

# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Our Core Values: **Love** **Hope** **Commitment** **Belonging** **Respect**



## Newsletter No. 9

# 1 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

January seems to have flown by and we are already only a couple of weeks away from the next half term break. At the end of the newsletter, there are some useful links to activities that are taking place locally during half term.

We held our Y4 Great Wood Residential meeting this week; if you were unable to attend please do speak to Mrs Larkins or myself about any questions you may have. Forms will be coming home in book bags today along with a kit list.

Have a good weekend!

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

### News from Key Stage 2

This half term, our KS2 learners have been buzzing with excitement across all areas of the curriculum!

Maths met nature as our children explored *perimeter* using the leaves in our outdoor area. From the tiniest leaf to the grandest giant, the children sorted, measured and debated leaf sizes with the precision of budding botanists! Who knew measuring could be such a "tree-mendous" hands-on experience?

Our science lessons have been music to our ears—literally! The children delved into how we hear sounds and how vibrations create them, using a variety of musical instruments. From tapping drums to twanging rubber bands, the classroom orchestra made plenty of discoveries...and plenty of noise. Apologies to any nearby classrooms for the impromptu concert!

The school was alive with colour and rhythm during the Chinese Dragon workshop. Our children worked together to bring a majestic dragon to life through teamwork and choreography. They also watched a professional "rainbow dance" performance that left everyone in awe. It turns out, working as a team is as important as knowing your left from your right in a dance!

Our history lessons have set sail into the fascinating past of Watchet's railway and harbour. The children have been exploring how these landmarks shaped local life and trade over the years. Excitement is building as we look forward to our upcoming visit to these historical treasures—it's always better to see history with your own eyes! We will linking our history lesson with English now to compose our own Sea Shanties about Watchet's mysterious maritime past.

In PSHE, our children have been introduced to the amazing *Team HAP*—the Hippocampus, Prefrontal Cortex, and emotional Amygdala. These brainy superheroes have helped us understand how we learn, remember, and manage big feelings. From the problem-solving Prefrontal Cortex to the memory-master Hippocampus, and the sometimes fiery Amygdala, the children loved learning how these parts of the brain work together. There's been plenty of "aha!" moments and a few giggles as we've practiced calming the Amygdala when it gets a bit too excited using Happy Breathing! The children are now equipped to be their own brain trainers!

Thank you for your continued support in making these learning experiences so memorable. As always, our children are thriving, exploring, and making us all proud.



### KS2 Book recommendation:

First News is the UK's only newspaper for young people. Their fundamental belief is that, if the world is to become a better place, the next generation has to be better informed than the last. Children are 27% of the world's population and 100% of the future.

Their newspapers create fresh and innovative news content that speaks directly to young people in a voice they can recognise and trust. Whether it's in print in our weekly newspaper, in our daily video news bulletin (with Sky), or in our brand-new on-line films, they tackle topical and sometimes tricky issues answering questions in an honest but understandable way for their young audience.



## ATTENDANCE

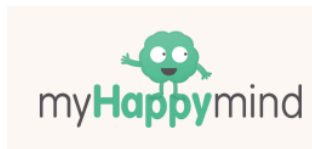


Well done Gates class on  
amazing attendance again !

Reception	95.9 %
Donaldson	90 %
Anning	94.2 %
Attenborough	93.5 %
Rashford	94 %
Gates	96.5 %
Mandela	93 %

KTSCA

### My Happymind - 'Meet Your Brain'



In the My Happymind programme, the children are currently learning the following:

- The different parts of our brain and how they help us.
- How to use Happy Breathing to help us when we feel sad, stressed or worried.
- What happens in our brain when we learn something new and how we can look after our brain.

Try asking your child about  
Team H-A-P!



