

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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



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7 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see the efforts made this week for our World Book Day Celebrations by both children and staff! We had a superb crew of pirates enjoying the activities that were organised. Thank you, as ever, for your support of these events which further enrich your child's personal development.

We are in need of some support in clearing some areas of the school garden so if you are able to offer us any support, or know anyone who could, please do let the office know.

Have a great weekend! Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

Save the Dates!

27 June Sports Morning and Family Picnic Afternoon

22 July Year 4 Leavers Service

Top Ten Spellers!

As we are at the halfway point in the school year, we celebrated the children who have made it on to the Top Ten Spellers on our online spelling platform - Spelling Frame in assembly this week. It's great to see children taking full advantage of the learning opportunities inside and outside of normal school hours. Mandela Class took the top three spaces and Blake won with an impressive 10 000+ points. Also, we noted that Y3s are engaging more in the platform than the Y4s. We will look at the leaderboard again at the end of the year.

Blake Gorman	10142
Charlotte Tyson	6264
Amelia Nuttycombe	4291
Gypsie Edwards	2720
Maya Stanbury	2444
Lexi Burnett	1988
Emily Waterman	1894
Rosie Hudson	1734
Jake Cody-Boutcher	1702
Kira Lester-Norman	1367

News from Key Stage 1

Shiver me timbers! We had a fabulous time celebrating our pirate themed World Book Day. We were lucky to have Gemma Hunt from the CBBC show Swashbuckle join us for the day and it was lovely to see so many children dressed up as pirates. We started the day by taking part in an assembly lead by Gemma which was lots of fun!

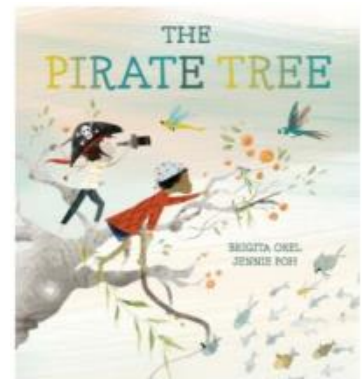
In our classes, we also took part in lots of World Book Day themed activities and we shared our favourite books.



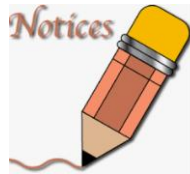
Key Stage 1 Book recommendation:

In this story, we meet Sam and Agu who bond over their adventures on a pirate ship—which is actual fact a gnarled old tree at the top of a hill. As they battle sharks and other imaginary pirates together, Sam and Agu form a friendship that at first appears to be a little unlikely.

Please encourage your children to take part in the Book Treasure Map - when they have completed all reading activities, children will receive a certificate.

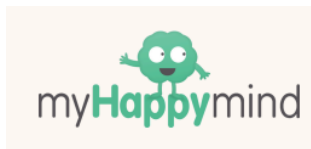


ATTENDANCE

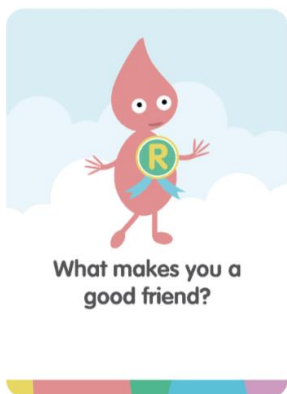


Well done Mandela class on amazing attendance !

Reception	93.4 %
Donaldson	95.6 %
Anning	92.1 %
Attenborough	87.4 %
Rashford	91.6 %
Gates	96.8 %
Mandela	98.3 %



This half term we have started the unit called 'Celebrate' which focuses on celebrating that we all have different character strengths and that, by understanding what they are and then using them as much as possible, we can be at our best! We all have different characters and this is something to celebrate! This is not about what we are 'good' at, like football or maths. It is about who we are, such as being kind and brave. Try talking about this at home:



March

- 12-17 Book fair
- 17 RE Focus Day
- 21 Red Nose Day

April

- 3 Sponsored Bunny Hop (KTSCA Event)
- 4 INSET Day
- 4-21 Easter Holidays
- 22 Return to School
- 24 Class and Year 4 Individual Photos
- 30-2 May Year 4 Residential

May

- 5 Bank Holiday
- 16 Catchball Gala
- 21 Butterfly Book/Awards Assembly
- 22 Non Uniform Day for Sweet Donation

Book Fair!

A reminder that the book fair is on from 3:30 on Wednesday 12 March, with the last opportunity to purchase books on Monday 17 March at 9am. Please come along and support the school.

