

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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Newsletter No. 15



16 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was very poignant to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day last week. Teachers spoke to their classes about World War 2. Two historical re-enactors were on site throughout the morning and the children were able to see and touch a variety of artefacts. They particularly liked trying on the different helmets worn. The street party style lunch on the playground accompanied by 1940s music was an enjoyable event for the whole school to enjoy together. The VE Day cake was a delicious addition to our celebrations. A big thank you to the KTSCA for funding another wonderful event for our children.

Having taken part in a competition run by Watchet Town Council, our winner Joey in Year 4, read his poem beautifully at the service at the War Memorial which was a wonderful event to be part of.

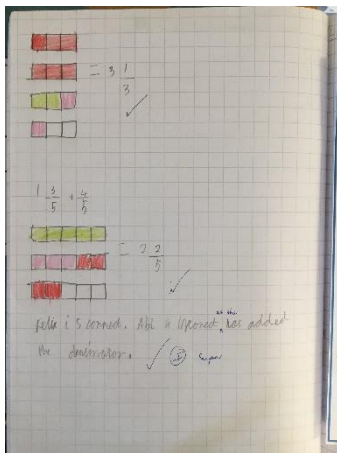
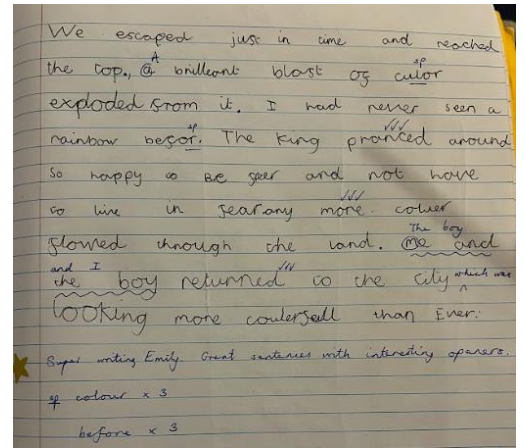
Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Key Stage 2

This half term in Key Stage 2, the classrooms have been transformed into a tropical rainforest – minus the humidity and creepy crawlies (thankfully!). Our explorers have ventured deep into the Amazon, discovering its fascinating layers from forest floor to emergent canopy. The pupils have been hard at work creating large-scale masterpieces that wouldn't look out of place in an art gallery – or at least pinned proudly on our walls! With jaguars, toucans and sloths peeking out from the branches, our jungle creations are a wild celebration of learning.



Who needs words in a book when our brilliant writers can come up with their own? We've been diving into Aaron Becker's stunning wordless picture book trilogy of *Journey*, *Quest* and *Return* in our English lessons. The children have crafted their own narratives full of action, adventure and – of course – a healthy supply of powerful past tense verbs. Writing in the first person and using fronted adverbials like *pros*, they have created stories that would give any bestselling author a run for their money. Here you can read Emily's impressive writing based on *Quest* – the second book of the trilogy.



In Maths – it's been all Fraction Action! KS2 have mastered them like mathematical detectives. We've added, subtracted, and even converted improper fractions into mixed numbers – all without needing a calculator (or a lie-down). The children are growing in confidence with every step! Here you can see some of Jacob's super Maths work.

Whilst the Year 4's were away... We had a fantastic week, and it was nice having the year 3s working, playing and troubleshooting!

Wednesday:

Year 3 became *Outdoor Explorers*, spending the day outside designing and building their own miniature parks using natural materials. They worked creatively in small groups and enjoyed sharing their imaginative park designs with each other. The amount of persuasion in the form of planning permission and reasoning was fantastic!

Thursday:

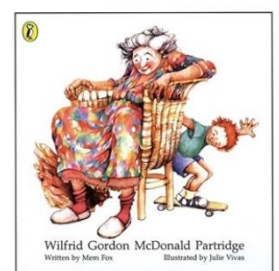
The morning was all about *PE*, with a fun and active cricket session where the children practised batting, bowling, and fielding skills. In the afternoon, they went swimming, followed by a *music lesson* focusing on learning and playing the xylophone.

Friday:

To finish the week, the children were introduced to *Doodle Art* as part of 'The Arts' activities. They experimented with patterns, shapes, and creativity, producing unique and expressive pieces of art.

Key Stage 2 Book Review

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge is a small boy who has a big name – and that's why he likes Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper because she has too. So when he finds Miss Nancy has lost her memory, Wilfrid determines to discover what memories are so he can find it for her.



Year 4 Residential to Great Wood

Our Great Wood adventure began with an animal-themed detour to Tropiquaria, where we were greeted by gibbons swinging, wild cats prowling, and peacocks strutting like they owned the place (which, to be fair, they do). The animal handling session gave us all a chance to get hands-on – yes, even with a cobra! Don't worry, it was all very ssssssafe... and sssslightly sssscary.



