

# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

*Work at it with all your heart*

Love Hope Respect



## Newsletter No. 14



### 2 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It was lovely to hear from the children last week about all the wonderful things they had done over the Easter break and of course to hear about the chocolate eggs that had been consumed!

This term, we have lots of exciting school events planned so please do keep checking Weduc and your child's Book Bag to stay up to date.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend! Let's hope the sun shines!

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

#### News from Key Stage 1

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you all had a lovely time, full of rest and rejuvenation. We have certainly hit the ground running this term - there's an air of excitement across the classes as we dive into many fantastic activities, and we cannot wait to share what we've been up to!

In English, we've been immersed in the wonderful book *GROW* by Riz Reyes. This engaging story has sparked our creativity, allowing us to explore themes of growth and the natural world. It seamlessly ties into our Science lessons, where we have been investigating plants and their vital role in our ecosystem. Inspired by these studies, we have continued to work on our outside area, planting some beautiful flowers! It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to get hands-on experience in gardening, learn about nature, and appreciate the beauty of our environment.



Additionally, we are reflecting on the significant anniversary of VE Day, which this year marks 80 years. To commemorate this important event in history, the children have been busy creating beautiful artwork. We believe it's crucial for our learners to understand the importance of such historical moments, and through art, they are expressing their thoughts and feelings about peace, bravery, and remembrance.

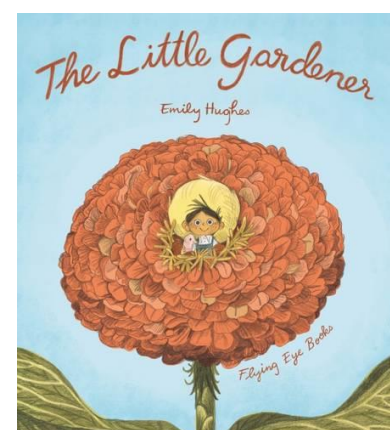


As we continue through the term, we encourage everyone to engage in these activities and discussions at home. Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a wonderful term full of learning adventures ahead! Happy learning!

### **Key Stage 1 book recommendation**

*The Little Gardener* by Emily Hughes

This sweet story tells of a little gardener, whose garden meant everything to him. He worked hard, very hard, but he was just too little (or at least he felt he was!)



## ATTENDANCE



Well done GATES class on  
100% attendance !

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Reception    | 97 %   |
| Donaldson    | 95.6 % |
| Anning       | 95.4 % |
| Attenborough | 95.2 % |
| Rashford     | 95.7 % |
| Gates        | 100 %  |
| Mandela      | 98.7 % |



This term, each class will be focusing on the 'Appreciate' unit. Through this work, the children will be learning to develop what we call an 'Attitude of Gratitude'.

An Attitude of Gratitude is best described as taking the time to stop and think about all there is to be grateful for. Research shows that regularly doing this has a hugely positive impact on our wellbeing.

Perhaps something we could all consider doing more often.

**What are you thankful for?**

## House Points

|             |   |      |
|-------------|---|------|
| Doniford    |  | 2191 |
| Helwell     |  | 2103 |
| Blue Anchor |  | 2166 |
| Warren Bay  |  | 2296 |

Dates for  
the Diary:

## May

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 5  | Bank Holiday                       |
| 8  | VE Day celebrations                |
| 16 | Reception Vision Screening         |
| 21 | Award Assembly                     |
| 23 | Class and Year 4 Individual Photos |
| 26 | Bank Holiday and Half Term         |

## June

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| 2 | INSET Day |
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KTSCA

