

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Work at it with all your heart

Love Hope Respect



Newsletter No. 11

13 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly seen our fair share of rain this half term, but school life has continued as busy and purposeful as ever. Despite the gloomy weather, classrooms have been full of energy and enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see the children making the most of every opportunity. I have really enjoyed reading the adverts for Stone Age properties created in Key Stage 2 and seeing the inventions created by KS1 during their 'Inventing'. There will be an opportunity for you to see your children's work at our Parents' Evenings next half-term.

With the half-term break now just around the corner, we are looking ahead to a well-earned break and a chance for everyone to rest and recharge ready for Spring 2. It is going to be a busy one! We have a number of exciting events already planned: KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics Competitions, a KS2 Music Workshop, visits to the new Skate Park and a very special author visit on World Book Day!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the children and the school.

Laura Weaver

Head Teacher

News from EYFS

We have had a fun filled half term in reception. The children have particularly enjoyed our Drawing Club sessions this half term, generating really creative and imaginative ideas of what their written 'codes' make happen to their pictures. During our Drawing Club sessions we like to have a mixture of beautiful books as well as engaging animations from the past. This half term the children particularly enjoyed an episode of Roadrunner and an episode of Pink Panther. It has been amazing to see how the children have applied their phonic knowledge to writing CVC words and some children even beginning to write simple captions.



The children have also loved learning about Chinese New year and have learnt lots about how it is celebrated around the world. The children have also developed their map making skills, explored forces during our Explorers sessions as well as developing our building skills with small construction toys. We even squeezed in a trip to St Decuman's to learn about infant baptism on what turned out to be a very wet and windy day!

Next half term we are looking forward to swimming sessions starting again on Wednesdays as well as a trip to the East Quay to take part in an art workshop.



News from The Den

The Den children have had a very busy and productive term, continuing to follow a clear and structured daily routine that helps them feel secure, confident, and ready to learn. This consistency has supported the children in developing their independence, understanding expectations, and transitioning more smoothly between activities throughout the day.

Despite the very wet weather we have managed to continue with our community walks and enjoyed getting wet and muddy in our Explorers' area. We are very lucky to have these outdoors experiences, which have encouraged curiosity, physical development as well as supporting their wellbeing.

During our English lessons, we have focussed on The Polar Express and Stickman. They have enjoyed listening to the story, looking at visual aids, pictures and symbols.

We ended this half term with a Valentine's Stay and Play session, inviting the parents into The Den where they have had opportunities to complete activities with their child. It was very successful once again and look forward to our Easter session.



ATTENDANCE



Well done Attenborough and Donaldson class !!

Reception	98 %
Donaldson	98.6 %
Anning	97.1 %
Attenborough	98.6 %
Rashford	97 %
Gates	92.6 %
Mandela	97.3 %
The Den	97.5 %

As we come to the end of our Appreciate module in My Happy Mind, we have been focusing on the power of gratitude and how noticing the good things in our lives can positively impact our wellbeing.



The children have enjoyed:

- Keeping short gratitude reflections
- Sharing appreciation for classmates
- Recognising small, everyday moments of joy
- Understanding the science behind why gratitude helps our brains feel happier

🌟 Half-Term Appreciation Challenge 🌟

Over half term, we would love families to take part in our "3 Good Things" Challenge. Each day, encourage your child to share:

- One thing they enjoyed
- One person they are thankful for
- One thing they are proud of

For an extra challenge, encourage your child to:

- Write or draw a thank-you note to someone
- Tell a family member specifically why they appreciate them
- Keep a simple "Appreciation Jar" and add notes throughout the week

We would love to hear how you get on when we return!



February

- 27 Gymnastics Competition
- 27 Skate Park Visits
- 27 KS2 Music Event

March

- 3 Parents Evening
- 4 Parents Evening
- 4 World Book Day!

Dragons' Den

If anyone has any doll's house items or Barbie clothes that they are getting rid of Dragons' Den would be happy to take them off your hands!

MCAS

If you have not signed up to our new parent app – My Child At School (MCAS) please see the office to have your activation email resent as after half term we will no longer be using Parent Pay or WEDUC for communications.

