

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery



Work at it with all your heart

Love Hope Respect



Newsletter No. 1

18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! A very warm welcome to all our new families, and welcome back to those who are already part of our school family. As we begin another exciting year together, we are reminded of the vision and values that sit at the heart of everything we do: *love, hope and respect*, and our commitment to “*Work at it with all your heart.*”

It has been wonderful to see these values already coming to life across the school – children showing kindness and care for one another, supporting friends who are finding things tricky, approaching new challenges with hope and courage, and showing respect for themselves, others and our world. These are the moments that make our school such a special place, and we look forward to seeing our values continue to shine throughout the year.

Have a lovely weekend,
Laura Weaver,
Head Teacher

Key Stage 2 Settling into the New School Year

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the new school year. After the inevitable excitement, everyone is now finding their feet and getting back into the routines of school life. The children have quickly become familiar with their new classrooms, expectations and learning routines, and it has been lovely to see so many of them approaching the year with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. We have been particularly impressed by the way they have shown kindness towards one another, helped each other to settle in and embraced the challenges that come with being a year older.

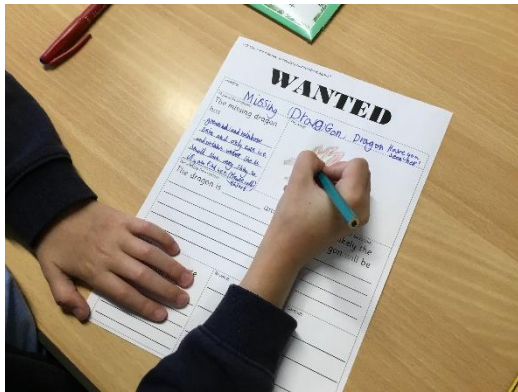
Our New Year 4 Leaders

This year, we are delighted to have appointed our new **Year 4 Leaders**, who have taken on some very important responsibilities around school. Our **Head Boys, Head Girls, Prefects and House Captains** will be helping to make our school an even better place for everyone.

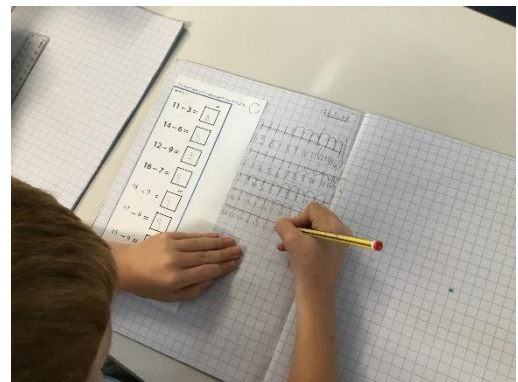
Our Prefects are already showing great leadership by supporting our Reception children at lunchtime — helping them in the lunch hall and the House Captains are making sure they have someone to play with outside. Our Prefects have also taken on the important job of helping to prepare the hall for worship, including putting out chairs and benches and holding doors open. These may sound like small jobs, but they make a big difference.

We have also chosen our **class representatives**, who will be taking on some very exciting roles this year. Our **Eco-Warriors** will be working hard to care for and protect our school environment, while our **School Council representatives** will be helping to lead our charity events throughout the year. Our **Digital Leaders** have the particularly important task of helping everyone stay safe online and ensuring that our impressive collection of Chromebooks, iPads and VR Headsets are treated with the care and respect they deserve. We are very proud of all our new leaders and look forward to seeing them develop their confidence, responsibility and leadership skills throughout the year.

What We Are Learning?



There is plenty happening across Key Stage 2 this term, with lots of exciting learning underway. In **English**, we are diving into *How to*



Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell, exploring the characters, vocabulary and events before having a go at becoming authors ourselves by writing a brand-new chapter for the story. In **Maths**, Year 3 are developing their understanding of **place value up to 1,000**, while Year 4 are bravely venturing into the world of **numbers up to 10,000** — so there will be plenty of talk on thousands, hundreds, tens and ones!

In **History**, we are travelling back in time to discover the **Vikings** — exploring how they lived, travelled and invaded and separating historical fact from the rather dramatic stories they left behind! Our Viking theme continues into **Art**, where the children will be creating mixed-media Viking longboats, taking inspiration from the bold shapes, colours and style of artist **Paul Klee**. In **Science**, we are investigating the **States of Matter**, learning about solids, liquids and gases and discovering that matter can be rather more interesting



than it first appears. In *Religion and Worldviews*, we will be exploring the question “What do Christians believe about God?”, considering different Christian ideas and beliefs about the nature and character of God.

Meanwhile, *PSHE* will see us getting to know one of the most complicated things we will ever encounter — **our brains!** We will be finding out how the brain works and how this can affect our thoughts, feelings and behaviour. In *Computing*, we will be developing our understanding of **Internet Safety** and learning about **programming**, where we will be giving computers instructions and discovering that they are remarkably good at doing exactly what we tell them... including exactly the wrong thing if our instructions aren't quite right! It promises to be a busy and exciting term, with plenty of opportunities to **work at it with all our hearts** and, hopefully, have some fun along the way.

Discovery in KS2

Our *Discovery approach to learning* is now well underway in KS2, giving children opportunities to explore their topics in a more independent, creative and curious way. Through a range of carefully planned activities and challenges, children can research, create, draw, write and investigate while developing their knowledge and skills across the curriculum. We hope to encourage children to ask questions, follow their interests and take greater ownership of their learning — because sometimes the best learning begins with a curious question... and occasionally ends with a brilliant piece of artwork, a model and a very unusual fact!

