

2025 English Course report

Thank You

FIRSTLY, a big thank you to the *Messenger* Fund for their generous grant of £1,000 which will be used for three possible projects, each of which are at a developmental stage. We look forward to updating readers in due course.

The 2025 English Course

Primary education in Tanzania is taught in Swahili but secondary education is in English.

In 2018 the Nachingwea Link sought sponsorship for 25 girls and 10 boys to undertake a three month English course for students who had graduated from primary school, before the start of secondary school. A prime aim was for students to become confident and competent in communicating in English and ready to undertake the secondary school curriculum. The project has been supported each year with contributions towards additional items including the cost of room hire, chair hire and teaching resources.

The article below is paraphrased from a report from Kevin Bushiri, Chair of the Nachingwea Link

The 2025 English course began on 15 September and ended in December. It was taught by Kevin Bushiri with two assistants, Neema Mshamu and Janet Philipo, who was in Kevin's first English course in 2018. There were 45 students. As a result of inviting the parents to a talk at the beginning of the course, when Kevin gave them some advice, the parents were very supportive. They could drop in during lessons or phone Kevin for updates and this had the result that there were no truants or drop-outs.



Pupils and their beloved teacher Kevin with joyous faces after their English course graduation on 15 December 2025

The pupils did three tests in written and spoken English, aimed at checking every pupil's pronunciation, memory and richness of vocabulary. Gifts of pens, books, mathematical instruments and fabric for making school uniforms were given to those who performed well in all three tests. Knowing that there would be gifts at the end of the course motivated



Greena Ambros and her teacher Kevin in spoken English test

the students to attend daily and to show determination. A certificate of appreciation was given to each pupil on completion of the course. It read:

'The Nachingwea-Stapleford Link Committee congratulates you for your completion of three months of the English Course Preliminary Level from September to December 2025 here at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Nachingwea.'

The Nachingwea Link Committee with the cooperation of St Andrew's Church, Nachingwea prepared a Graduation Ceremony after the parents decided that this would motivate the pupils, who could choose whether they wished to participate. 28 pupils did.



Hamisi Rashidi(third winner) received his Certificate of Appreciation from guest of honour Dr Everlyne Mrumapili

Finance

In order to justify a sponsored place on the course, the Nachingwea Link

committee under St Andrew's church, Nachingwea, prepares special forms

to be filled by Head Teachers when they spot pupils who are in families with difficult circumstances. Those forms are brought back to Nachingwea Link committee and members visit those families to certify the economic reality and readiness of the family to support a pupil in learning English language for the whole period of three months. These all are done to make sure that dropouts are reduced and funds are used as planned.



Parents with their children dancing gospel song inside St Andrew's church during graduation

Challenges are in every growing process and the following were faced:

1. Shortage of chairs. There were only 30 chairs in the room for 45 pupils. So Kevin rented 15 chairs from the Mothers' Union at a cost of 30,000Tzs (about £9) per month.

2. Some pupils arrived late at first as they lived a long way away. The solution: pupils who were neighbours and had bicycles were asked to share!



Pupils answered three tests all were on chairs

Performance Statistics

If a pupil achieved full marks in written and spoken tests they would get 250 marks = 100%. 36 pupils achieved a pass of 125 marks or above, equal to 80% of the group. All pupils completed the whole course.

The students are very grateful to all who have contributed to this very successful project. Thank you so much. **The Stapleford-Nachingwea Link Committee**

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No booking necessary.

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donations welcomed!*

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May Lunch

Bank Holiday Monday

May 4th 12-2pm

Jubilee Pavilion, Stapleford Rec

Get together with friends, family and neighbours and enjoy a fabulous homemade lunch in the Jubilee Pavilion, to support education and health projects in the village of Nachingwea, Tanzania.



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Knit some joy for the children of Nachingwea

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Do you have some spare wool that could be used to make a small teddy bear for young children in Nachingwea, Tanzania?

Children in Nachingwea have very few - if any - toys, and your gift would bring lots of joy and excitement. If you think you could help, please email:

nachingwealink@standrewstapleford.org

Thank you!