House Points

Doniford



1693

Helwell



1509

Blue Anchor



1537

Warren Bay



1680

Was lovely to see so many of you at the disco last night, we hope you had a great time! A big thank you to Paul and Donna Stevens for providing the disco, we really appreciate it.

Our Mother's day secret room choosing and wrapping will take place on Tuesday 3rd March first thing, we could possibly do with 1 or 2 more volunteers, if anyone is able to help please talk to one of the KTSCA. The tickets for gifts (Max 2 per child) will be available the week after half term £3.50 each.

Plans are underway for our Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday 28th March so pop the date in your diary so you don't miss out! We would also like to do another Rainbow Raffle at this event- with next half term being so short we can't really squeeze in another non uniform as well as World Book Day, but if you would like to make a contribution, please bring in an item in the colour of your choice on Friday 20th March.

Thanks again for all your support!



Awards!



Please see below a list of winners for this half term! Well done all of you!

	Butterfly Book	Wonder of Words	Marvellous Mathematician
Reception	Amara W	Billy J	Isabella W
Donaldson	Arabella C	Freddie J	Hollie W
Anning	Edith C	Oliver T	Marnie C
Attenborough	Roman S	Travis L	Taylor P
Rashford	James M	Teddy C	Ella-Marie D
Gates	Rose N	Ophelia N	Edwin S
Mandela	Oliver W-P	Ellie-May W	Freddie G
The Den	Esmae G		

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!

**WORLD BOOK
DAY 2026**

WEDNESDAY

4 MARCH 2026

Dress as your favourite book character for the day! A prize will be awarded for the best dressed child in each year!

We will be joined by Jill Newton, local author and illustrator for a fantastic day celebrating the wonder of books!

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KS2 CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will be EVERY Friday
lunchtime 12.15-12.40pm.

Starting after half term.

If you would like to sing in the choir
please come along to Reception-
Knights classroom.

Thank you

I look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Robinson 😊

MURAL DESIGN WORKSHOPS



Watchet is getting a brand new wheeled park and Watchet Town Council want your help designing a mural!

Come and join Charlie Mcfarley for a fun, free workshop and a chance to get your artwork featured in the new mural!

UNDER 18'S ONLY!



Wednesday 18th Febuary @ **MINEHEAD EYE** 3pm-4.30pm

Thursday 19th Febuary @ **EAST QUAY** 5pm-6.30pm

visit mineheadeye.co.uk to book



These workshops are fully funded by Watchet Town Council Via the SALC Community Health & Wellbeing fund

FROM THE AUTHOR OF 'MY FAVOURITE TREE'

MY COMMUNI-TREE

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION



MY COMMUNI-TREE

WHAT TO DO...

- RECREATE YOUR FAVOURITE TREE AS A DRAWING, PAINTING, MIX MEDIA OR ANY MEDIUM. IN 3D OR 2D .
- NAME 5 OTHER 'BEINGS' THAT LIVE ON OR VISIT YOUR TREE. INCLUDE IN YOUR PICTURE OR WITH THE FORM.
- DON'T FORGET TO ADD YOUR DETAILS. SEE ALL T'S & C'S ON COMPETITION FORM .
- YOU MUST ATTACH A COMPETITION FORM AS PART OF YOUR ENTRY.

WHO CAN ENTER

ANYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 4-13 (PLEASE SEE T'S & C'S FOR MORE INFO)

A PRIZE FOR THE WINNER OF EACH CATEGORY, HIGHLY COMMENDED AND COMMENDED FOR THE RUNNERS UP.

EVERY ENTRY WILL BE AWARDED A 'CONGRATULATIONS' CERTIFICATE.



THE PRIZES

1ST PRIZES: A WOODEN PLAQUE, A 'MY FAVOURITE TREE' BOOK, A CHOCOLATE TREE

HIGHLY COMMENDED PRIZES: A 'MY FAVOURITE TREE' BOOK, A CHOCOLATE TOKEN

OPENING & CLOSING DATES

1ST JANUARY- 31ST MARCH 2026

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GET IN TOUCH TO GRAB YOURSELF A COMPETITION FORM
FROM YOUR SCHOOL. OR WILDWELLIES@GMAIL.COM