

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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Newsletter No. 6

28 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Across the school, the children are busy practising their plays; learning lines and song lyrics along with dances and actions. There is so much hard work and preparation that goes into the productions prior to us performing to an audience. We are very much focused on being stage-ready for the week of December 8th and hope you have your tickets booked to join us to see your children take to the stage.

This weekend, the KTSCA are holding their annual Christmas Fayre. Please do come along and support this event- all funds raised go directly towards enriching the children's experiences in school. At a time of ever-tightening school budgets, the support of the KTSCA is more important than ever at providing those little extras.

Have a great weekend,

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Key Stage 2

This half-term, KS2 have been on quite the adventure—both on the page and in the classroom! In English, we have been captivated by the brilliant novel *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. The children have followed Varjak, the brave Mesopotamian cat, as he uncovers the truth behind mysterious cat disappearances. Using his escapades as inspiration, the children have been learning how to write newspaper articles—aiming for reporting that is nothing short of *purr-fect*.

In Maths, we've been working hard on column addition and subtraction. The children have been practising exchanging, and although they can now confidently swap tens and hundreds, we've assured them this does not mean they can exchange their vegetables for pudding at lunchtime.

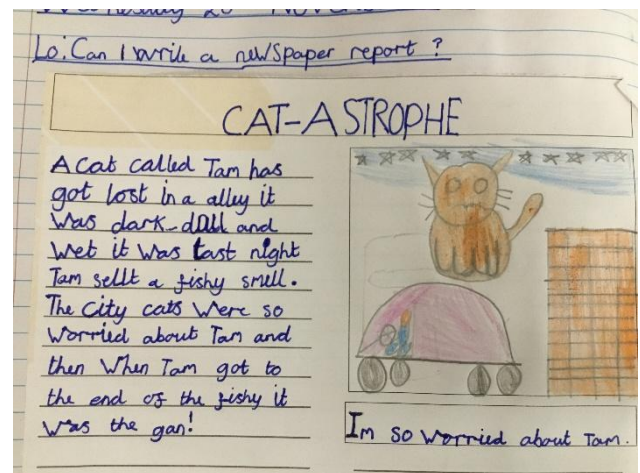
In Science, we have been investigating food groups and studying the human skeleton—discovering, among other things, that we have far more bones than a cat (though still not enough to help us land on our feet every time).



Geography has taken us along the mighty River Nile as we explored the features of a river from its source all the way to the sea. Meanwhile in DT, cardboard has become our material of choice. After experimenting with cutting, shaping and joining techniques, the children showcased their creativity by making their own standing Christmas decorations—some of which look sturdier than an actual Christmas trees.



And, of course, it's all systems go for our Key Stage 2 Christmas play, The Snowman. The children are working incredibly hard to learn their lines, songs, and stage directions. All words can be found on Google Classroom—perfect for practising at home (ideally not before the grown-ups have had their morning coffee).



The KS2 children threw themselves into planning and making their healthy tortilla pizzas with the enthusiasm of budding chefs who'd just discovered the magic of melted cheese. They carefully picked ingredients from all the food groups—colourful veggies, a bit of protein, some dairy, and a carbohydrate-filled tortilla base — making sure their pizzas were as balanced as they were tasty. Also, with a balance of chatter and concentration, they created delicious, healthy meals that showed just how delicious good food can be.

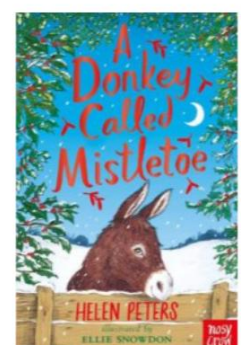
We are incredibly proud of the children's efforts this term and look forward to sharing their achievements with you soon.

