

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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5 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all of our families enjoyed a wonderful half-term break and had the opportunity to make the most of the lovely sunshine and warm weather. It has been fantastic to hear about the adventures, family time and outdoor activities that many of our children have enjoyed over the holiday.

This half term is always a busy and exciting one in school. We have a range of trips, visits and special events planned, which will provide valuable learning experiences and memorable opportunities for the children. Please keep an eye on communications from school for important dates.

Alongside these exciting events, we will also be placing a strong focus on transition. Children will be spending time preparing for the next stage of their learning journey, helping them to develop confidence, independence and readiness for the new academic year. Whether moving into a new year group or preparing for a change of school, we will support all children carefully through this process.

We would like to thank parents and carers for the support you continue to provide at home. For our Year 1 children, regular phonics practice remains extremely important as they prepare for the Phonics Screening Check in the coming weeks. For our Year 4 pupils, continued practice of multiplication facts and times tables will help them feel confident and prepared for the Multiplication Tables Check. Even a few minutes of daily practice can make a significant difference.

We are looking forward to a productive, enjoyable and successful final half term of the school year and thank you for your continued partnership and support.

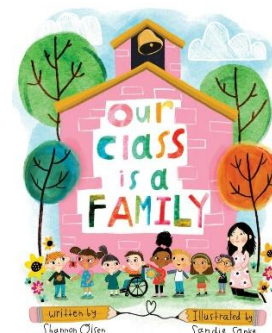
Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Early Years

As we enter our final half term of the year, it seems only right to reflect upon our very first year at school. What a year it has been! We have made friends, built relationships with key adults, begun to read and write, been on school trips, become resilient learners and developed our curiosity to name just a few things. There is still much to look forward to as we approach the end of the year and begin to think about transition into Year One.

This half term the Key Stage One teachers will begin to visit the children in class and spend time playing and engaging with the children as well as reading them stories. At Knights Templar, we know how important relationships are to feeling safe, secure and ready to learn and it is why we begin to build relationships with key adults before we move on to our next classes.

Here are some highlights from last half term!



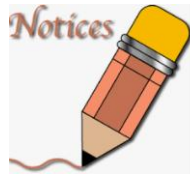
Early Years Book Recommendation

Teachers do so much more than just teach academics. They build a sense of community within their classrooms, creating a home away from home where they make their students feel safe, included, and loved.

With its heartfelt message and colourfully whimsical illustrations, "Our Class is a Family" is a book that will help build and strengthen that class community. Kids learn that their classroom is a place where it's safe to be themselves, it's okay to make mistakes, and it's important to be a friend to others. When hearing this story being read aloud by their teacher, students are sure to feel like they are part of a special family.

"Family isn't always your relatives. It's the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what." -Unknown

ATTENDANCE



Well done DONALDSON class!!

Reception	95 %
Donaldson	100 %
Anning	92 %
Attenborough	89 %
Rashford	99 %
Gates	91 %
Mandela	92 %
The Den	92 %



The Relate module focuses on the importance of positive relationships and how these contribute to our happiness and wellbeing. Throughout the unit, children will learn about kindness, empathy, teamwork and communication. They will explore how to build strong friendships, resolve disagreements respectfully and recognise the value of supporting others.

Children will also develop an understanding of how their words and actions can affect those around them and will practise strategies for being a good friend, active listener and positive member of our school community.

Try This at Home: Relationship Reflection

Set aside 10 minutes as a family to talk about the people who are important in your lives. Ask your child:

- Who has helped you this week?
- How did they help you?
- How did it make you feel?
- Is there someone you could help or show kindness to this week?

These conversations help children recognise the importance of positive relationships and strengthen the connection between home and school learning.

Dates for the Diary:

June

- 19 School Disco
- 26 Sports Day/Family Picnic
- 26 West Somerset Singing Festival

July

- 1 Move Up Day
- 3 School Fete
- 15 Butterfly Book Assembly
- 17 Year 4 Sports Event - Danesfield
- 21 Year 4 Leavers Service 10am St Decumans Church

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Hudson who have donated a beautiful Rose called 'Rambling Rosie' to mark the end of Rosie's time at Knights Templar.

Thank you!



Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who came to our quiz night before half term, we raised just over £300 which will go towards upgrading our school garden!

