Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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Newsletter No. 9

16 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to have all the children settled back into their class routines for the start of the **Spring Term** after a very busy end to the autumn term. This term promises to be an exciting one, filled with new learning opportunities, special events, and a continued focus on both academic progress and wellbeing.

At the start of every afternoon, there is an opportunity for the children to bring their work to share with me; this is one of my favourite parts of the day as the children have such pride in their work and it is so lovely to see the progress in each individual children's learning. If your child has been sent to celebrate their work – they will come home with a special sticker, so please do ask them about what they shared with me!

Have a lovely weekend,
Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Key Stage 1

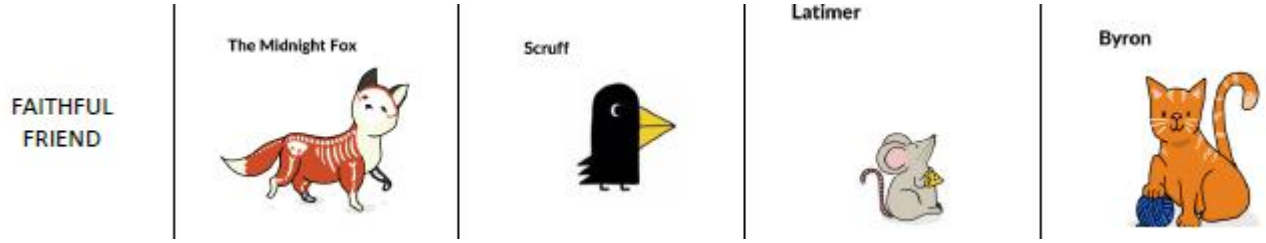
We are thrilled to share that Key Stage 1 has once again embraced the joys of outdoor learning! The children have been fully engaging with their surroundings, and it has been heartwarming to witness their enthusiasm as they explore the natural world. Our outdoor space is not just a playground; it is a wonderful resource that we are continually transforming to enhance the learning experience.

The benefits of outdoor learning are profound, as research shows that it fosters a deeper connection to nature and promotes physical activity, which is essential for holistic development. From science experiments to creative play, our students are discovering new ways to learn outside the classroom. We invite parents to support these initiatives, whether through volunteering or providing resources, as we believe that together we can create a vibrant learning environment that nurtures our children's growth.

Curious Quest: An Adventure in Writing

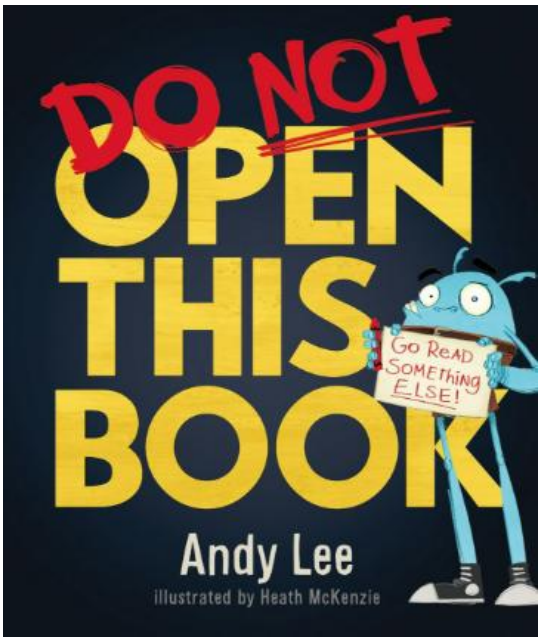
In Key Stage 1, our children have embarked on an exciting journey known as the Curious Quest, alongside their Faithful Friends. This initiative is designed to ignite their passion for writing by giving it purpose and meaning through adventure. Each week, the children will travel to new destinations, facing challenges that inspire their creativity and narrative skills. This week, they have journeyed to Lava Lake with the help of Latimer Mouse, sparking their imaginations and encouraging them to express their thoughts through writing.

