



Abbas & Templecombe Church School

Newsletter (8) Friday 25th October 2024



Collective Worship Reflections



We have been continuing with our theme of “Mr Men” faith. This week we looked at Little Miss Sunshine and how we can shine positivity into each other’s lives. Children reflected on when they or others have been a little bit ‘Little Miss Sunshine’ towards others and shared these during their reflection assembly today. From Nightingale Class, Mavis shared “Seeing my Mummy and having hugs helps me be Little Miss Sunshine” and Pippa from Zephaniah Class said “When I hold a door, say good morning and share a smile I’m being Little Miss Sunshine”.



Worker of the Week



Nightingale

Cash for coming into school with a smile on your face this week and joining in on the carpet so brilliantly. Well done!
Mavis for your fantastic work in phonics this week where you have been writing CVC words independently. Well done!

Bowie

Nelly for showing excellent skills and perseverance throughout all your learning this week. You’re not afraid to ask for support when you need it, which is a really mature skill! You are our adjective whizz, Nelly - keep up the good work!
Harper for showing excellent skills in English. You have really shone this week: writing fantastic sentences, using adjectives, and even managing to squeeze in an exclamation mark into a sentence! What a superstar!

Anning

Isla P for working exceptionally hard in Maths this week, when using the column method to add. Well done Isla!
Rita-Rae for listening carefully in class and working hard to improve her presentation, especially in Maths - well done Rita-Rae!

Zephaniah

Matthew for his fantastic division work this week - Matthew has worked incredibly hard.
Victoria for her brilliant descriptive writing in English. Victoria has written a detailed setting description of the Rainforest.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to **Matilda** from Bowie Class for achieving the RiversMeet Level 8 Gymnastics Award.



Templecombe Token Certificates



Congratulations go to **Emmet** and **Gabriel** from Bowie Class and **Theodore** and **Alice** from Anning Class for achieving their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week.

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

Nightingale Class

This week in Nightingale Class we have been practising our phonics by making the graphemes with 'waxi doodles'. We have enjoyed learning phase 2 sounds in the Reception group and have been spotting these sounds around the classroom!



Updates

Parents Evenings

Due to staff commitments it has been necessary to alter the dates for our Parents Evenings after half term. These will now take place on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November and our usual booking letter will come home during the first week back, so do please check your child's bag and return the completed form as soon as possible so that teachers can confirm the bookings. Please also note that KS2 classes will be offering a slightly different range of times this year.

School Tours for September 2025 Starters

We have been pleased at the response so far from new parents of children who will be starting school in September 2025. Our next tour is arranged for Monday 4th November at 9.45am and we have added a fourth date on Thursday 28th November at 9.45am. As before, please email enquiries@at.bwmat.org to book in.

Treat Day Tuesday

Following on from the success of our tuck shop for Hello Yellow Day, we will be running "Treat Day Tuesday" on the last Tuesday of each month where children can bring in 50p to purchase a cookie/donut/cupcake from the tuck shop. It is, of course, parental choice for children to participate.

Somerset SAINT Flu Vaccinations – Monday 11th November

You will have received an email yesterday attaching the letter from Somerset SAINT which includes the link to the online consent form for your child's flu vaccination. **Please complete the consent even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.** The QR code below links to the Somerset School Aged Immunisation Team Facebook page, which is updated regularly with information regarding vaccinations and clinics.



Cool Milk

The [School Food Standards legislation](#) states that lower fat milk must be available for all pupils during the school day. Luckily with Cool Milk, it couldn't be easier to arrange this if you haven't already done so. Simply [click here](#) to access the direct link to parents [Parent-Registration-Letter.pdf](#). Under the standards, children eligible for benefits-based free school meals should be offered milk free of charge, so please email the office to sign your child up to receive milk if your child is entitled to free school meals.



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2025 Residential Trips

Full details of our 2025 overnight trips will be available after the half term holidays, but due to the current financial challenges facing families, I wanted parents to have as much notice as possible of the likely costs. Once activities and travel costs have been confirmed, parents will receive a letter providing full details of the trips. I will also run presentation meetings in both schools to share further information and answer any questions you or your children may have. Each school has access to a special fund for pupils who are in or have recently been in receipt of free school meals. If this applies to your child, please do contact the relevant school office to find out about the assistance we can provide towards these payment amounts. Please wait to make contact until after the parent letters have come home after the half term break. Kind regards, Mr Webb

Year Three / Four

Hooke Court – Monday 16th to Tuesday 17th June

The cost will be £100 (school will cover the cost of transport)



Year Five

New Forest – Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th April

The cost will be approximately £140 (waiting on final costings of activities and transport)



Year Six

Bournemouth – Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd May

The cost will be approximately £170 (waiting on final costings for activities and transport)



AGM

Thank you to those who attended the AGM last night. The election of officers and committee members took place and we are pleased to announce that Emma Hughes and Sophie Lomax have kindly agreed to continue in their roles as Co-Chair and Emma will continue as Treasurer. Adel Walker is our new Secretary and we thank Karen Selway for all her hard work as she stands down from that role for the PTA but she will continue as committee member.

