

# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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Love Hope Respect



## Newsletter No. 18



### 4 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you join us for our Annual Sports Morning and Family Picnic. Whenever we do events like these I feel immensely proud of everyone: the children, the staff team and the community we serve. It was so lovely to see all of our children participating in the events and being accepted for engaging in them in their own way - demonstrating the inclusive ethos which is at the heart of our school.

This week, has provided all of the children with an opportunity to experience their classes for September and it was great to see you using the time after school to visit classrooms and speak to staff. Hopefully, these activities have allayed any worries your children had about the new school year.

Have a great weekend!

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

### News from KS2

#### Marching into Middle School (and the Heat!)

Year 4 have certainly been working up a sweat this summer term. Since our last newsletter, they've marched up the hill in full sunshine and super-hot weather for **transition sessions** at Danesfield Middle School. While there, they dived into all sorts of exciting activities: experimenting with milk and food colouring in science (don't worry, no one tried to drink it), creating brilliant art, banging out rhythms in percussion, and learning to street dance like pros. It was also a real treat to see some familiar faces from Knights Templar now settled into their new school. Here is another reminder of our brilliant trip to Minster Church in Taunton two weeks ago:



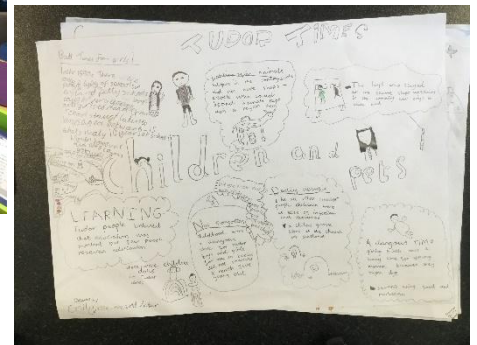


Back at base, Year 3 have been fully immersed in Roman life—without needing a time machine! They've been crafting mosaics worthy of a Roman villa and designing fearsome shields that would make any legionary proud. There's been lots of fascinating history talk too, including what life was like for real Romans (spoiler alert: there were no iPads!).



### Warm Hearts, Timely Topics & Sporting Triumphs

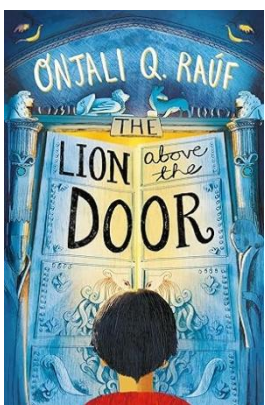
When the whole classes have been back together, our learning has been just as action-packed. In RE, we've been exploring big ideas in our 'Warm Hearts' unit, thinking deeply about what it means to be spiritual and how we can show kindness and care. History has taken us back again—this time to the Tudors—where we've discovered just how colourful (and dramatic) that period was. And in Maths, it's been all about Time: reading analogue, digital and even cracking the mystery of the 24-hour clock. Watches beware—KS2 are coming for your job!



Way back at the start of the half term, we had a wonderful workshop. We had a fantastic time at our **steel drum workshop**, where the children got hands-on experience playing real steel pans. The hall was filled with the joyful sounds of the Caribbean, and the children quickly picked up rhythms with impressive focus—and a lot of enthusiasm! A truly memorable musical moment.

Last week's Sports Day was a real highlight of the term. The sun shone, the children shone even brighter, and our Year 4s did a brilliant job leading the way with the events. It was a super sunny afternoon of sport, topped off with a family picnic and what might just be a record-breaking queue for the ice cream van! A big well done to Doniford House for their well-earned win—and to everyone who took part with such great spirit.

### Book Review from Key Stage 2



'Ever since I can remember, people have stared at me and my family.'

Dad tells me it's because we're 'special'.

But if we're so special, how come nobody ever looks like us in the books at school? Not even the books about world wars ...!

As the only Singaporean boy not just in his school, but in the tiny English village he calls home, Leo witnesses - and feels - the impacts of racism every day. But on a class trip to a nearby cathedral, Leo's attention is drawn to a marble slab high above the doors of the hall. Right there, bang in the middle of a list of WWII war heroes, Leo finds himself staring at something incredible: his own name.

## ATTENDANCE



Well done Gates class on amazing attendance !

Reception	95.5 %
Donaldson	95 %
Anning	96.3 %
Attenborough	92.5 %
Rashford	94.8 %
Gates	97.2 %
Mandela	91.7 %

**KTSCA**  
Knights Templar School Community Association



### Relate

As the children come to the end of this unit, they have learnt skills which will help ensure they can be a good friend and can choose good friends for themselves.