House Points

Doniford		1451
Helwell		1444
Blue Anchor		1627
Warren Bay		1625

KTSCA

Knights Templar School Community Association

What a fantastic 2 weeks we've had in school with our TeachRex Gorilla workshop and Gemma Hunt's Pirate workshop. We are so fortunate to be able to put these events on for the children. Thomas the Gorilla was incredibly realistic and the children's sense of wonder and enjoyment during the assembly was palpable.

Pirate Gem was also an undeniable hit and the children all looked wonderful in their Pirate costumes.

The committee are working hard to organise our Sponsored Easter Bunny Hop. The children should have all come home with their Sponsorship Forms – if you require one please speak to your class teacher or pop into the office.

Please do give what you can and help us to support school in creating a new Learning Hub that will benefit all of the children. As a registered Charity we are now registered for Gift Aid so please do tick the box if you are a tax payer. Thank you.

Gardening Equipment

If anyone has any gardening equipment or resources we would be very grateful for any donations so we can get our garden ready for the summer months! Please drop anything into the office. Thank you

Tesco Tokens!

From the first week of April until June 2025, our swimming pool project, Splashout III is available to be voted for with the blue tokens in the Tesco Minehead store. Please vote for us to help us raise money to improve and maintain our pool!

Tesco Stronger Starts

Online Safety

Attached with this newsletter, and also on our website is a document titled 'Parenting in the digital world' which has a lot of useful information about how to keep your child safe online.

It has been brought to our attention, some children are talking about the Urban Myth Slender Man. Slender Man is a fictional creation, like Huggy Wuggy, and numerous others specifically created to frighten. These characters have an online life that is often made up of rumours and tall tales which resurface every few years for new generations. As Slender Man is a popular character, it is extremely easy to find related content on Google, YouTube, and most online platforms – even with parental controls switched on. This content can be disturbing if a child is not expecting it or if they are more vulnerable to this genre. There are multiple risks that may arise from children and young people being exposed to frightening content before they are prepared. If you hear your child talking about Slender Man or similar, please let us know and we can pick this up in our online safety lessons. Thank you.

RED NOSE DAY

at Knights Templar



Join Us in Making a Difference!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Wear Red

Wear red, share a smile, donate £1 to raise money for Red Nose Day!



Crazy Cake Sale

Children are invited to bring in Red Nose Day cakes and biscuits to sell to their class-mates! 🍰🍪 Each class will host a cake sale, led by their School Council Reps!



FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

UNDER 6S

**Watchet Town FCs
new team
Come along to our
taster sessions, have
fun, make new friends
whilst learning the
game.**



**Children should wear shin
pads (we do have a few
spares), bring a drink and
have an adult present who
will be responsible for them**



**For children
currently
in school year 1**

**(Date of Birth between
01.09.18 - 31.08.19)**

**SATURDAY
15th, 22nd & 29th
MARCH
2025**

**9:30 - 10:30am
at**

**The Henry Davey
Playing Field
Watchet
TA23 0HD**

For more information please contact Watchettownfc.sec@hotmail.com

Dates for your diary!

Sunday 20th & Monday 21st April

Easter Bunny Family Fun Run



A fundraiser to
support our
Youth activities
in West Somerset

2 or 4 km run (or walk!) along
Minehead's lovely promenade

Entry £5.00

which includes your Bunny Ears
and face painting

Rotary Club
of Minehead



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**Knights Templar Community Church School, Liddymore Road,
Watchet TA23 0EX**

⚽ Activities include Archery, Gymnastics, Football,
Arts & Crafts, Dodgeball, and many more!

📅 14th -17th April 2025, 09:00-15:30, Age 4-11, £24.99 per day

🌟 **15% DISCOUNT** available until Thursday 13th March 2025

✅ Visit www.premier-education.com to book
✉ Contact dcrysell@premier-education.com for queries

😊 See you soon!

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

A bucket load of fun activities, every school holiday. With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

**PLEASE
BRING
PLENTY OF WATER
SUITABLE CLOTHING
LOADS OF ENERGY!**





FREE*

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 3rd March 2024: 14:00 – 15:30 | 1 Session – ‘Hello Friends’

Monday 10th March 2024: 14:15 – 15:30 | 1 Session – ‘Tales from Acorn Wood’

Saturday 22nd March 2024: 10:45 – 12:45 | 1 Session – ‘That’s My Flower’

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online

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