

# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Our Core Values: **Love** **Hope** **Commitment** **Belonging** **Respect**



## Newsletter No. 12

### 21 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support at the Book Fair last week. Our sales totalled a massive £1465.30 which has given the school £805.92 in rewards! We shall be purchasing lots of lovely new books to enhance our library selection and for the children to access at lunchtimes.

This week, we were fortunate to have support from our local Church Leaders to deliver a fun-filled RE Day. We are looking forward to displaying the work that was produced.

Have a great weekend!

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

### News from Key Stage 2

It has been an action-packed half-term in Key Stage 2 with plenty of learning, creativity and a few visitors along the way.



Our first unexpected visitor was Thomas the Gorilla. It was great to play some games with him and get to know his likes and dislikes. Later in the day, he taught us how to create green-screen videos and we were really lucky to meet one his friends, Derek the Sloth. We carried on the gorilla theme in English by stepping into the shoes of park rangers and writing diary entries about our adventures. The children's writing was truly impressive, packed with time conjunctions, emotive language and powerful past-tense verbs. With dramatic encounters involving silverback standoffs, rainforest rescues and the occasional mischievous monkey, it felt like we were right there in the jungle!

Scan this QR Code to see the teachers' jungle green-screen video:



In Maths, we have been tackling Fractions as well as sharpening our Focus Facts in times tables. With the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check coming up in June, every bit of practice at home makes a difference. The battles on TTRS have been heating up with some nail-biting competitions—some children have been clicking so fast, we're surprised their iPads haven't caught fire!



Geography lessons have taken us on a journey comparing Exmoor and Bath. We have explored the differences between their human and physical features and discovered that while Exmoor boasts wild ponies, red deer and rugged moorland, Bath is home to historical architecture, Roman baths and the occasional urban fox. The children have enjoyed spotting the contrasts and similarities between these two very different locations.

World Book Day was a real highlight. We had a brilliant talk from Gemma Hunt. After a game of Heads or Tails, poor Miss Hake had to walk the plank and Mrs Larkins got away! We continued the pirate theme with a story trail around our nature area while reading *The Pirates Next Door*. No treasure was found, but we did uncover plenty of enthusiasm for books.

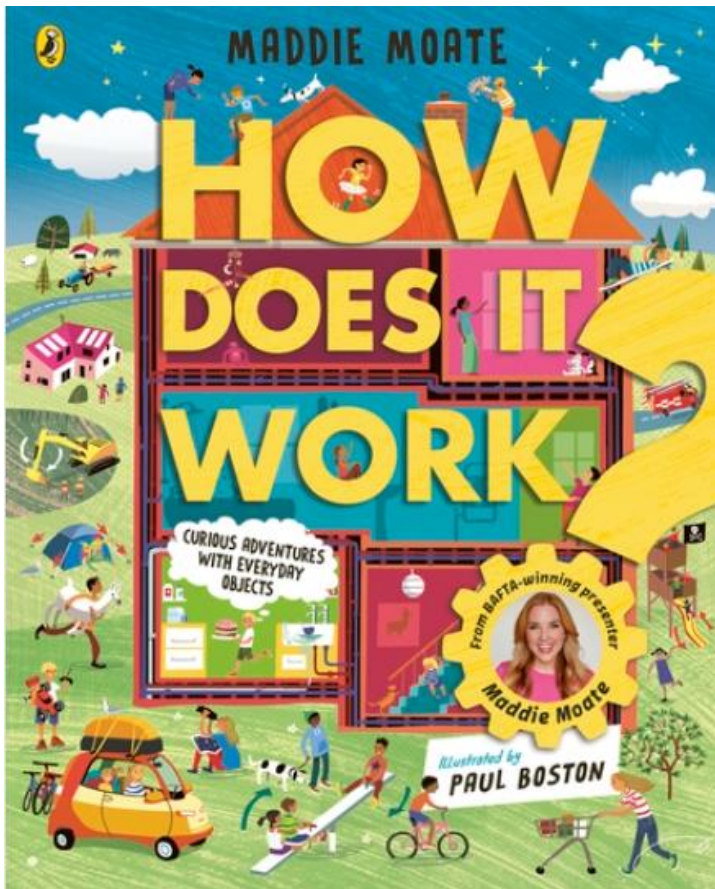


On Monday, this week we had a great RE Day led by our community Church Leaders. Each class had a different theme for the day and worked together to learn about a different aspect of the Bible. In Key Stage 2, we learnt about Salvation, Resurrection and the Good News of Jesus' life using drama and crafts.



Way back at the start of the half term, we had a visit from our local police dog-handlers. It has been a fantastic few weeks of learning and fun with a lot more educational fun to come before the Easter holidays. If the next term is anything like this one, we are in for quite the adventure!

## Key Stage 2 Book Recommendation:



Follow Maddie Moate as she takes a look inside everyday objects and machines – from fridges to fire engines!

Starting in the home, you'll find out how microwaves heat your food and how smart speakers react to voice commands. Then take a trip to the supermarket and discover how the checkout works, before heading to the playground and learning why a roundabout makes you feel dizzy!

As you learn about difference machines and objects, you'll go on four mini adventures – from finding missing

parts of a toy car, to preparing a birthday picnic. And there are puzzles to solve too, including a spot the difference, a maze and a word ladder.