Try asking your child:



What makes you a good friend?



Our final unit is called Engage and we hope to complete this before we break for Summer!

Dates for the Diary:

## July

- 10 Reception Trip to West Beach
- 15 Anning History Trip (Watchet)
- 22 Year 4 Leavers Service

### Staff Leavers and Starters

We are sad to let you know Mrs Wood is retiring at the end of term after 33 years of commitment to Knights Templar School! Mrs Wood has worked across all classes and year groups, as well as being the Dragons' Den/Parrot Club manager and midday supervisor! We are very sad to see her go but we look forward to hearing about all the fun she gets up to in retirement!

We also are sad to let you know that Mrs Coles is leaving us to further her career working with children at Minehead First School. We wish her all the best in her new venture!

Finally, we are pleased to share we have appointed Miss Emily Jeans and Miss Alice Wedlake to our TA team from September. New staff bring with them new ideas and skills so we are very excited about both of these appointments.

### House Points

Doniford



2799

Helwell



2759

Blue Anchor



2746

Warren Bay



2951

I first joined the committee 8 years ago when my son started in Reception. I was cautious about how much time I'd be able to give as I worked, was undertaking a course and my 3 children were aged just 2, 3 and 4. Within the year however, I was working in the school and suddenly, the importance of what could be achieved through fundraising became a driving force for me. In many ways the KTSCA has become an extension of myself.

My initial focus was on increasing the amount of workshops that we can offer through the academic year. I have spent many hours over the years researching and co-ordinating an impressive variety of workshops that Knights Templar has been able to offer through our fundraising efforts.

I chose to alter how the KTSCA run events in an effort to make them family friendly as well as budget friendly. We chose to profit far less from things such as Secret Room, Grotto gifts and lucky dips, feeling that happy children and parents outweighed the extra pounds. The same goes for the Easter events that I was excited to plan - our entry price for tickets only just covered the cost of packages we've hired in (such as Exmoor Zoo and our Dinosaur hire) because I wanted to Chair a committee that provides fun family events that are accessible to all. We live in a rural area with fairly poor transport options. This was a further drive for me to bring events to families who may otherwise not get to experience such things.

My vision for the KTSCA has been shaped by my own interests and views on what childhood should be. Those closest to me know that I'm happiest when reading a book on magical realms (the more dragons and other magical creatures the better), curled up with my Harry Potter throw and drinking coffee from my favourite Disney mug (which changes daily as I have an impressive collection). Childhood should be a time of magic and wonder, of stretching the imagination and believing the impossible to be possible. My colleagues and fellow committee members have learned not to bat an eyelid as I've brought dinosaurs, unicorns, dragons and most recently a gorilla into school. Our school hall has been transformed into Hogwarts Grand Hall, the BFG's Dream Cave and the North Pole as we've hosted events with the aim of prolonging that window of wonder for a few more precious years. In a world of technology and gadgets - this is becoming increasingly important.

Eight years in, my role as a Teaching Assistant and as Chair of the KTSCA for the children of Knights Templar mean a great deal to me. Seeing their faces as they peep in through the hall windows to see it newly decorated in anticipation of an event, hearing their excited chatter as they discuss their latest workshop fun and seeing that all so magical sparkle when they experience a WOW moment due to something I've helped orchestrated has made all of the hours completely worth it.

Knights Templar is such a special school and my brilliant colleagues give their everything to not only educate our pupils but also care for and advocate for them. I am so proud and so grateful to think that my work on the committee has contributed in some small way to making our school the wonderful place it is.

Although I'm stepping down, I'm not stepping away completely. I will still organise the Year 4 Leavers Hoodies each year and Miss Puttick has agreed to continue to help me put together Leavers Books like we have done for the last 4 years. My husband has a bet on how long I can stay away from any other school fundraising, but for now, I can step down knowing the KTSCA will be in safe hands with the new committee.

Gemma Parsons, Chair of the KTSCA

## Summer Reading Challenge 2025

*Step Into the Story Garden – Join the Summer Reading Challenge! This year's Summer Reading Challenge invites children to explore the magical Story Garden, where books bloom and imagination grows! Run by The Reading Agency and local libraries, the Challenge is free, fun, and a fantastic way to keep reading skills sharp over the summer. Children can set their own reading goals, collect themed stickers and rewards, and take part in nature-inspired events and activities. Sign up at your local library from 5 July and help your child enjoy a summer full of stories and discovery! We will be having a 'launch' assembly before the summer holidays and will send home the relevant paperwork so keep an eye out for more information or pop into Watchet Library.*



The illustration shows a group of diverse children in a sunny garden. One child is watering a plant, another is holding a book, and others are engaged in various garden activities. The text 'The Reading Agency' is in a pink box, and 'Summer Reading Challenge Story Garden' is written in green. Small text at the bottom reads 'Story Garden Illustrations by Dapo Akintola, Illustrations and logo © The Reading Agency 2025'.

