

# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery



*Work at it with all your heart*

Love Hope Respect



## Newsletter No. 2

### 2 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our recent consultation regarding academisation, we are delighted to share that we have now received confirmation from the Department for Education (DfE) that our application to convert to academy status and join Midsomer Norton School's Partnership (MNSP) has been approved.

This marks an exciting new chapter for Knights Templar and we look forward to the opportunities that this will bring for our school and our children. We will keep parents and carers updated over the coming months as we work through the next steps and confirm the timescale for conversion.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are very happy to provide further information and reassurance as we move through this process together.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin this next stage of our school's journey.

Have a lovely weekend,

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

#### New from Key Stage 1

What a fantastic start we have had to our new term! It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back to school and, of course, to welcome everyone into their new year groups. There have been lots of happy faces, excited chatter and plenty of enthusiasm as the children have settled into their new classrooms and got to know their new routines.

We have lots of exciting learning ahead of us this term. We will be exploring the fascinating life and artwork of Frida Kahlo, discovering more about her colourful paintings and using her work as inspiration for our own creative ideas. We will also be turning our attention closer to home as we learn more about our local area of Watchet. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to explore what makes our local area special and develop their understanding of the place where they live and learn.

We are really looking forward to a busy and exciting term filled with learning, creativity, exploration and lots of fun!

### *A little request...*

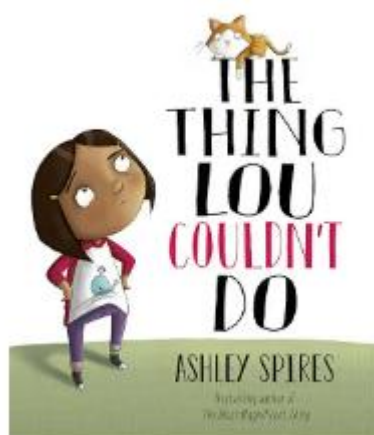
If you are having a clear-out at home, we would be very grateful for any play food, play kitchen items or small-world resources, such as little people, animals, vehicles or other small figures. These would be wonderful additions to our continuous provision and will provide lots of opportunities for imaginative play and storytelling. Please only send in items that you no longer need and don't mind us using in school. Thank you so much for your support!



### *Key Stage 1 Book Recommendation*

#### *The Ting Lou couldn't Do - Ashley Spires*

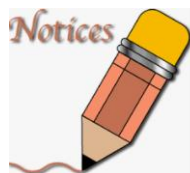
This delightful picture book from Ashley Spires, perfectly depicts what children go through when confronted with something difficult. With humour and endearing artwork, Spires sensitively portrays Lou procrastinating, making excuses, imagining alternatives and denying she cares. Ultimately, Lou faces her fear, and although she fails, the effort empowers her, encouraging a growth mindset.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done Reception class !

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Reception    | 99 %   |
| Donaldson    | 96.5 % |
| Anning       | 98 %   |
| Attenborough | 98.5 % |
| Rashford     | 93 %   |
| Gates        | 91 %   |
| Mandela      | 93 %   |
| The Den      | 98 %   |



## House Points

|             |  |     |
|-------------|--|-----|
| Doniford    |  | 423 |
| Helwell     |  | 503 |
| Blue Anchor |  | 469 |
| Warren Bay  |  | 476 |

### Conversations with Staff

If there is a parent talking to staff in the office foyer, please can we encourage you to wait outside until the office team are free. This may be a private conversation, and we want to ensure everyone's privacy.

Thank you for your understanding.



### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccinations
- 8<sup>th</sup> EYFS Harvest Stay and Play
- 9<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival (Y1-Y4)
- 9<sup>th</sup> RWInc Reception Parents meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> KTSCA Disco 5-6:15pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> The Den Stay and Play 11am
- 20<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 3:45-6pm
- 21<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 3:45-6pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET day

### Flu Vaccinations – 5 October

Please complete the decline/consent form:

<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

### Nut Free School

Just a friendly reminder that **Knights Templar is a nut-free school**. We have recently had a small number of children bringing nut-based snacks into school, which we have needed to remove.

Please take a moment to check snack and lunchboxes carefully and ensure that they **do not contain nuts or products containing nuts**. Thank you for helping us to keep all of our children safe and for your continued support.

# KTSCA

Knights Templar School Community Association

We have a couple of events coming up soon; Firstly, the disco on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct- just a reminder this one is just for years 1 to 4 (Reception children can come to the next ones in Feb and June), then our wreath making evening on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, please see poster to book. We also have our KTSCA AGM on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm at The Star, please come and join us if you want to find out more, we do also need some non-members whilst we are voting at this meeting. Thank you.