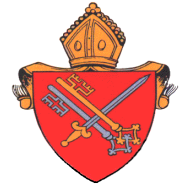




# St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



## Whole School Newsletter

05.09.2025

Our worship  
Theme is:  
Be a Beacon of  
Light

### Worship

In worship we are thinking about what it means to 'Be a Beacon of Light'. On our first day back, we thought about different types of beacons including airport runway beacons, coastal groynes and lighthouses. Did you know there is a beacon on a groyne at Hengistbury Head? We learnt that the Bible is considered to be a beacon of light and how humans are too. One of the children built a Lego tower of positive actions that we can all do this week to show we are beacons of light. "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light to my path." Psalm 119:105.

### Welcome back

The children have had a super start to term and are settling back into the routines of school very well. Thank you for sending your children in smart uniform and adhering to our policy. We look forward to seeing you at the start of year meetings for each year group (EY date to follow).

### September meet the teacher

This year, brief meetings will be held by the year group teachers after school (y1 - y6) to share information and for you to meet the teachers. There will be one meeting (one year group) per day, starting soon after 3:15. Children and siblings will be looked after in another year group area by staff. The days are as follows:

Friday 5th September - yr6

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September- yr5

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - yr4

Wednesday 10th September - yr2

Thursday 11th September - yr1

Friday 12th September - yr3

Please add these dates to your diary.

### Parent Drop-In

The next dates for the informal drop-ins run by several ladies from our local churches are on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1:45pm - 3pm in The Hive at St Katharine's school. Anyone, including toddlers/babies are welcome for coffee, biscuits, a chat and play. Please meet at the gate near The Hive (bike shed entrance).

### Left to their own devices

Please see the attached poster for details of a free event called 'Left to their own devices' being held at St Nicholas on 29th September 7-9pm.

### Eco Warriors

The Eco-Committee are very pleased to tell everybody that St Katharine's CE Primary School have been successful and achieved an **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Merit**. Thank you to everyone who participated in/supported with the campaigns, challenges and activities.

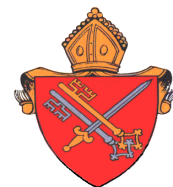
WELCOME  
BACK!

Meet the  
TEACHER





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Together we are working towards a greener world!

### School field

We are really pleased to let you know that we have been able to secure some additional funding to carry out some essential improvement works on our school field. This will mean that the school field will be closed to use until 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. All PE and clubs will continue to run as scheduled.

**FIELD  
CLOSED**

### Golf Club Car Park

Please be reminded that parents and carers are not permitted to park in the end two rows of the golf club car park. There are plenty of car parking spaces around the school where you are able to park safely if the first few rows of the golf club car park are full.



### Arbor Reminders

Please be reminded to update your Arbor account with permitted adults to collect your child and consents for travelling home alone for Year 5 & 6



### Reporting Absences

If your child is absent due to illness please ring the school office and leave a voicemail on the absence line at 01202 426663 or email office@skps.email before 8.45am. Please remember to call in or email on each day of their absence.



### Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meal by 12.00pm (midday) the day before the meal



### Nut Free School

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school. We have a number of children who can have a very serious allergic reaction should they come into contact with nuts.

### Free School Meals – is your child eligible?

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (this is in addition to the universal free school meals that all Key Stage 1 children receive), **please apply online at:** <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx> or email or post your completed form (you can obtain a copy of the form via our school website: <https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals>) to [fsm@bcpCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@bcpCouncil.gov.uk); Free School Meals Team, Customer Services, BCP Council Civic Centre, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY. For more information on Free School Meals, such as eligibility and how the children and school benefit, please visit <https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals>. For other information, please contact the BCP at [fsm@bcpCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@bcpCouncil.gov.uk) or telephone: 01202 123222. If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' (this is in addition to the universal free school meals that all Key Stage 1 children receive) and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school and you would be helping us, if you are eligible and register.



Are you entitled?

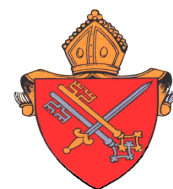




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| <u>2025-2026</u>                      |                                                        |
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| <u>Autumn Term</u>                    | Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025   |
| <u>Year 6 Wentworth Trip</u>          | Wednesday 10th September 2025                          |
| <u>Year 5 Hooke Court residential</u> | Wednesday 10th September—Friday 12th September 2025    |
| <u>Inset Day</u>                      | Friday 24th October 2025                               |
| <u>Autumn Half Term</u>               | Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025         |
| <u>End of Term</u>                    | Friday 19th December 2025 at 1.30pm                    |
| <u>Spring Term</u>                    | Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026           |
| <u>Spring Half Term</u>               | Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026       |
| <u>End of Term</u>                    | Friday 27th March 2026 at 1.30pm                       |
| <u>Summer Term</u>                    | Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026          |
| <u>Summer Half Term</u>               | Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026                 |
| <u>End of Term</u>                    | Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.00pm                        |
| <u>Inset Days</u>                     | Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July 2026 |