Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery



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6 November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the half-term break. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful week and are ready for an exciting second half of the autumn term!

Before the break, it was wonderful to see so many of you at parents' evening. Thank you for taking the time to come in, share conversations about your child's learning and celebrate their progress with us.

Next week, we will be marking **Remembrance Day** in school, taking time to remember and reflect on those who have served and sacrificed for others, and thinking about our hopes for a peaceful future. Our Head Boy, Vasyl, and Head Girl, Margot, will also have the honour of representing our school at the local Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in town. We look forward to sharing this important moment with our local community.

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from KS2

It's always very busy in Key Stage 2, busy with plenty of thinking, talking, exploring and learning. In Maths lately, we've been becoming increasingly confident with our mental methods, learning clever ways to work things out in our heads. What's a calculator anyway – I hear you cry?! In English, our classrooms have been filled with Viking facts as pupils have been busy learning how to write non-chronological reports. We've been discovering all sorts of interesting things about these fearsome invaders – although we're rather glad they aren't sailing up the Watchet coast these days!

Things are going to get electric in our Science lessons! We will be exploring electricity, investigating circuits and discovering what makes things light up. Hopefully, nobody has been left feeling too shocked by it all! In Geography – we're getting excited about Christmas (not too early at all!), we're going to compare two very different tourist destinations: Lapland and Minehead! From snowy landscapes and reindeer to our very own seaside surroundings, pupils will be finding similarities and differences. We're linking this with our DT project to make a pair of hand warmers ready for the cold, winter weather! Hopefully we won't be reaching the freezing temperatures of northern Scandinavia! Brrrrrrrr!

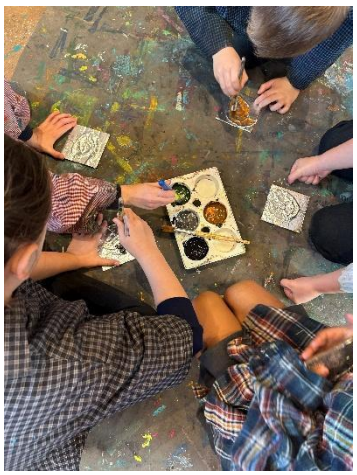
A Visit to the Eco-Watchet Exhibition

We swapped our classrooms for a trip to East Quay to explore the Eco-Watchet Exhibition. We had the opportunity to see the amazing Eco-Watchet installation which is a collaborative display in Studio 10 representing our local eco-systems. This enabled our children to experience and discover new ideas whilst thinking about how to protect the world around them. In the Creative Space, the children made fossils using printing techniques.



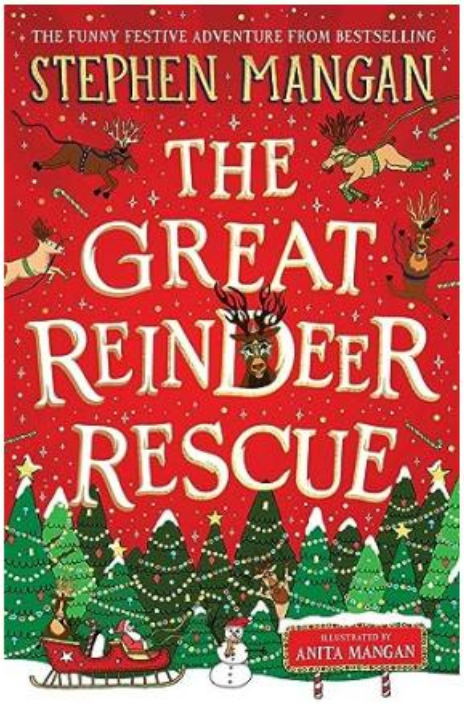








Book Recommendation: *The Great Reindeer Rescue*



Looking for a Christmas story with a little more silliness than sparkle? Then this could be just the book! *The Great Reindeer Rescue* by Stephen and Anita Mangan is a hilarious festive adventure with a rather unusual twist on *The Night Before Christmas*. Meet Dave, one of Santa's reindeer, who has had quite enough of being stuck behind the rather boastful Rudolph. When Santa crash-lands on the roof of nine-year-old Holly's house, there's an almighty Christmas lights explosion. Before anyone can say "Ho, ho, oh no!", the reindeer have been scattered to the far-flung corners of the Earth. It's now up to Holly and Dave to fly around the world, rounding up the missing reindeer and saving Christmas. Will they manage to get everyone back in time? And will Dave ever get the recognition he deserves?