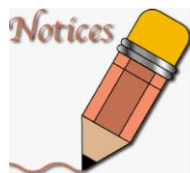


KS2 Book Recommendation



A great recently published recommendation for 7–9 year olds is *The Magician Next Door* by Rachel Chivers-Khoza, a comforting and magical fantasy adventure about a flying house, friendship and overcoming sadness.

ATTENDANCE



Well done Donaldson class on
100% attendance!

Reception	98 %
Donaldson	100%
Anning	98 %
Attenborough	98 %
Rashford	91 %
Gates	94 %
Mandela	94 %
The Den	91 %

House Points

Doniford		293
Helwell		389
Blue Anchor		352
Warren Bay		364

Smoke and Vape Free!

Our school site is a no smoking and no vaping site. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for the Diary:

September

- 22nd KS1 Maths with Parents Meeting 2:30pm
- 23rd KS1 Maths with Parents Meeting 9:00am

October

- 2nd Individual School photos
- 5th Flu Vaccinations
- 16th KTSCA Disco 5-6:15pm
- 20th The Den Stay and Play 11am
- 20th Parents' Evening 3:45-6pm
- 21th Parents' Evening 3:45-6pm

Jewellery

A reminder that jewellery, including earrings, is not to be worn in school on PE, Swimming or explorer days.

Flu Vaccinations – 5 October

Please complete the decline/consent form:
<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Books!

If anyone has any old children's picture books that they would like to donate to the Den, please drop them into the school office.

Thank you!

KTSCA

Knights Templar School Community Association

Welcome back! The KTSCA are really looking forward to this next school year and have lots of wonderful things planned for you all. We have put together a 'dates for your diary' page with as much information as we could, so please make sure to make a note of them. Our AGM is on Monday 5th Oct 7pm at The Star if people would like to join or come along to find out more! We always need more volunteers. Many thanks, Jess, and the rest of the team!

Year 4 Leadership Roles

Head Boy and Head Girl

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Margot & Vasyl	Oliver & Rosie	Ella-Marie & Riley

Prefects

Aurora	Rafferty	Jacob	Marnie
Willow	Jasper	Layla	Olivia G
Kasie-Rose	Aaminah	Marley	Eli
Louie			



House Captains

Doniford	Blue Anchor
Albie & Olivia V	Aaziyah & Freddie
Helwell	Warren
Billy & Tilly	Blossom & Finley



Doniford



Blue Anchor



Helwell



Warren

HOUSE TEAMS

As you know, we have four house teams in school all named after the local bays: **Warren**, **Doniford**, **Blue Anchor** and **Helwell**. Every child and adult belongs to a team. Being part of a team encourages us all to work hard for the collective. It develops a sense of belonging and community.

The children are rewarded with house points for everything positive from good manners, thoughts, actions, effort and attainment. At the end of each week, we add up the total number of points for each of the houses. The winning house for each term is given a house treat.

Class Roles

Class	Eco Warriors	Digital Leaders	School Council
Donaldson	Isabelle M Ronnie P	Travis L	Ellie J Fletcher R
Anning	Izzie W Nevaeh W-B	Molly W	Arya S Douglas-Grey N
Attenborough	Edith C Macey R	Orla D Bonnie L Jax N	Jesse L Kaleb C
Rashford	Lily W Zach C	Stanley L	Parker H Marley G
Gates	Paisley-Rae W AJ A Elliott S	Millie H Freddie J	Henry H Riley B Theo W
Mandela	Paul L Marcus H	James M Piper S	Willow T Lenni-Mae W



SAVE THE DATE!



Wednesday 16th
September 2026



11am - 5pm



Minehead Methodist
Church, TA24 5AY

WOMEN & GIRLS HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT

Stalls • Guest Speakers • Workshops

Minehead,
Somerset

A unique opportunity in Minehead to connect directly with local women, and be part of important conversations about the health issues that matter most.



For questions please contact:
Mandy Godsell - AGodsell@sasp.co.uk



community meal
@ the sanctuary

Every Friday 5.00 to 6.30pm

Two courses

Suggested donation:

£3 Adults / £1.50 Children

Everyone welcome!

Find out what's on the menu on Facebook
@WBCandfriends



Community Meal Menu Summer 2026

MAIN

DESSERT

Week 1	Jacket potatoes with fillings Salad	Meringue nests fruit compot & cream
Week 2	Chicken kiev, salad New potatoes	Fruit pie
Week 3	Lasagne and garlic bread	Cheese cake
Week 4	Chicken curry & poppadoms	Profiteroles
Week 5	Quiche, new potatoes, salad	Fruit crumble
Week 6	Scotch egg, salad, new potatoes	Gateau



Somerset
Council

**FREE ONLINE COURSES AND WEBINARS
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2026**

REDUCING THE IMPACT OF SEPARATION ON EVERYONE

Helping to reduce conflict and navigate
separation with your ex-partner

More information:
Ruth James, ruth.james@somerset.gov.uk



Improve your coparenting
communications



How to manage your own &
your children's emotions



Tips on strengthening
parent - child relationships

To find out
details and
book you
place go to:



www.cypsomersethealth.org/managing_relationship_conflict



Can you help Home-Start West Somerset?



We want to set up a group for
parents/carers of twins/triplets, is this
something you would be interested in?



Is this something you may want
to support with as a volunteer?



Please get in touch if you
want to get involved!



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