The marvellous machines featured in this book range from objects in the home (including a smart speaker, a microwave, a dishwasher, a fridge and a toilet!) to machines in the workplace (a dentist's chair, an X-ray machine, a digger and a fire hose), as well as in the playground, at the shops, on holiday and beyond.

Written and researched by Maddie Moate, the star of *CBeebies Do You Know?*, this book is packed with awesome facts and key STEM concepts – perfect for nurturing curious minds aged 6 and above.

## ATTENDANCE



Well done Attenborough class on amazing attendance !

Reception	93.3 %
Donaldson	94 %
Anning	94.2 %
Attenborough	97 %
Rashford	89.2 %
Gates	94.4 %
Mandela	93.5 %

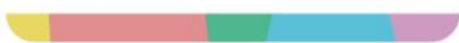


### Celebrate

Through this unit, the children have been learning about 5 Character Strengths: 1) Love and Kindness, 2) Bravery and Honesty, 3) Exploring and Learning, 4) Teamwork and Friendship & 5) Love of Life and Our World. The children have been busy recognising these strengths in themselves and others.



Can you think of a time that a friend helped you in the last few days?



Dates for the Diary:

### April

2	Butterfly Book/Awards Assembly
3	Sponsored Bunny Hop (KTSCA Event)
4	INSET Day
4-21	Easter Holidays
22	Return to School
30-2 May	Year 4 Residential

### May

5	Bank Holiday
23	Class and Year 4 Individual Photos

### New Head Boy and Girl

After Easter, we have a new Head Boy and Head Girl for the Summer term. Good luck to Gypsie and George! Thank you Millie and Jacob for your efforts this term!

### House Points

Doniford		1704
Helwell		1717
Blue Anchor		1784
Warren Bay		1894

Thank you to the parents and grandparent who helped with our Secret Room this week. The children loved choosing their gifts and we hope the recipients love them just as much.

The Easter holidays are approaching quickly but we have a few more fundraisers before then.

Next Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> March, we will be selling iced ring doughnuts after school for £1.00. The money raised will go towards paying for a celebratory VE Day cake we have ordered for the children so please do support us.

Our sponsored Easter Bunny Hop is Thursday 3rd April – we hope lots of you can join us in the afternoon to watch the fun. Please can sponsorship forms and money be handed in to the Finance office. Thank You.

### **Speed Limit on Drive**

Please remember that the speed limit on the school drive and the road down to Liddymore is 10mph. We have had reports of parents exceeding this and are concerned about the safety of all site users. Thank you for supporting us with this.

### **Lost Property**

Any lost property collected during the day will be placed on the table outside the offices. Please have a look as you walk past to collect your child for items they may have misplaced during the school day.

From Tuesday 1 April, Edwards and Ward have asked us to let you know that the cost of a hot school meal will increase to £2.75 a meal (from £2.70). Thank you.

### **Staffing News**

We are excited to welcome Mrs Woolgrove to our team. She will be joining us as a TA and swimming teacher after Easter. She is replacing Mrs Rawle who is retiring after 28 years with us! We will be sad to see Mrs Rawle go and thank her for everything she has done for the school, especially her commitment to ensuring our children develop water confidence and key swimming skills.

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



# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SWIMMING POOL

**SPLASHOUT III**  
to maintain and improve our swimming pool



Goal: £45000



Scan to donate

or visit: [www.knightstemplarswimmingpool.uk/donate](http://www.knightstemplarswimmingpool.uk/donate)

# EASTER WORKSHOPS



Mindfulness at the Minehead Eye...With  
Laura Bevens

Slow down and re-connect with our little ones this half  
term.....

We are excited to be providing some fun interactive sessions  
for children with their grown ups....

All sessions are 2 x hours and are fun, relaxing -  
informative, you will leave with some great techniques to  
take away and enjoy at home.....as well as enjoying  
precious time with your little ones...

Wednesday 9th April 10-12pm -Sleep guide  
Friday 11th April 10-12pm- Easter Relaxing Messy play  
Monday 14th April - 10-12pm Confident Me  
Monday 14th April - 2-4pm Mindful Eating

All £10 per workshop - £18 with sibling

Contact us on socials or  
[mindfulmayhemltd@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulmayhemltd@gmail.com)  
To book for for more info

All ages welcome!





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## Story Explorers: Family Fun Activities

Watchet Library, 11 The Esplanade, Watchet TA23 0AJ

### For families with Pre-School and Primary age children!

Come along to these fun themed workshops for all the family.

Explore stories together, create story book art & craft, and have a go at creating your own Spring, animal and nature themed stories.

Unleash your creativity and meet other families in your local area too!

### What do I need to know?

- ✔ Free for those 19+ who are unemployed, earn less than £25,000 per year, live in Somerset, have lived in the UK for the last 3 years or who have refugee status.
- ✔ Fees apply for those who do not fit this criteria.

\*Please see our website for eligibility information.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024:** 14:00 – 15:30 | 1 Session – ‘Hello Friends’

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** 14:15 – 15:30 | 1 Session – ‘Tales from Acorn Wood’

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024:** 10:45 – 12:45 | 1 Session – ‘That’s My Flower’

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online

**0330 332 7997**

**sslcourses.uk**



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING



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# 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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