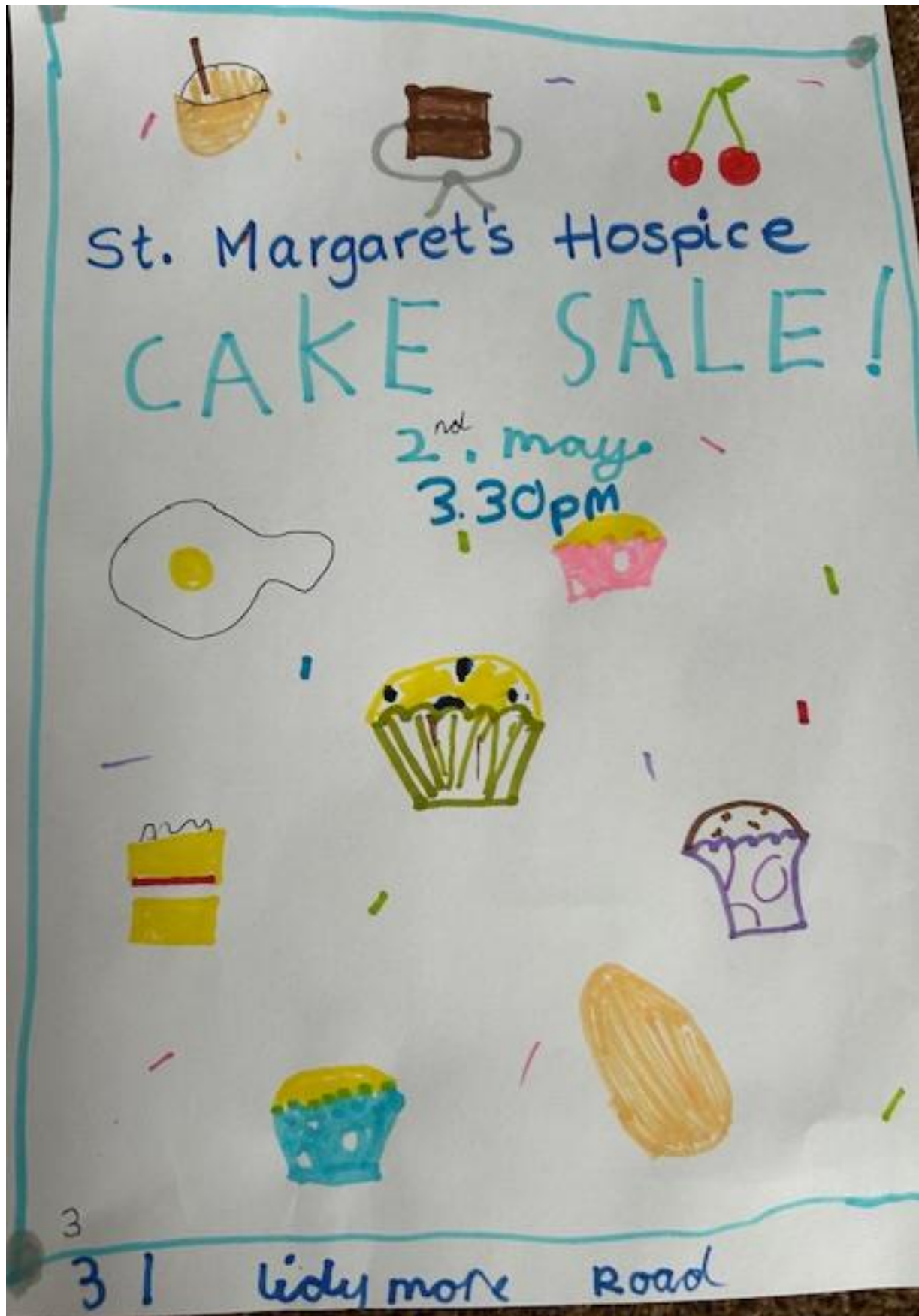
What lovely weather we're enjoying at the moment. Looking ahead on the forecast, it's set to stay for a while which is perfect for our VE Day celebrations. We have some WW2 Living History re-enactors spending the day with us; the children will be able to try on army uniforms, look at and handle some of the equipment used during the war effort and KS2 may even experience some rifles being fired.

The whole school will enjoy a street style party lunch out on the playground. Children do not need a packed lunch but please still send in a drinks bottles as normal. Thank you to those parents who have made the £2.50 donation towards food.

We have music from the era being played during lunch and throughout the afternoon, a Union Jack celebration cake and keepsakes that we have purchased for each child to remember the occasion. Children are welcome to wear red, white and blue for the day. Fingers crossed the weather will hold!

Please keep a look out for pop up after school ice lolly sales - we are a small team and it's tricky to arrange selling after school but we are in need of some extra funds before the year ends.