After refuelling with lunch and letting off steam on the pirate ship, we made our way to Great Wood and moved into our cabins – some of us more successfully than others once we saw the bunk beds. An afternoon walk to collect campfire wood was followed by a tasty dinner (chicken and rice or a trusty jacket potato), and then the competitive spirit kicked in for a fierce game of Bingo. Joey swept the board twice and earned the title of Bingo Brainiac. Finally, Mrs Weaver calmed us all down with a bedtime story before we drifted off to sleep, dreaming of adventures ahead.



We woke to sunshine streaming through the pine trees – and, thankfully, no sign of wildlife sneaking into the cabins. After breakfast, we split into groups for a rotation of exciting activities: low ropes (hello, teamwork!), archery (Robin Hood has nothing on Frankie), and the outdoor swimming pool, where Kira quickly claimed the title of Woggle-Woman. Elliott shone on the ropes course with brilliant problem-solving and team spirit! In the afternoon, we took part in the first (and possibly last) Duck Race Olympics, which was as gloriously chaotic as it sounds. The evening brought marshmallows, songs and roaring laughter around the campfire with the legendary Princess Patrick – whose storytelling had us howling with laughter and holding our sides. Tired but happy, we fell asleep dreaming of ducks, arrows and warm hot chocolate.



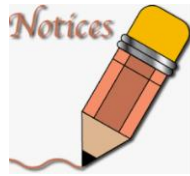
On our final day, we headed off for one last adventure – den building in a shady, woodland spot. Spirits were high and competition fierce as teams raced to construct the sturdiest, most waterproof shelters in Somerset. Of course, nothing tests waterproofing quite like a grown-up armed with a bucket of water... enter Patrick, stage left. Squeals of laughter followed as children discovered just how many gaps there were in their 'weatherproof' walls. Damp but delighted, we said our goodbyes to Great

Wood with hearts full of memories and hair full of pine needles.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the amazing grown-ups who made the trip possible: Mrs Larkins, Mrs Weaver, Miss Hake, Mr Harrison, Mrs Puttick – and our superstar volunteer, Reverend Andy. And the BIGGEST thank you of all goes to our parents – for packing our bags, waving us off, and giving us the chance to make these unforgettable memories. You're the real heroes!



ATTENDANCE



Well done Mandela class on amazing attendance !

Reception	97.3%
Donaldson	92.0%
Anning	95.8%
Attenborough	97.4%
Rashford	91.5%
Gates	92.0%
Mandela	97.4%




This week, a child from each class was involved in an interview by our My Happy Mind link Emily Pearson:

- Donaldson- Rosie W
- Anning- Harper M
- Attenborough- Marley N
- Gates- Jacob J
- Mandela- Amelia N
- Rashford- Samuel Junior N

Well done to all of the children for confidently answering questions about the programme and sharing their journals.

House Points

Doniford		2404
Helwell		2309
Blue Anchor		2352
Warren Bay		2521

Dates for the Diary:

May

- 21 Award Assembly
- 23 Class and Year 4 Individual Photos
- 26 Bank Holiday and Half Term

June

- 2 INSET Day
- 6 Caribbean and Steel Drum Workshop

KTSCA

We are so grateful that the children enjoyed the VE Day celebrations as much as we hoped they would. Other than it being slightly warmer, we wouldn't have changed anything.

A massive Thank You to Laura, Jo, Christy and Jane for helping decorate the tables and set up the playground for the children's lunch. Also, Thank You to Mark Mossman for giving up his morning to showcase his WW2 memorabilia.

Please continue to keep an eye on our Facebook page for our pop up ice lolly sales. If possible we hope to do one a week when the weather is decent - living in England it could change dramatically so we plan to strike when the iron is hot!

We have lots of exciting plans for the final half term which we're sure the children will enjoy. Keep an eye out for more information

VE Day Competition Winner!

Last week, Watchet Town Council tasked all the locals schools with creating a piece of art or poem in commemoration of VE day. Joey from Rashford class was the winning poet! His poem was chosen out of all the children who entered and he read his poem aloud at the Watchet War Memorial on the 80th Anniversary of VE day. His amazing poem is below. Well done Joey!

Victory day

VE day when victory was ours 1945

Peace sways in the air and takes flight

It's time to have fun and no time to fight

It's dark at time but now light

The sunshine shines and now we have good sight

before there was lots of war

but now we have a world to explore

Sun shines in a place of mine

And everyone risked their lives and embraced

eighty years of near death but we explore

there was war before but now restore

Joey

Splashout built it; Splashout I extended it; Splashout II insulated it



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SWIMMING POOL

SPLASHOUT III
to maintain and improve our swimming pool



Scan to donate

or visit: www.knightstemplarswimmingpool.uk/donate

Including pledged funds we have raised a total of £38,120.00 – we are almost there!