Our **next meeting** is booked for **Wednesday 13th November at 2pm** in school where will be discussing plans and making arrangements for our upcoming Christmas Fayre, the date of which has been changed from that previously advertised. It will now take place on **Friday 6th December**.

Terracycle Don't forget to keep bringing in your crisp packets to the collection bin at the front of school, outside the office. This scheme is finishing in December so we would like to get another bulk load sent off before the end of this term.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Asda Rewards have teamed up with Joe Wicks to support UK primary schools through a new "Cashpot for Schools" scheme and we would be grateful if you would support us. All you need to do is open your Asda Rewards app and tap 'Cashpot' then 'Join Cashpot for Schools' to opt-in. You'll then be able to select our school and every time you spend £2 or more at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com) or in store, 0.5% of your total will go to our Cashpot. This is an additional donation and doesn't affect your personal earnings. Plus, we'll get an extra £1 for every customer who chooses us and as we are a member of Parentkind, they will add £50 to our Cashpot.

And finally...

We've had a fantastic first half term, and it's been wonderful to see the children settle in so well. There's been excellent learning across all areas of the curriculum and we're especially impressed with how many children are reading regularly at home. It's also been a joy to watch the older children looking out for the younger ones at the start of the day, in the hall during lunch and at breaktimes. Everyone has worked hard and truly deserves a well-earned week off!

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Brazier



North Dorset Coffee Mornings

A casual coffee morning for parents and carers of autistic children (any age / no diagnosis required).

People come to our coffee mornings for all kinds of reasons:

- * To ask for advice and support.
- * To meet other parents and carers
- * To feel seen and heard.

No need to book just drop in on the day

Venue- RiversMeet, Hardings Lane,
Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4HX
Tuesday 24th September 10am-11:30am
Tuesday 22nd October 10am-11:30am
Tuesday 19th November 10am-11:30am
Tuesday 17th December 10am-11:30am

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*'It was so
great to meet
other parents
who
understand'*



DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

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

OCTOBER:

Friday 25th

3.30pm School closes for half term

28th October to 1st November - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER:

Monday 4th

School re-opens

Wednesday 6th

9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake

Sunday 10th

Tempest Photography – individual photographs

Monday 11th

Remembrance Sunday – Church Service

Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial

Whole School Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 13th

2pm PTA Christmas Fayre planning meeting in school

Thursday 14 th	9.15am Pantomime at school
Monday 18 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly: more info later
Tuesday 19 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly: more info later
Tuesday 26 th	Treat Day Tuesday – bring in 50p for a tuck shop treat at breaktime!
Thursday 28 th	9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake

DECEMBER:

Monday 2 nd	6pm Governors Meeting
Friday 5 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow (No After Fun provision)
Monday 9 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal
Thursday 12 th	9.15am Nativity to parents 2.15pm Nativity to parents
Tuesday 17 th	Treat Day Tuesday – bring in 50p for a tuck shop treat at breaktime!
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Thursday 19 th	9.05am End of Term Awards / Christmas Lunch / 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church 3pm School Closes for Christmas (No After Fun provision)
Friday 20 th	INSET Day – school closed

23rd DECEMBER to 3rd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY:

Monday 6 th	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	School re-opens
Monday 20 th	6pm Governors Meeting
Thursday 30 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please

FEBRUARY:

Monday 10 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Tuesday 11 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Wednesday 12 th	Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)
Friday 14 th	3.30pm School closes for half term

17th FEBRUARY to 21st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM

Monday 24 th	School re-opens 6pm Governors Meeting
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MARCH:

Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm 6pm Governors Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm

APRIL:

Thursday 3 rd	9.05am End of Term Awards
Friday 4 th	Easter Experience in Church 3pm School Closes for the Easter Break (No After Fun provision)

7th APRIL to 21st APRIL – EASTER BREAK

Tuesday 22 nd	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 23 rd	School re-opens
Wed 23 rd - Fri 25 th	Yr5 Residential

MAY:

Monday 5th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 8th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please
12th to 15th	SATS Week
Monday 12th	6pm Governors Meeting
Friday 16th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival
19th to 22nd	Year 6 Residential
Friday 23rd	<u>3.30pm School closes for half term</u>

26th MAY to 30th MAY - HALF TERM

JUNE:

Monday 2nd	School re-opens
16th to 17th	Year 3/4 Residential
Tuesday 17th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs
Wednesday 18th	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 23rd	6pm Governors Meeting
Tuesday 24th	KS2 Top Link Festival
Friday 27th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Summer Fayre

JULY:

Wednesday 2nd	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed
Friday 4th	School Sports Event / PTFA Summer Fayre
Thursday 10th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please <i>Yr6 Production – arrangements to follow</i>
Monday 14th	6pm Governors Meeting
Monday 21st	Yr6 Trip
Tuesday 22nd	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 23rd	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.