The Faithful Friends

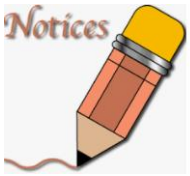


The Curious Quest not only enhances literacy development but also promotes collaboration and problem-solving among peers. By framing writing within an adventurous context, we are making it more engaging and meaningful for our students. We encourage parents to get involved by sharing their children's stories or experiences related to these adventures, fostering a supportive community around our shared educational values. Together, we can nurture a love for writing that will last a lifetime!

Key Stage 1 Book Recommendation:



Do Not Open This Book: A ridiculously funny story for kids, big and small!
By Andy Lee
Illustrated by Heath McKenzie
Monster will do ANYTHING for you not to open this book, but what will happen if you do? Young readers will love doing everything they are asked not to, and turning the pages to discover Monster's hilarious secret at the end of this hilarious picture book!



Well done Rashford class on amazing attendance again!

Reception	96 %
Donaldson	93.6 %
Anning	90.9 %
Attenborough	96.8 %
Rashford	98.7 %
Gates	97.2 %
Mandela	92.8 %
The Den	92.5 %

myHappymind

As part of our My Happy Mind (MHM) learning, children have been exploring the **Appreciate** module, which helps them notice the good things in their lives and develop an attitude of gratitude. Through this module, we learn how appreciating people, experiences, and small positive moments can boost happiness, build resilience, and support positive mental wellbeing. Home Challenge: Create an *Appreciation Jar* at home with your child. Throughout the week, encourage them to write or draw things they appreciate — people, moments, or achievements — and place them in the jar. At the end of the week, spend time together reading them and talking about why those moments mattered. This activity helps children practise gratitude while building reflection and meaningful family conversations.

January

20 Reception Trip to St Decs

27 Great Wood Presentation to Year 4 Parents (3pm)

February

10 Safer Internet Day

11 Butterfly Book Assembly

16-20 Half Term

26 Gymnastics Event (Wellington)

27 KS2 Music Event

Lunchboxes

Please can parents make sure that if they send their child in with grapes in their lunchbox, that these are cut in half.

A reminder we are also a nut free school so please ensure you do not send your child in with any nut based products.

Thank you!

House Points

Doniford		1295
Helwell		1090
Blue Anchor		1149
Warren Bay		1263

KTSCA
Knights Templar School Community Association

Hi everyone, hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We have all been squirreling away in the background thinking up some lovely things to offer and support over the next few months. Thanks to all of your generosity and support of our events in the run up to Christmas we have a nice healthy amount in the bank going forward, which is enabling us to do some fab stuff with the school. First up we will have our school disco on Thurs 12th Feb, this one will be a **silent disco** which should be really fun! Also we have been able to help with the costs of the books gifted for Christmas, cover some subscriptions for resources in school to help with learning and we are having a very exciting visit from local author Jill Newton for World Book Day (we are celebrating this on Wednesday 4th March). We are in the process of getting bits together for our Mother's Day Secret Room, which will be on Tues 3rd March for wrapping- if anyone wants to help, please speak to Jess! Finally, we are holding an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday 28th March if you want to put the date in your diary! (More details about booking and payments nearer the time) So lots to look forward to over the next few months. Again, a big thank you from the KTSCA.

Confident Parents – Helping Your Child to Meet Everyday Challenges

TOPIC: Anxiety and Low Mood

This is a 2hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and share common concerns. We talk about, the signs and symptoms of everyday challenges such as anxiety and low mood, some do's and don'ts and share hints and tips on how to support your child. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Wednesday 21st January 2026

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Book your space by contacting Sue Burt PFSA 07807015236 or Laura Tasker Emotional Health Worker 07391178939

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Confident Parents – Raising Confident Children Who Bounce Back

Topic: Resilience

This is a 2 hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and to share common concerns. We discuss what helps young people to feel more confident in dealing with the up and downs of life.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Wednesday 28th January 2026

6:00pm – 8:00pm

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

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A six session parenting program for parents of children aged 3-12 – to support building healthy relationships and understanding.

Starting Thursday 5th February
11:45am-1:15pm
At Danesfield School

For more information or to book a place please telephone:
Sue Burt 07807 015236 (Parent and Family Support Advisor)
Laura Tasker 07391 178939 (Emotional Health Worker)
Please note places are limited, refreshments will be provided

Free!