EAST QUAY

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

All ages
welcome!
No need to
book.

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

➤ **Under The Sea Wax Resist Workshop**
11am-1pm, drop-in family workshop, Free*

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

➤ **Paper Sea Creature Plushie Workshop**
11am-1pm, drop-in family workshop, Free*

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

➤ **Underwater Mini Sculpture Workshop**
11am-1pm, drop-in family workshop, Free*

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

Pirate Craft Activity
All day in the foyer (10-5pm), Free*

11am & 1pm : Puppet show *with Sam O'Shanty*
2pm : Treasure Hunt *at the Boat Museum*

Maritime
Mayhem



For more information visit eastquaywatchet.co.uk/events

*The galleries and cultural programme at East Quay are delivered by a charity, Contains Art CIO, all donations go towards supporting their work. Suggested donation for workshops if you are happy to contribute is £3.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all of these workshops.

EXMOOR NATURE FESTIVAL 2025



Saturday 17th May to Sunday 1st June



Free
entry



**COME JOIN US WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES
AT HADDON HILL**

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

*make spinning tops*nature wands*

*nature weaving*wild bracelets*

MARITIME MAYHEM

SATURDAY
31ST MAY
2025

• EAST QUAY • VISITOR CENTRE •

DURING THE WEEK

EAST QUAY

11AM - 1PM FREE DROP-IN FAMILY WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 27 MAY
Wax resist

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY
Sea Creatures

THURSDAY 29 MAY
Mini Sculptures

PLUS FREE DROP-IN
ACTIVITY IN THE
FOYER ALL WEEK

VISITOR CENTRE

EVENTS ON FRIDAY 30 MAY

11AM SHANTY WALK
WITH DAVE MILTON
Tickets cost £6

2PM BEACH ART WALK
WITH SKY
Tickets cost £6

7PM SHANTY NIGHT WITH
THE BEACH'D BUOYS
Tickets cost £6

Buy tickets at Visitor Centre,
call 01984 632101 or email
info@lovewatchet.co.uk



SATURDAY

EAST QUAY

FREE EVENTS
& ACTIVITIES

11AM & 1PM SAM O'SHANTY
PUPPET SHOW

3.30PM ELGAR'S SEA PICTURE
Songs of the Ocean

5PM SPOKEN WORD
*Maritime-inspired Spoken
Word performances*

7.30PM OLD TIME SAILORS
Music and fun aplenty!

PLUS PIRATE CRAFT
ACTIVITY IN THE
FOYER, 10AM - 5PM

VISITOR CENTRE

FREE EVENTS
& ACTIVITIES

10AM - 3PM RNLI CHARITY STALL

10AM DAVE MILTON SHANTY SONGS

10.30AM MARITIME CRAFT ACTIVITY

11AM & 1PM ROPE MAKING

12PM TREASURE HUNT

1.30PM COMMUNITY CHOIR

2.30PM SAM O'SHANTY
PUPPET SHOW

FREE
WORKSHOPS
& EVENTS

EAST
QUAY





ROADWATER CRICKET CLUB
YOUTH CRICKET

**TUESDAY EACH WEEK
UNTIL AT LEAST 15 JULY**

CHILDREN AGES 8-13 WELCOME

This is a great opportunity to introduce youngsters to cricket or develop their skills in a fun and friendly environment.

**REGISTRATION IS ON THE NIGHT
WITH A £10 REGISTRATION FEE TO
COVER ALL SESSIONS**

**CHILDREN AGED 13 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
OUR SENIOR TRAINING SESSION ON TUESDAY**

MAY HALF TERM!

Booking is essential. Book now at www.mineheadeye.co.uk

Mon 26 th Open 10am - 5.15pm	Tues 27 th Open 10am - 3pm	Wed 28 th Open 10am - 10pm	Thurs 29 th Open 10am - 5:15pm	Fri 30 th Private sessions only
10AM - 12PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE	10AM - 12PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE	10AM - 1PM DIDDY DUDES FEST	10AM - 11:30AM SHAKE UP	9:30AM - 1:30PM HOLIDAY CLUB
12PM - 2PM MIXED SKATE	12PM - 2PM MIXED SKATE	2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE	10AM - 11:30AM CRAFTY EXPLORERS	2PM - 4PM HOLIDAY BLOOM
2:15PM - 3:15PM NERF FUN	2PM - 3PM DIDDY DUDES SCOOTER ACADEMY	4:30PM - 5:30PM SKATE SCHOOL TASTER	12PM - 2PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE	
		6PM - 8PM LATE SKATE	2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE	
		8PM - 10PM LATE SKATE	4:15PM - 5:15PM CLIMBING	

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**LOOKING TO COME TO MULTIPLE SESSIONS?
SAVE MONEY BY BECOMING A MEMBER!**

Our membership costs just £15 per year! If you come to just 4 sessions per year, you have already saved the cost of the membership! Memberships can be purchased on our website.