Key Stage 2 Book recommendation:

A Donkey Called Mistletoe

Helen Peters
Chapter book

Animal lovers will quickly be drawn into Helen Peters' **A Donkey Called Mistletoe**, illustrated by Ellie Snowden. Jasmine is no stranger to caring for animals, with her parents being a farmer and a vet. When Jasmine discovers that old Mr Hobson is no longer able to take care of his pet donkey, Mistletoe, she is desperate to help. It might take a bit of work to persuade her parents that a donkey won't cause too much trouble at Christmas, by Jasmine is determined to make it work. Combining an animal rescue narrative with festive cheer, this is a good choice for readers who love a gentle and heartwarming style of story.



ATTENDANCE



Well done Donaldson class on amazing attendance again!

Reception	96.7 %
Donaldson	98.2 %
Anning	91.9 %
Attenborough	98.1%
Rashford	92 %
Gates	94.4 %
Mandela	92.5 %
The Den	95%



In our My Happy Mind we have continued to focus on the Celebrate unit, where children learn to recognise their strengths, acknowledge their achievements, and take pride in the progress they make—big or small. It's been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence as they practise celebrating themselves and one another. This week, we'd love to set a little challenge for parents: take a few minutes each day to celebrate something your child has done well, and then share one thing you are proud of about your own day. Modelling this mindset shows children that celebrating ourselves isn't boasting—it's building confidence, resilience, and happiness.

Dates for the Diary:

November

29 KTSCA Christmas Fayre (11-2pm)

December

- 9 EYFS Christmas Play
- 9 The Den Christmas Stay and Play
- 10 KS1 Christmas Play (10am)
- 10 KS2 Christmas Play (2pm)
- 11 KS2 Christmas Play (10am)
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- 16 Methodist Church Service (10am)
- 17 Butterfly Book Assembly (9am)
- 17 EYFS and KS1 Christmas Lunch
- 17 KS2 Christmas Party
- 18 EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party
- 18 KS2 Christmas Lunch
- 19 West Somerset Brass Band Performance for the children
- 19 Break up for Christmas!

We raised an amazing £115 for Children in Need and another £205.29 for the Poppy Appeal! Thank you to everyone who donated.

We are currently recruiting a new Caretaker – please see the office or our website for more details.

House Points

Doniford	A circular sunburst icon with rays emanating from the center.	1059
Helwell	A circular icon containing a lighthouse.	946
Blue Anchor	A dark blue anchor icon.	865
Warren Bay	A black silhouette of a train engine.	952

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!

Last week, our Head Boy and Head Girl, Teddy and Charlotte, were taken to Willow Stream Christmas Trees in Timberscombe by Mrs Weaver and Mrs Knowles to choose our trees. They were both super excited to make their selections and took time to find the best-looking trees. A big thank you to the KTSCA who have funded the trees for the school. We were really excited to see all the amazing decorations the children have made adorning the tree in the school hall. Thank you for your support in making them!



Gymnastics

Over the last couple of weeks, Mr Harrison has taken gymnastics teams from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to Minehead First School to compete in an Area Schools Competition. Whilst sadly we didn't win, the children enjoyed learning the routines and competing! A big thank you to Mr Harrison for supporting the children to learn the routines and to the parents who were able to transport the children to the event.



We had a slight change of plans for our Christmas Pudding evening, but a few of us still had a lovely time and raised around £120.

We were able to help the school buy their Christmas trees which, I am sure you will agree, look beautiful!

We have been working very hard behind the scenes sorting everything out for our Christmas Fayre tomorrow, from 11am til 2pm – hopefully you've all got your grotto tickets! We have been donated some absolutely brilliant raffle prizes too and there will be loads of games and fun activities to join in with, so please come along. This is one of our bigger fundraisers to help put on events and workshops throughout the year, so we really appreciate your support. Also a really big Thank You to the Co Op for their generous donation of £250! This will go towards resources for both KS1 and 2 and EYFS. Finally, the date of our AGM is 8th Dec, 7pm at The Star Inn, all are welcome.



WATCHET MARINA SHOP & CAFE

Final date to enter = 21st December

Decorate our tree with us

Bring in a homemade decoration to put on our tree in the cafe.

Age groups:
0-4
5-8
9+

We will pick 3 lucky children to come back to pick a prize.

Please hand into the cafe staff, where we will ask for details from you. Please put your child's full name on the back.



