



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



Whole School Newsletter

03.10.2025

**Our worship
Theme is:
Be a Beacon of
Light**

Worship

This week, Mrs St John's worships have continued with the theme of being a beacon of light. Jesus said, in the gospel of Matthew, that you don't light a lamp to hide it away, you put it on a table for everyone to see. We thought about how we can be like lamps by showing grace and good manners every day.

Mrs Dickinson and some of the year 5 children led a wonderful Harvest worship which remind us how important it is for us to care for and share with our local and global neighbours.

Harvest Collection

Thank you for contributing so generously to the Harvest collection this week. The food donated will be distributed in the local community by Southbourne Food Bank.

St Nicholas' Church Harvest Service

On Sunday 5th October, some of the key stage 2 children will be leading the sermon and prayers at St Nicholas' Church Harvest Service. The service starts at 9am and will be finished by 9:50am. The children would love to see their friends from St Katharine's in the congregation if you are able to attend.

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.bpcouncil.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@bpcouncil.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@bpcouncil.gov.uk or telephone: 01202 123222. If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' (this is in addition to the universal free



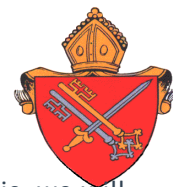
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school meals that all Key Stage 1 children receive) and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school and you would be helping us, if you are eligible and register.

2025-2026	
<u>Autumn Term</u>	Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025
<u>FSK Non-Uniform Day & School Disco</u>	Thursday 23rd October 2025
<u>Inset Day</u>	Friday 24th October 2025
<u>Autumn Half Term</u>	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025
<u>Parents & Carers Evening</u>	Tuesday 4th November & Thursday 6th November 2025
<u>FSK Fireworks</u>	Thursday 13th November 2025
<u>Year 1 & 2 Nativity</u>	Thursday 4th December & Friday 5th December 2025 2.15pm
<u>Year 3 & 4 Nativity</u>	Tuesday 9th December & Wednesday 10th December 2025 2.05pm
<u>Christmas Panto & Christmas Lunch</u>	Thursday 11th December 2025
<u>Early Years Nativity</u>	Tuesday 16th December 2025 2.30pm
<u>Year 5 & 6 Carol Service</u>	Wednesday 17th December 2025 6pm at St Katharine's Church
<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