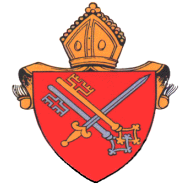




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**Our worship
Theme is:**

Ubuntu

Worship

We were treated to a fantastic worship by the whole of year 1 who showed their understanding of Ubuntu and how it relates to everyday life. If you haven't already, do ask your child their thoughts about Ubuntu. In whole school worship, the children and adults were set a challenge to find a heart shaped pebble or stone, next time they are out and about or at the beach. This links to how we can fill our hearts and show Ubuntu and Grace to others.



Hip Hop and Street Dance

Year 6 had a great time working two visiting artists, Isaac and Isaiah, who were commissioned by Activate Arts to lead sessions in the hip hop style of rap writing and in a very lively street dance workshop. "It was possibly the best day we've had in Year 6." Thank you to Bournemouth Cultural Hub for supporting this experience.



Club Origami

Early Years had so much fun moving, dancing and folding paper with Japanese choreographer Takeshi Matsumoto. Thanks again to Bournemouth Cultural Hub for supporting this unique dance workshop.

Water Aid

Thank you for contributing to Year 5's fundraising action for Water Aid. A total of £149.85 was received which will make a real difference access to water for others in the world. The 'crazy drinks' were indeed crazy!



National School Sports Week.

What a busy week of sport it was for our children last week. The theme of the week was 'play for fun, play for 60 minutes', this was very evident last Friday morning when we had so many children and guardians on the field having fun whilst doing sports. It was a lovely conclusion to such a great week, where the children had so much fun having a go at lots of different sports. These included sessions run by our amazing staff and also local clubs or community groups, such as Southbourne Tennis Club, AFCB Community Trust, Dorset Cricket board, Footy Lab, Beach sports, Korfball. A big thank you to all those involved. Year 5&6 children were also given a master class from a few of our ex pupils who have gone on to represent the southwest, national finals and GB teams. It was great for them to see these inspirational athletes and ask them questions, hear their story of what they have achieved and what do they still want to achieve.

Sports Day

We are so looking forward to our sports day this year that is taking place on Wednesday 12th July at Kings Park Athletics Stadium. Prior to the day all children will be informed off there rotation group for the morning activities. Please bring £1 on the day to buy a programme, proceeds will go to school funds. For further information about the day please ensure that you have read the email from Mrs St John.

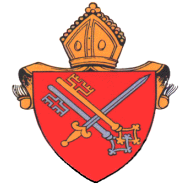




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School Games Final



St Katharine's were in full force at the Schools games finals, with a year 3/4 team in the tennis finals and also 2 teams in the year 5/6 handball finals. This is a countywide event with the best teams from all six Local Authority areas competing in a summer finals. It was a great opportunity for our children to compete in such an event, as it was not just these sports that were being hosted by Bryanstone School, other sports included rowing, girls cricket, football, volleyball etc. This made the whole event like a summer Olympics, with an opening ceremony with Jason Gardener welcoming everyone. All three teams had a great day and represented St Katharine's and Bournemouth superbly well, showing grace and integrity all day. At the start there were many nerves, but these were soon overcome when they were given their team t-shirts to wear. A big thank you to parents for all your support concerning transport.

Town Sports Athletics



The conclusion of the athletics season ended at Kings Park athletics stadium with the Town Sports Athletics event. This is the largest athletics event in the school calendar with over 500 children competing in an array of different events, e.g. high jump, sprints, long jump, relay. Once again, we like to ensure that we give as many children as possible an opportunity to compete and represent the school, so every event had a child from St Katharine's competing from years 4-6. For many children this is a very daunting experience to be involved within such a large event, but you would have never known as our children just got on and competed to be the best they can be. We had so many children qualify for the finals. A great day was had by all and a really great way to end the athletics season.

Tag Rugby



It took a long time to take place, but when it done our team was fully ready. The team put all the training and skills they had learnt at lunchtime club into practice in a very competitive rugby tournament against teams from Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch. In the morning, it was a league format with two leagues of eight, of which the winners from each league would play in a final. We were league winners, winning five games out of five, which meant were in the final against a team that had had not lost a game for 4 years. Unfortunately, we were not able to change this as we ended up losing by just one try. The refs and organiser praised the team at the end for showing great sportsmanship and stated that he had never seen rugby played so well. Well done to all those involved.