We have a busy few weeks this half term; firstly our Father's day secret room - thank you to everyone who has got their gift tickets. We are wrapping at 9am on Wednesday 17th June if anyone is free to help, please speak to Jess.

Our last disco of the year is on Friday 19th June - please see poster attached.

Last, but not least we have our Summer Fête on Friday 3rd July, straight after school - again please see poster for details. Thanks again for your continued support.

Another big thank you to Mr and Mrs Jukes who kindly donated money to the Knights Fever Dance Club to purchase some colourful pom poms! Thank you for your generosity.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to share some exciting updates about our school team.

Firstly, we will be welcoming three new Teaching Assistants to our school community - Mrs Vardy, Miss Barnfield and Miss Oldfield. Two will be joining us this month, with the third starting in September, and we look forward to having them as part of the team.

We are also thrilled to share some wonderful personal news. Mrs Rogers and Mrs Parsons are both expecting babies and will be starting their maternity leave early in the next academic year. In addition, Mrs Harrison is expecting baby Harrison very soon, and Mr Harrison will be taking paternity leave towards the end of this term. We are very excited for all of them as they begin this special new chapter.

Finally, Mrs Bangs and Miss Jukes will be moving on to new opportunities. We would like to thank them for their valuable contributions to our school and wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours.



Awards!



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

	Butterfly Book	Wonder of Words	Marvellous Mathematician
Reception	Olivia J	Beau R	Ronnie P
Donaldson	Henry H	Esmee L	Alicja O
Anning	Loki B	Thora-Mae N	Lenni-Mae W
Attenborough	Jasmine B	Harper M	Sunny H
Rashford	Blossom C-R	Arthur S	Logan L
Gates	Eli J	Mia J	Vasyl S
Mandela	Layla S	Paisley-Rae W	Roman L-S
The Den	Jessie M		

Year 4 Swimming Gala!

Please see below the winners of the Year 4 Swimming Gala for this year – well done to everyone who took part and worked at it with all their heart in the water!

Girls	Event	Boys
Daisy W	1 Length Front Crawl	Roman L-S
Courtney L	2 Lengths Front Crawl	Jake C-B
Charlotte T	4 Lengths Front Crawl	Jake C-B
Charlotte T	8 Lengths Front Crawl	Jake C-B
Rosie H	1 Length Back Stroke	Roman L-S
Charlotte T	2 Lengths Back Stroke	Teddy C
Charlotte T	4 Lengths Back Stroke	Teddy C
Ophelia-Blue N	Work At It With All Your Heart Award	Alfie-Jack P



centenary creative competition

As Thrive celebrates 100 years of supporting Somerset communities, we are inviting local schools and colleges to take part in our Centenary Creative Competition.

theme: "what does community mean to me?"

Categories

- Primary Schools (Ages 5–11): Create an A4 landscape piece of artwork in any style
- Secondary Schools (Ages 11–16): Write a haiku poem
- Colleges (Ages 16–18): Submit a photograph in landscape format

Prizes (per category)

- 1st Place: £100 voucher
- 2nd Place: £75 voucher
- 3rd Place: £50 voucher

Competition closes: 17th June

download the instruction sheet and find out how to enter <https://app.yourarchive.com/thrive>

or scan the
QR code





Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally
Intelligent
Parenting

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

Starting Wednesday 10th June –
6:30-8:00pm
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!

Monksilver Fete

Alice in Wonderland Day

**Mad Hatters Tea Party,
Hat Competition**

join us for family fun

1pm 4th July

@ EMN Hall TA4 4JE

**Music, Refreshments, Raffles,
Books, Bric a Brac, Plants & Games
Tombola, Whack a Rat, Dodo Egg Shy,
Find the Dormouse
White Rabbit Bean Bag Toss and more**

ENTRY BY DONATION

parking available



proceeds go to All Saints Church Monksilver

Assistance Dogs Only

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Knights Templar School of Primary Education

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOOL
**SUMMER
FÊTE**

FRIDAY 3RD JULY

3.30pm til 6pm

- RAFFLE • GAMES • STALLS •
- HOT DOGS • BAKE SALE •
- PRINCESS MEET & GREET •
- ICE CREAM • INFLATABLES •
- FACE PAINTING • BRIC-A-BRAC •
- UNIFORM SALE • AND MORE! •

OPEN TO ALL!



SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

5 TIL 6.15PM

**£3.00 PER CHILD
JUICE INCLUDED**

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