From the bestselling creators of *The Fart That Changed the World* and *Escape the Rooms*, this promises plenty of festive fun, ridiculous adventures and, of course, a little bit of reindeer mischief!



In Rashford Class we have started our new Geography unit where we are looking at the similarities of Minehead and Lapland. We have started off our topic by exploring atlases and looking at the geographical location of both tourist destinations! While we would love to take the class to Lapland, due to lack of time we took the children 'virtually' using our VR headsets to see the Northern Lights from the comfort of our own classroom!



Little hands, big Christmas mission!

In Mandela Class, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit through our Design and Technology (DT) work! We have been given a very special mission from Father Christmas himself to design and make a pair of mittens that he can show to his elves, so they can make some too, so their hands don't get cold whilst making presents!

After exploring the design brief, sharing ideas and creating their own designs, the children have now taken the exciting step of picking up their needles and thread and beginning to sew their very own mittens!



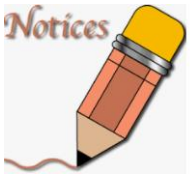






Well done Anning Class!

Reception	96 %
Donaldson	92 %
Anning	98 %
Attenborough	89 %
Rashford	91 %
Gates	97 %
Mandela	96 %
The Den	87 %



House Points

Doniford		773
Helwell		872
Blue Anchor		770
Warren Bay		830



November

13 Children in Need

19 KS1 Gymnastics Competition

20 KTSCA Wreath Making

25 Reception Trip- Journey to Bethlehem

December

5 Christmas Fayre

8 EYFS Christmas Play

8 The Den Stay and Play

9 KS1 & KS2 Christmas Plays

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14 House Champion Celebration

15 Christmas Service @Methodist Church

16 Christmas Lunches and Parties

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18 Carols around the tree

KTSCA
Knights Templar School Community Association

Hello Everyone,

KTSCA News – Lots Happening!

Apologies in advance for a bit of a long update, but we have lots of exciting things coming up that we want to share with you!

Wreath Making Workshop – Friday 20th November

Tickets are available now! Why not bring along a friend and join us for a lovely evening of creativity, festive fun and wreath making? It's a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and create something beautiful for your home.

Secret Room – Wednesday 2nd December

Tickets will go on sale from Monday on MCAS priced at £4 each, with a maximum of two tickets per child.

For anyone who hasn't experienced our Secret Room before, the KTSCA purchases a lovely selection of gifts, and children can use their tickets to come along and choose one or two special presents. These can be for anyone you choose. Their gifts are then beautifully wrapped and sent home, ready to be given as a surprise!

We would really appreciate some extra pairs of hands to help with wrapping on the day. If you can spare some time from 9am on Wednesday 2nd December, please do let us know.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 5th December

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching! Tickets have been on sale for a few weeks, so if you haven't already, make sure you get yours and book your slot to visit Father Christmas. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Bric-a-Brac Donations

We're also on the lookout for some new bric-a-brac donations. If you're having a pre-Christmas clear-out and come across any unwanted treasures that might be looking for a new home, we'd be very grateful if you would consider donating them to us!

Could You Be Part of the KTSCA?

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we really need you!

The KTSCA is currently a very small team, and we'd absolutely love to welcome some new faces. We're a friendly bunch whose aim is to work alongside school staff, parents, the wider community and, most importantly, the children, to organise events and fundraising activities that help make our school an even more exciting place to learn.

Living here in West Somerset is wonderful, but we know that being a little out of the way can sometimes make accessing different experiences, opportunities and activities more challenging. That's why we work hard to raise funds to bring exciting, fun and educational experiences directly into school for the children.

However, with so few of us at the moment, keeping everything going is becoming increasingly challenging. You don't need to commit to lots of time or take on a big responsibility. Whether you can spare a few hours to help at an event, lend a hand with preparations or would like to become part of the committee, every little bit makes a difference. If you think you could help, please come and have a chat with Jess or one of the team. We'd love to hear from you! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November 2026

The School Council have planned an exciting day to celebrate and raise money for Children in Need this year.



For a donation of £1, children are invited to **wear their own Pudsey-themed clothes**. Also, every class will be taking part in a **Pudsey Treasure Hunt** and a Pudsey bandana **colouring competition**. At the end of the day, there will be a whole school assembly to announce the winners of the competition.