Knights Templar School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year

September 2026						October 2026						November 2026								
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
 Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
 Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
 Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
 Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day Bank Holiday 25 December 2026
 Boxing Day Bank Holiday 28 December 2026*
 New Year's Day Holiday 01 January 2027
 Good Friday 20 March 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please visit www.ktschools.co.uk with the individual schools for their term dates.



WATCHET

WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND

Help support and raise much needed funds for our ground!

Santa Fun Run or Walk!!

Up to 10 laps around the ground is 5k+ (3miles+) or just do 1 lap!!

Please ask your friends and family to sponsor you too and come and watch!

Sponsor forms Visitors Centre/Albert's 'Ardware or facebook group page
'Watchet War Memorial Recreation Ground Committee'

Lovely raffle prizes – Medals adult/child Lap winner/best dressed/most sponsor money
Lap Certificates for all - Tea and coffee for sale in Pavilion

Sunday 7th December

10.30am for 11.00am Start/Finish 12.30pm

Cost £5.00 wearing a festive hat/suit Children 16 & under £1.00 - £10.00 no hat or suit

online payment subject to small booking fee

Tickets at Visitors Centre cash/ or card online click QR code below

or www.ticketsource.co.uk/watchet-war-memorial-recreation-ground or
pay on the day at the ground card/cash (arrive from 10.00am if paying on day)



Sponsored by WACET, WWMRGC, Watchet Town Council
through the SALC Community Health & Wellbeing fund

Further info contact Lori on 07935318022 or lorileeart001@gmail.com

★ Knights Templar CofE Community School, Watchet, TA23 0EX

★ Multi Activity camps available

★ Running 22nd, 23rd, 29th, & 30th December

★ Running 9am - 3:30pm
(Ages 4, 9am - 1pm only*)

★ £24.99 / £15.99* per child, per day
(30% discount until Monday 10th November!)

★ Available to children aged 4 - 11

★ Book at www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps
★ Contact dcrysell@premier-education.com for queries



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Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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MEDIEVAL BELIEFS IN VILLAGES LIKE DUNSTER

A TALK BY BRIAN HOBARD

Would you like to know what life was like in Medieval Dunster? What people believed in, what they were afraid of and how these beliefs moulded their lives? Or perhaps you live in an old house and have found strange marks on the walls, around the doors and windows, and would like to know what they were carved for?



DUNSTER
WINTER FESTIVAL



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4PM : 6TH DECEMBER
DUNSTER TITHE BARN



This performance is part of the
Dunster Winter Festival
5th - 7th December 2025

Tickets £7

For more information and to purchase tickets:
www.dunsterwinterfestival/ticketed-events

Rachel Gilmour MP's

Community Christmas Concerts

The Highwayman, Butlin's
6th December 2025
4-7pm
Performance from the Minehead
Middle School Choir

Tiverton
St Peter's Church
13th December 2025
4-7pm
Performance from Take Note
Community Choir

Both events are free to attend. Confirm attendance via online form. Entrance subject to venue capacity.
Find more details about the event, parking, and the performances online at www.rachelgilmour.com.uk/conc



DUNSTER
WINTER FESTIVAL



Medieval re-enactment inc. knights' battles, children's activities, village trail & Santa's grotto



Village dressed for Christmas & window competition



Spinning & weaving demos, workshops & trader events



Programme of music at St. George's Church



'Mediaeval Baebes' concert & torch-lit procession



Medieval themed entertainment including Medieval banquet

Come celebrate the magic of Christmas in the medieval village of Dunster

FRIDAY 5TH, SATURDAY 6TH & SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

All proceeds from the Festival go towards supporting Dunster charities' and societies'

*Dress code:
the more
medieval the
better!*

**Medieval
Banquet**

Tickets £60
(includes banquet
& welcome drink)
10% discount for
groups of 6 or more

Dunster Tithe Barn
6.30pm - 11pm
Friday 5th December

Banquet by Reeves Restaurant of Dunster
Medieval music & entertainment by Wessex Medieval Alliance
Licensed bar by Archer Events