Cricket Festivals



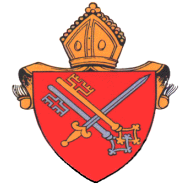
Over the last few weeks, the cricket club have been very busy competing in lots of different cricket events; these have included girl's only competition, year 3&4 mixed and year 5&6 mixed events. It has been great to get so many different children playing and being taught how to play cricket. Both the after club and lunchtime clubs have grown in numbers, in particular the girls sector. With one, more match to still go let us hope they can finish on a high.



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Instrumental lessons



If your child is currently in Y4 or 5 and has peripatetic instrumental lessons, please return the slip sent home with your child to confirm whether or not they are continuing lessons in September. If you still have not paid for this term's lessons, please do so via Wisepay so we can end the year without having to chase payments in the last couple of weeks. If your child is in Y3, 4 or 5 and would like to start lessons in September, please refer to the letter and email sent home a couple of weeks ago, and sign up by the end of next week via the Forms link - <https://forms.office.com/e/RT4UXGSXEz> We have had lots of requests for guitar and drum lessons, but very few for the others - flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, cello, trumpet and trombone.

Summer Concert



All the children involved in this event on Wednesday evening, 5th July, have been practicing hard to ensure high quality performances. We will be doing a final practice on Monday morning, so if your child needs their instrument, music or other equipment, please make sure it is in school for then. They will be performing to the school on Wednesday afternoon before the performance to parents at 6.30pm in the evening. If you have not yet let us know how many people will be coming to watch your child please complete the Form - <https://forms.office.com/e/KcMGD8ksj9>. There will be a retiring collection to support the Creative Arts in school. There will be a retiring collection to support the Creative Arts in school and refreshments will be available to buy in the interval, so don't forget to bring some cash.

Y4&5 choir



Y4&5 choir will be taking part in the Choir Day of the Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival at the Priory Church on Friday 7th July. It is free to come and watch and our class commences at 9.30am. We'd love to see some supporters there too. There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the BMCF.

Just a reminder for the parents concerned that we are meeting at the Priory, the children need to be in full summer uniform and may bring their PE kit for their return to school if they would like.

Science Fair



On Tuesday morning, the children amazed us with their fantastic science projects which included everything from worms and plants to explosions and detailed knowledge of physics.

Thank you parents and carers for your hard work supporting your children's creative ideas.

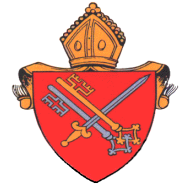
Medicines



Please be reminded all medicines need to be dropped off at the School Office where a permission form will also need to be completed. If your child is at breakfast club this can be done via the breakfast club staff. The form is also available on our website.



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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 on each day of their absence. If your child is absent due to any other circumstances please email the school office with reasonable notice.



Activity Club Price Increase – September 2023

Due to the escalating costs to the school of running our activity clubs we will be increasing the weekly charge, this will take effect from September 2023, **ALL** activity clubs will increase by 50p per week.



Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2023

Due to the escalating costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2023:



Breakfast Club – short session	-	£3.20	increasing to	£3.50
Breakfast Club – long session	-	£5.00	increasing to	£5.50
Afterschool Club	-	£10.00	increasing to	£11.50

Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm Sunday of each week to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week. Please do not order a hot school meal on a Tuesday if your child is swimming.



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.bcpccouncil.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; 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 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.



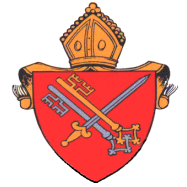
Are you entitled?



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SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

If you are in need of support with bills, you can apply for help through the Household Support Fund via this link: <https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/> Alternatively call BCP Citizens Advice 0800 278 7939.

2022/2023	
Summer Term	17th April—21st July 2023
Year 3 Swimming & Top Ups	Tuesday 18th April (Every Tuesday) - Tuesday 4th July 2023
Sports Day	Wednesday 12th July 2023
Sports Day (reserve)	Thursday 13th July 2023
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2023—1.30pm
2023/2024	
<u>Inset Day</u>	Friday 1st September 2023
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 30th October 2023
End of Term	Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January 2024— Thursday 28th March 2024
Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th February 2024
End of Term	Thursday 28th March 2024—1.30pm
Summer Term	Monday 15th April 2024—Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024—Friday 31st May 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 22nd July 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024

