

NEWS THIS MONTH...



Our Parable Patron Campaign continues to grow, with 20 stories now sponsored by generous individuals. If you would like to become a Parable Patron, [please click here](#).

Rachel was honoured to receive a cheque from the Care South Community Fund, whose generous donation will fund a further year of storytelling sessions at Castle Dene and St Ives House Residential Care Home.

In Weymouth, Gemma delivered a highly successful public speaking workshop at All Saints Secondary School, equipping pupils in Years 7–9 with valuable communication skills.

STORIES FROM OUR GROUPS ACROSS GENERATIONS...

June	Total this month
Older Adults	213
Children	239
Parent/Child Carer	140
Total attendance	592
Sessions run in June	27

One of our newest storytellers Laura, from Ayelsham Kent, shares her favourite quote from one of the older residents commented how much she had enjoyed singing the *Wise man built his house upon the rock* as this reminded her of when she used to sing it when she was a young girl.

A childminder was surprised to see her young and shy little boy **engage in conversation with an older resident** during the session.

In Poole, Paul and Julie shared a wonderful moment when 3 older friends and 1 young girl aged 4 responded to the invitation of a party with God.



Storyteller Vicky from Wimborne how precious it was to remind everyone how special and free they were whilst passing a mirror around for everyone to look at themselves.

During one of the TBT sessions in Dorchester, Sarah shared how a new resident was very excited to see the children arriving into the room as he had brought a soft ball to play catch with the children during the visit. The children were very engaged and loved taking turns to choose props from the bag and **share them with the residents**.

One of the residents who suffers with dementia, was initially quiet, but began singing and clapping along to the songs when the music started.

A new resident in Christchurch shared with storyteller Sophie how the session had brought back such lovely memories for her and that she **felt full of joy** when they children came to share the story props and give her the truth sticker.

Resident Maria received hugs from 2 of the children who went on to ask her why her hands were so wrinkly. There has been such **wonderful confidence in the children** interacting with residents during the sessions over all the groups running.





Puddletown pre-school visited one of the TBT sessions for the first time in a while this month. Storyteller Jill tells us how wonderful it was to see how confidently all the children were when they arrived and how engaged they were during the morning and with all the residents.

In Portsmouth, Jill shares how encouraged she was after the group when one of the care home staff suggested they would be **sharing the TBT story to her own children** at home later that day.

Photo left: Some of the pre-school children who regularly visit a Bournemouth care home, made some lovely '*get well and we missed you*' cards for storyteller Sophie as she was unable to lead the previous week's session due to being unwell.

A comment from a little boy at the end of the session, 'That was a great story!', the activities lead and pre-school leader independently said how much they and their groups had enjoyed the morning.

One of our newest Storytellers from Ringwood shared how resident Donald, placed his truth sticker, *I am Special*, on his forehead to make everyone laugh. Another resident who has been struggling was asked to **say something about how God sees her**, and she replied, '*I am wonderful!*'.

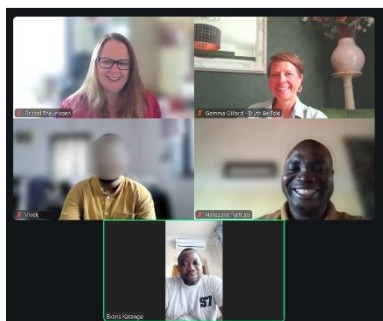
At their final session, grandparents who had been bringing their granddaughter to a TBT group in Poole, shared how welcomed they had always felt and how they had seen her blossom during her time there.

'I just love these children so much, I want to wrap them in my arms and hold them so tight', - resident quote.

Resident Afra from Christchurch commented, '**It was just delightful seeing the children.**'



...AND ACROSS CULTURES...



TBT held two sessions in Bournemouth. A total of 15 adults attended along with 12 children. The sessions welcomed people from many different nations, including Afghani, Albanian and Chinese.

We also delivered our second Missional Storytelling and Orality training workshop, bringing together leaders from Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Angola, India and the UK to explore how storytelling can be used effectively across different cultures and contexts.