

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Our Core Values: *Love Hope Commitment Belonging Respect*



Newsletter No. 7



20 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks! At the start of December, our youngest children enjoyed a 'Journey to Bethlehem' organised by the Methodist Church. Last week, we performed our three Christmas plays: A Noisy Nativity, Nine Lessons in Carols and The True Meaning of Christmas. It was wonderful to see children across the school taking to the stage with confidence and enjoyment. Of course, as expected there were a few wobbles when familiar faces were spotted in the audience; we are so proud of each and every child for giving it their all.

This week, we held our Christmas Service at the Methodist Church. It was so heartening to see so many parents and grandparents volunteer to walk to the church with us and enjoy the service from the balcony.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive **thank you all** for the ongoing support of your children and the school. We are always astounded by the commitment that is shown to our fundraising events and school based activities. We are so lucky to have such a supportive community behind us.

Enjoy the Christmas break with your children. Eat, play and be merry! We look forward to seeing you all safely back in school on 7 January 2025.

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Early Years

We have had another fantastic half term and there has certainly been an air of excitement in the reception unit as the Christmas festivities have begun.

Last week we went 'On a Journey to Bethlehem,' organised and funded by local churches for all local schools to attend. It was an immersive experience where we were taken back in time at Withycombe Farm. We were greeted by shepherds who guided us on our journey where we had our names taken for the census, paid our taxes to the tax collectors, knocked on the inn doors and finally found a real-life baby Jesus in a stable. We finished our journey by singing Baby Jesus a lullaby from our Christmas play. It was a fantastic morning and we even learnt some new sheep jokes!

This week saw our Nativity performance for the parents and it was safe to say they saved the best performance for their families- they were fantastic.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!!

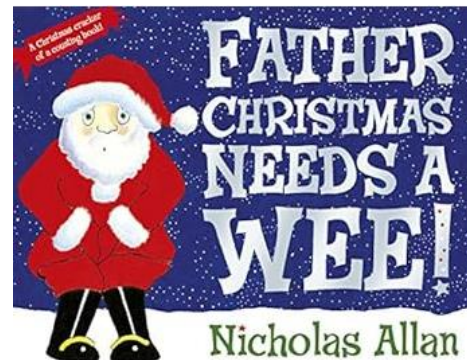


Early Years Book recommendation:

"Father Christmas needs a wee.
He's been drinking drinks since half past
three . . ."

At each different house that he visits Father Christmas drinks and eats all the goodies left out for him. Before long he really, really, really needs a wee. So much so that he even forgets to leave the presents behind. But he dashes back, delivers all the pressies and flies' home at high speed to avoid an embarrassing accident . . . there's just one tiny problem . . . he's lost his house key!

Find out what happens and whether Father Christmas ever gets to relieve himself in this brilliant and fabulously funny counting book from the talented author/illustrator Nicholas Allan!



TTRockstar Heroes this term:

Donaldson	Jacob P
Anning	Stanley L
Attenborough	Blossom C-R
Rashford	Samuel N
Gates	Jonathan H
Mandela	Amelia N

ATTENDANCE



Well done Donaldson class on amazing attendance !

Reception	89.8 %
Donaldson	98 %
Anning	93.2 %
Attenborough	88.5 %
Rashford	96.5 %
Gates	93.8 %
Mandela	95.7 %

KTSCA

Knights Templar School Community Association

Some of you may have seen on our Facebook page that we are delighted to announce a new total for our Christmas Fayre, following the addition of our Chocolate tombola takings. Our new total is **£1338.55** which is incredible!

A big thank you to those of you who came to help wrap gifts in our Secret Room on Monday. With over 150 gifts to wrap, your help is vital - we appreciate it so much.

The KTSCA would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2025!

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Anne Reeder who donated £1000 to the school and £1000 to the Nursery from her stall at the top of Liddymore road. This money will be used to develop the nursery outside play spaces and the new Key Stage 1 outside provision space.



Another massive thank you to Simon Gorman for securing a donation of £2000 from British Gas for the school. These donations make such a difference!

Butterfly Book and Writers Award

Each half term, every class nominates two children, one to receive the Butterfly Book Award and one to receive the Writer's Award.

The **Butterfly Book Award** is awarded to one member of the class who has shown effort, motivation and interest in reading. The books are awarded in the memory of Emma Harris who was a previous pupil and had gone onto be an English teacher before sadly passing away. Our Butterfly Book Area in school is a celebration of her life and is supported by Julie Sully, her mum, who fundraises to provide books for this award.

Our **Writer's Award** is awarded to the child in each class who has shown the greatest development in their individual writing skills during over the course of the half term. Both awards are recognised in the assembly and the writers award piece of writing is displayed in the hall for the next half term. The winners last half term are as follows - well done!

Reception

Butterfly Book: Hollie W
Writers' Award: Theo W

Donaldson

Butterfly Book: Lenni-Mae W
Writers' Award: Finley A

Anning

Butterfly Book: Sunny H
Writers' Award: Noah S

Attenborough

Butterfly Book: Millie H
Writers' Award: Paisley-Rae W

Rashford

Butterfly Book: Maya S
Writers' Award: Joey R

Gates

Butterfly Book: Jake C-B
Writers' Award: Charlie B

Mandela

Butterfly Book: Courtney L
Writers' Award: Blake G

Reception Nativity



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Christmas Lunches and Parties







Merry Christmas

*From Knights Templar Community
Church School and Nursery!*

See you in 2025!