted to join Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust. What comes next is a period of due diligence from the trust and many legal processes in the coming months, including a formal consultation process with parents. I would like to offer the opportunity for parents to hear more about what academisation means for our school, therefore I am offering a presentation style session on Monday 12th December at 3.35pm in the school hall. I know that this time will not be accessible for all so am offering a Teams presentation at 6pm on the 12th December as well, accessible by clicking [here](#). Please do engage with these sessions as there is a lot of misinformation circulating around the academisation agenda and I would very much like to share what will happen at our school and the impact this decision will have on your child's education. As well as these presentations you can always speak to me on the gate or make contact via the office.

A reminder of our festive events and deadlines in the run up to Christmas:

Friday 9 th	<p>PTA Christmas Fayre There will a range of stalls and games at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December, with the raffle being drawn at 5pm</p>
Tuesday 13 th	<p>Christmas Song Showdown Classes sharing songs in the hall, 2pm</p>
	<p>PTA Movie 'n' Munch An opportunity for children to stay after hours and enjoy a movie and snacks with their friends. Please complete and return the booking form and make payment by BACS.</p>
	<p>Christmas Cards Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards but please be aware that these must be in their class post boxes by Tuesday 13th December, so we have time to sort and deliver in the last week of term. Any cards received after the 13th will not be delivered.</p>
Thursday 15 th	<p>End of Term Awards An opportunity to celebrate in school successes with the end of term Head Teacher awards and Templecombe Token House competition. I'm afraid that families are not able to attend on this occasion.</p>
	<p>Christmas Hot Lunch Thank you for returning your order forms. Where possible children will all eat their Christmas lunch together. Pupils having packed lunch will still sit with their peers for this festive meal.</p>
	<p>Christmas Parties Children will take part in class parties, with games and fun Christmas-themed activities during the afternoon. Children may wear party clothes for the day but with sensible footwear and must bring a warm coat to wear at break/lunchtimes.</p>
Friday 16 th	<p>Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children charity fundraiser On the last day of term we will be fundraising for Save The Children by donating a £1 each</p>

to wear our Christmas jumpers over our school uniform. Please don't feel you have to buy a Christmas jumper especially for this, but normal school jumpers should be worn if no Christmas jumper is available.

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



Christmas Fayre

A reminder that the Christmas fayre is after school today – please do join us. Thank you to everyone who donated a plate of cakes for our Café.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Webb

BENEFICE OF ABBAS & TEMPLECOMBE, HENSTRIDGE AND HORSINGTON

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

Sunday 11th December, 9am Holy Communion

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 9th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – after school
Monday 12 th	Academisation presentation – 3.35pm (School Hall) / 6pm (Online - Teams)
Tuesday 13 th	PTFA Movie ‘n’ Munch
Thursday 15 th	9.15am End of Term Awards
Friday 16 th	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 17 th	Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 18 th	Christmas Tree Festival 4pm Christingle Service 6.30pm Carol Service

19th DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Tuesday 3 rd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 4 th	School re-opens
Thursday 19 th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Friday 10 th	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>
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13th FEBRUARY to 17th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 20 th	School re-opens
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MARCH:

Monday 27 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)
Tuesday 28 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)
Wednesday 29 th	9.15am End of Term Awards
Thursday 30 th	2pm Easter Service in St Mary’s Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break
Friday 31 st	INSET Day – school closed

APRIL:

Tuesday 25 th	PTFA Bags2School collection – donations at lower playground gate by 9am please <u>3rd APRIL to 14th APRIL – EASTER BREAK</u>
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Monday 17 th	INSET Day – school closed
24 th /25 th	Yr3/4 Residential to Hooke Court

MAY:

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

29th MAY to 2nd JUNE - HALF TERM

JUNE:

JULY:

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

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.