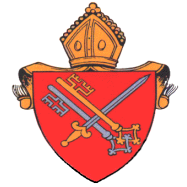




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Whole School Newsletter

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## Worship

Our worship  
Theme is:  
Ubuntu

In worship we have been re-visiting the theme of Ubuntu and 'Flourishing Together'. We read the story of 'I Am You' and thought about how we are all connected. This supports our SEASIDE curriculum theme of Diversity and our focus on anti-racism this year. We also looked again at the Parable of the Mustard Seed and explored that Jesus says that God's Kingdom is for everyone, even the birds which leads us nicely into our annual birdwatching for the RSPB.

## RSPB Big Garden and Big Schools' Birdwatch

In worship, we have been thinking about how we can help wildlife to flourish. This weekend is the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. If you would like to join in as a family, then all the information can be found here - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> We would love to know if you have been able to do the survey and which bird species you have seen.

As a school, we will be participating in the RSPB Big School's birdwatch. Over the next few weeks, we will be using our science skills to identify which birds visit our grounds and count how many there are. Thousands of other schools will be joining in this survey. This really reflects Ubuntu, working together to help wildlife.

## Year 4 Times Tables Rockstars Day

Last week, year 4 dressed up as rockstars and spent the day working on their times tables. They played games, completed challenges and invented their own board games. They have been working hard on their multiplication facts and we can see the progress they have been making through teaching in class and engaging with Times Tables Rockstars at home and school. All children across the school have access to Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars. This supports our teaching of key number facts and the children with the recall of these facts. If you have any questions regarding TTRS or Numbots, please contact your class teacher or Mrs Gadd.

## Year 5 & 6 Girls Football

A FANTASTIC team of 8 went to the AFCB football pitches in Ringwood for a tournament. We played 4 matches in our group. The first team had a tough team defence but we broke it and managed to win 2 nil. In the next match, we had another challenging start but thankfully the result was 2 nil to us. There was one more match left to play until the final so the pressure was on. We drew 1-1 and luckily we got through to the next round. Our hearts were pounding because we didn't know if we were going through to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, when we headed on to the pitch, the whistle blew and we played as well as we could. Sadly, the other team scored a penalty but we didn't give up and we still held our heads high. We lost 1-0 but our team still showed great sportsmanship and shook their hands to congratulate them.

## Indoor Athletics

The girls were about to start doing the obstacle relay, our nerves were high as they blew the whistle and the race began. It was a close start but by the end of the fantastic race we came first. Next was the over under relay, an amazing beginning for both boys and girls and a very quick race and another victorious win for St Katharine's, but it was not all about the race, all boys and girls did brilliantly in the field events: vertical jump, triple jump, chest push and long jump. Next was the one by one relay. Take your makes, get set, go! It was a triumphant race for both boys and girls. The amazing four by one relay was next. Hooray! The girls won, and



Big Garden  
Birdwatch

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the boys came in at a close second. The last, the hardest and most tiring race, the six lap pile off, and both boys and girls won! The next event was javelin, St Katharine's threw with an almighty force for both girls and boys. As we sat down waiting for the results, we reflected on the effort everyone had put in. Both boys and girls won their category, meaning with our combined scores, St Katharine's were the overall winners and through to the finals. Written by Bea and Heath.

### Cut your Carbon Evaluation

During our Cut Your Carbon campaign, we made a fantastic impact!

160 pupils made 5 miles of car travel 'active'.

97 pupils went plant based for a day.

115 pupils turned down their heating by 1 degree for a week.

144 pupils bought nothing new for a month.

151 pupils substituted 4 baths for 4 showers and limited them to 4 minutes.

155 pupils switched off all their non-essential electrical devices for 1 hour.

Thank you to everyone who supported and joined in. 😊

### Seed Haul

We are looking to start growing some vegetables and fruits again in our Inside Out Courtyard. If you have any spare seeds or seedlings you would be happy to donate, please send them in to 2RL.



### Absences Reminders

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](mailto: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 is required.



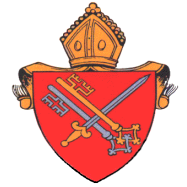
### Nut Free School

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.





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



**Free School Meals**  
Are you entitled?

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.

<b>2024—2025</b>	
<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 2025
<b>Life Education Visit</b>	Monday 27th January—Friday 31st January 2025
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2025
<b>Parents Evening</b>	Wednesday 26th February—& Thursday 27th February 2025
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
<b>Summer Term</b>	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 5th May 2025
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 21st July 2025
<b>Inset Day</b>	Tuesday 22nd July 2025