Sat 31 st Open 12pm - 4pm	Sun 1 st Open 10am - 4pm
12PM - 2PM 2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE	10AM - 12PM DIDDY DUDES SKATE
2:30PM - 4PM MCFARLEY'S ART CLUB	12PM - 2PM MIXED SKATE
	2PM - 4PM MIXED SKATE

FOR AGES 4 - 8

DIDDY DUDES SCOOTER ACADEMY

An instructed session with games and challenges for children aged 4 - 8 to help them gain confidence on their scooter and learn how to start on the ramps.

TUE 27TH MAY 2PM - 3PM

MEMBERS £4.00
GUESTS £7.00

FOR AGES 5 & UNDER CRAFTY EXPLORERS

Toddlers and their parents can experiment through art and play in a fun and relaxed environment. We will have different crafts, messy play and activities for your little explorers to do and in the cafe, and in the cave will be set up with toys and equipment. This session runs at the same time as Shake Up, perfect for older ones!

THURS 29TH MAY 10AM - 11:30AM

£2.00

FOR AGES 7+

NERF FUN

The skatepark is transformed into a nerf arena and our instructors will run a variety of games and activities including, capture the flag and last man standing. For ages 7 - 12.

MON 26TH MAY 2:15PM - 3:15PM

MEMBERS £4.00
GUESTS £7.00

FOR AGES 6+

SHAKE UP

Come and try out a range of activities you may have never tried before! This may include Slacklining, Sucker Archery, Curling, Team Games, Human Hungry Hippos, Obstacle Courses, Parachute Games and more! No wheels allowed! Ages 6+.

THURS 29TH MAY 10AM - 11:30AM

MEMBERS £4.00
GUESTS £8.00

FOR AGES 6+

SKATE SCHOOL TASTER

Want to see what to expect from our Skateboard Schools? Come along to a taster session! For ages 6+. The session is led by Minehead Eye's GB skate tutor: Albert.

WED 28TH MAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00

FOR AGES 8 & UNDER

DIDDY DUDES MUSIC FEST

A fun party for 8 and unders. There will be face painting, arts and crafts, games, glitter tattoos, treasure hunt, games, photo booth, and of course the skate park will be open.

WED 28TH MAY 10AM - 1PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00

FOR AGES 8+

MCFARLEY'S ART CLUB

Join our resident artist, Charlie McFarley to learn new techniques and experiment with different materials.

Work on your own art projects, collaborate with others and hang out with friends.

SAT 31ST MAY 2:30PM - 4PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 3+

HOLIDAY CLUB

Our Holiday Club provides a range of supervised activities including target sports, arts and crafts, skatepark activities and challenges. A 'second breakfast', snack, and meal at lunchtime will be provided.

FRI 30TH MAY 9:30AM - 1:30PM

FOR AGES 4+

BLOOM

This session offers exclusive access to the whole Minehead Eye centre including; skatepark, cafe, climbing cave, sensory area, arts and crafts, and music rooms. This session is for all the family, and this session is aimed at children with SEND needs or that have a EHCP, and their siblings.

FRI 30TH MAY - 2PM - 4PM

£2.00

FOR AGES 8 & UNDER

DIDDY DUDES SKATE

A 2 hour skate session for children aged 8 and under to use the skatepark and bouldering cave. Equipment is included.

3 SESSIONS OVER HOLIDAYS

MEMBERS £2.50
GUESTS £5.00

LATE SKATE

A 2 hour skate session which is open to skateboards, scooters, roller skates and bmx's. The 8pm - 10pm slots are perfect for those older skaters looking for a session aimed at those 18 and older.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6PM - 8PM & 8PM - 10PM

MEMBERS £2.50
GUESTS £6.00

FOR ALL AGES

MIXED SKATE

A 2 hour skate session which is open to skateboards, scooters, roller skates and bmx's. There is no limit on age and open to any ability.

8 SESSIONS OVER HOLIDAYS

MEMBERS £2.50
GUESTS £6.00

FOR AGES 7+

HAVE A GO CLIMBING

Perfect those who want to try our climbing wall. Your instructor will talk you through the fundamentals of how to use the equipment, how to climb as well as belaying. For ages 7+.

THURS 29TH MAY 4:15PM - 5:15PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00