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July**

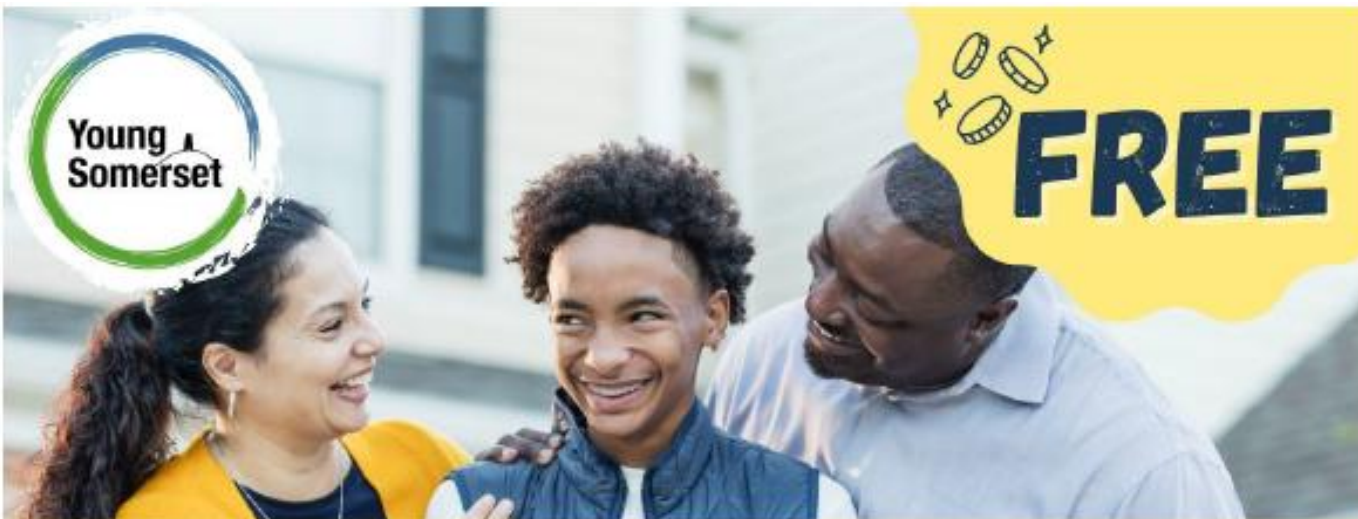
**10.30**

**FREE** Summer Reading Challenge  
Launch  
Colour in a fridge magnet  
and sign up!!

Read SIX books, collect stickers! Get a medal & certificate.



The bottom of the poster features two garden beds. On the left is a large, colorful flower bed with red, yellow, and pink flowers. On the right is a smaller garden bed with green plants and a wooden lattice border.



# WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

**TOPIC: Resilience**

This is a 2 hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents/carers, share common concerns and to discuss what helps young people (Primary/Secondary) to strengthen their resilience. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**6pm – 8pm**

To sign up please contact: Sue Burt PFSA 07807015236 or Laura Tasker Emotional Health Worker 07391178939

Danesfield School

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Any child who comes in their Brownie, Beaver, Guide or Sea Scout uniform will have a free Styles ice-cream.

Tor Theatre present

# THE TIME MACHINE

NOW WITH ADDED DINOSAURS!

Wish you were here... BESIDE THE SEASIDE!

A HILARIOUS FAMILY-FRIENDLY MASH-UP OF STORIES BY H.G. WELLS

Tor Theatre

BACKYARD THEATRE  
ANCHOR ST, WATCHET, TA23 0AZ  
FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 7PM  
£10 ADULTS £8 CHILDREN (UNDER 16)  
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# **WOODLAND FUN DAY**

**Wednesday 6th August  
10am - 2pm**

**Knights Templar Wildlife Area**

**£5 per person (will include lunch)**

**Ages 5 to 11**

**To receive a booking form contact Jess on;  
[jess.james@westsomersestmethodists.org.uk](mailto:jess.james@westsomersestmethodists.org.uk)  
or 07772862329**





# SEA THEMED ESCAPE ROOM

Dive into some sea themed bible stories,  
and see if you can crack the clues to find  
your way out!

**WATCHET SUMMERTIME WEEK**

**18TH - 22ND AUGUST 2025**

**WATCHET METHODIST CHURCH**

**10AM - 3PM BOOKING ADVISED**

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