Amber and Emily in Gates class are doing a a bake sale TONIGHT after school at 31 Liddymore road to raise money for St Margaret's Hospice. Please take your pennies along to support them!





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The KTSCA is in need of some new volunteers as the majority of the current team are stepping down this summer.

The KTSCA are an essential part of Knights Templar, providing educational enrichment and resources through our fundraising.

Volunteers choose how much of their time they can give and most of the organising is now done via WhatsApp to make it easier for busy families. It's a small team but we always have fun.

If we don't have people come forward, there is the possibility the KTSCA will shut down or reduce fundraising (key word being fun) to one event a year which will really impact the children.

If you would like to join, please either message via Facebook or email [gemma@ktksca@gmail.com](mailto:gemma@ktksca@gmail.com)

*What's next for*

**PLASTIC FREE**

**WATCHET?**

**🌀 SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE**

*Join us as we shape the future  
of our campaign to reduce  
single use plastic where we live*

**Wednesday 14 May, 7-8pm  
at The Sanctuary, Swain St**



**Join us for our  
Fitness Extravaganza  
in aid of Cancer Research  
Saturday 7th June  
Fitness Sessions at**



**Sacred Heart Church Hall, Townsend Road, Minehead**

**9.00 to 9.30am Legs Bums and Tum**

**9.40 to 10.10am Interval Pilates**

**10.20 to 10.50am Body Conditioning with weights**

**11.00 to 11.30 Small Equipment Pilates**

**11.40 to 12.10pm Circuits**

**12.15-12.45 Pilates - Stretch and Relax**

**Please pre-book your place for each class you would like to participate in or just come along for a cuppa!**

**Suggested minimum donation £10.00**

**Tea/Coffee and cakes will be available as well as a raffle.**

**Please bring an exercise mat, a refillable water bottle and your own weights if you would like to use them.**

**Any questions please contact Jayne e-mail [jaynelethaby@sky.com](mailto:jaynelethaby@sky.com) or Suzanne e-mail [suzannenumber1ws@gmail.com](mailto:suzannenumber1ws@gmail.com) or 07853898231**



**FREE**

# WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

**TOPIC: Anxiety and Low Mood**

This is a 2 hr 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 anxiety and low mood and share hints and tips on how to support your child (Primary/Secondary). Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**6pm – 8pm**

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

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## ◆ FREE COURSES FOR SEPARATED PARENTS



## Reducing the impact of separation /divorce on you and your children

### ABOUT THIS COURSE

A **FREE** 6-week online course which helps Somerset parents reduce conflict and improve how they coparent following a separation.

### 2 COUSES START ON

Course 1 on 3 June at 6:30 PM  
Course 2 on 4 June at 10 AM



Scan code to book

For more information:

Ruth James, [ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk)

### OUR MAIN TOPICS



#### Managing change

- Managing family emotions
- Coparenting communications



#### Helping children cope

- Building a stronger relationship
- Managing their behaviour



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# WONDERING HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING?



ATTEND OUR FREE  
WEBINARS FOR PARENTS &  
CARERS

LED BY SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

"I HAVE LEARNT A LOT THAT  
I DIDN'T EVEN CONSIDER!  
I FOUND IT VERY HELPFUL"

PARENT

SCAN ME!



TO FIND OUT MORE &  
REGISTER

[Webinar Booklet Summer 25](#)





# EXMOOR NATURE FESTIVAL 2025

Supported by  
 visit  
exmoor

Saturday 17th May to Sunday 1st June

A new Festival celebrating  
Wildlife and Wellbeing

Events will take place across Exmoor, including:

-  Guided walks
-  Nature drawing walks
-  Rockpooling
-  Photography competition
-  Family fun day
-  Farm tours
-  Stargazing evening
-  Children's crafts
-  Outdoor yoga classes

... & much more

See event details online at:  
[www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/nature-festival](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/nature-festival)





## RECRUITMENT OPEN EVENING

# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 4-6pm

Butlins, Warren Road, Minehead, TA24 5SH  
We have a variety of full & part time roles available  
including summer jobs age 16+

Rate of pay starting at £12.21 for all ages

For more information give us a call on 01643 700548  
or email us on [MineheadRecruitment@butlins.com](mailto:MineheadRecruitment@butlins.com)

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