## Dates for the Diary:

### February

- 8 Beach Clean (Eco Warriors)
- 14 School Disco (Wear What You Love)
- 15-23 Half Term
- 25 Teach Rex Gorilla Workshops (all years)
- 28 Police Dog Handling Talk (KS2)

### March

- 3-5 Mothers' Day Secret Room Ticket Sale
- 4&5 Parents Evenings
- 5 Gemma Hunt Author- workshop
- 12-17 Book fair
- 17 RE Focus Day
- 21 Red Nose Day

### April

- 3 Sponsored Bunny Hop (KTSCA Event)
- 4 INSET Day
- 4-21 Easter Holidays
- 22 Return to School

### House Points

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Warren Bay	A black and white icon of a steam train.	1303

### *New Online game to be Aware of*

*'Incredibox Sprunki'. It is advertised as a musical rhythm game and at first glance looks of an innocent nature; however, the game has a 'dark mode' which changes fun characters into horror characters. This switch includes disturbing content, graphic imagery and themes that have upset younger children. Alongside this, the game urges users not to report it and uses threatening language such as reporting it will make it worse to deter users.*



*Our Chinese Dragon workshop was a huge success and was enjoyed by everyone involved. It was made extra special with the decorations and themed food to sample. We hope to do similar with our Caribbean Steel Drum workshop in the summer.*

*On the 4th February, we will be holding an after school cake sale. Having spent over £6000 since September on workshops, resources and equipment we still have further purchases to make. With this in mind we will be trying to hold 2 after school sales each half term to help bring in some extra money. We would hate to cancel any of our plans due to insufficient funds.*

*On the 14th February, we have our non-uniform day. We are asking children to bring in sweets as a donation - these will be raffled off during our Easter Bunny Hop. Our Wear What You Love disco is also on the 14th from 5.00pm until 6.30pm. £3.00 per child, payable on the door.*

*If you can stay to help we would be really grateful - without enough support we won't be able to have any further discos as the children's safety is paramount.*

*A reminder for Year 4 parents that the online Leavers Hoodie shop will be closing shortly. Please see weduc for further details. The option to buy one of Gemma Hunt's books for her to sign at our workshop in March is also closing shortly. This can be paid for on Weduc if you would like your child to have a copy. Thank you.*



## Number 1 West Somerset February Half Term Gymnastic Workshops 2025

Date	Time	Venue	Cost	Discipline	Suitable for
Mon 17th February	9am to 1pm	Minehead First School	£12.50 per each session discounted. Limited funded places are available on the Playwaze platform. <a href="https://www.playwaze.com/number-1-west-somerset/4wcd2pkcisfktb/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/108487-B&amp;d=202502170900">https://www.playwaze.com/number-1-west-somerset/4wcd2pkcisfktb/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/108487-B&amp;d=202502170900</a>	Beam workshop, floor, low and high beams	all age 5 years plus
Tue 18th February	9am to 1pm	Minehead First School		Bars workshop	all age 5 years plus

Who can attend:- All children with an interest in gymnastics age 5 years plus. Children who may like to take the opportunity to practice on the beams or bars for personal development.

Booking:- Limited number of funded places are available booking on the Playwaze platform. <https://www.playwaze.com/number-1-west-somerset/4wcd2pkcisfktb/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/108487-B&d=202502170900>

Further discounted places are available and will need to be booked and paid for via Suzanne Richards on [suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com](mailto:suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com) at a cost of £12.50 per session per child.

Refreshments and Lunch:- The workshops will include lunch and refreshments. You will need to bring a refillable water bottle.

What should I wear:- comfortable clothes for sports, hair should be tied up and no jewellery should be worn. Please avoid short tops as they are difficult when working on the bars. Please no denim, zips, etc.

Transport:- We have a small Transport fund please e-mail Suzanne and each case will be considered in relation to the criteria of the funding.



**PLEASE BOOK!**  
Please book with Suzanne on [Suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com](mailto:Suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com) or Playwaze



## Dunster Castle Orienteering Activity Event 2025

**SUZANNE RICHARDS**  
(Mobile 07853 898231)

[Suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com](mailto:Suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com)

Venue	Date	Time	Activities	Book
Dunster Castle Family Orienteering Event	Wednesday 19th February	Arrive for start 10.00 to 10.30am Finish around 1pm	Family Orienteering Event at Dunster Castle Grounds with lunch.	<a href="https://www.playwaze.com/number-1-west-somerset/4wcd2pkcisfktb/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/108488-B&amp;d=202502191000">https://www.playwaze.com/number-1-west-somerset/4wcd2pkcisfktb/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/108488-B&amp;d=202502191000</a>



### Working in partnership with Dunster Castle, National Trust we would like to invite you to a Family Orienteering Event.

Information:- Meeting at the picnic area opposite the ticket office at Dunster Castle Car Park for a 10.00am to 10.30am start prompt.

Parking: If you are driving you will need to pay for a parking ticket if you park at the Dunster Castle Car Park.

Who: Families all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Food: A voucher will be provided for everyone to enjoy a lunch from Dunster Lunch Box. Please make sure you book a place for all people in your parties.

Wear: Casual, comfortable clothes, wellies or trainers. Please dress appropriately for the weather on the day.

How to book: Via Playwaze. <https://www.playwaze.com/number-1-west-somerset/4wcd2pkcisfktb/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/108488-B&d=202502191000>

This activity is available to all any problems with booking please e-mail [Suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com](mailto:Suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com).

Cost: This is a funded activity and will be discounted for all families who would like to attend. Places are limited and so booking is essential.

Any queries please contact Suzanne 07853 898231 or e-mail [suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com](mailto:suzannnumber1ws@gmail.com)



The Knights Templar Pool Committee was recreated in November 2023 with representatives from the school, the Knights Templar School Community Association (KTSCA), governors, Watchet Town Council and regular pool users, launching the Splashout III project.

Living in a coastal community, being able to swim is a potentially lifesaving activity. Many generations of children of all ages have learnt the basics of swimming and survival in water in this coastal resort. The pool's highly trained and experienced swim teachers have also taught a number of former pupils who have or are subsequently competing at a County, Regional and National level.

Our pool has been widely used in the community. It has enabled the elderly and disabled local residents to access therapeutic exercise and given local families many hours of healthy exercise benefitting both physical and mental health in an area devoid of such facilities.

Continuous use over the last 30 years has led to some deterioration in the fabric and several pieces of equipment need repair or replacement. The cost of maintaining the fabric and complex machinery can no longer be met purely by the booking fees as fuel costs have continued to rise and due to the pool not receiving any direct funding support.

*Please help to support us. Donations can be made through WEDUC under offer Knights Templar Swimming Pool Splashout III Project.*

*Elliot's 10th year  
Celebration Ball*

*Saturday 31st May 2025*

*In aid of **Elliot's Touch** at  
Taunton School*

*Welcome Drinks From 6:30pm*

*A set 3 Course Meal*

*Live Entertainment*

*With **Filta! & DJ Paul Stevens***

*Auction and Raffle*

*Dress Code- Black Tie*

*£53 per person*

*Tables of Ten or Individual seats available*

*Carriages at 12:30am*

*Please Contact; [elliottouch@yahoo.com](mailto:elliottouch@yahoo.com) or text  
07435911011 for more information*

# Knights Templar Community Church School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year



September 2025						October 2025						November 2025									
M		1	8	15	22	29	Mo			6	13	20	27	M			3	10	17	24	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			7	14	21	28	Tu			4	11	18	25	
W		3	10	17	24		We		1	8	15	22	29	W			5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th		2	9	16	23	30	Th			6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		Fr		3	10	17	24	31	Fr			7	14	21	28	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		4	11	18	25		Sa		1	8	15	22	29	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su		5	12	19	26		Su		2	9	16	23	30	
December 2025						January 2026						February 2026									
M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26	M			2	9	16	23	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu			3	10	17	24	
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March 2026						April 2026						May 2026									
M		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27	M			4	11	18	25	
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Key:	
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Term dates summary:	
Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)	
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)	
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)	
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)	
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)	
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)	TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2025/26			
Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Academy, Free School, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.



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# The Space to be...

**For parents of children with SEND**

(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

**Or Parents who would like space or support**

**Tuesdays 9.30am til 10.30am (Starting 4th Feb 2025)**

**Watchet Methodist Church**

**Come along and chat with other parents**

**Free hot and cold drinks**

**We might also have cake!**

**Just turn up, you'd be so welcome.**

Contact Jess on 07772862329 for more info

