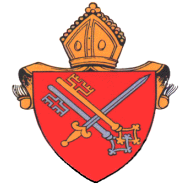




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**Our worship
Theme is:
Flourishing
together—
Inside out**

Worship

During Anti-Bullying and Inter-Faith week, we had two whole school worships to help us think about being kind and diversity. Mrs Burton focused on The Good Samaritan story from the Bible and encouraged everyone to "Love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27. Our Child-Led worship ambassadors led another very impressive worship about 'Shouting Out about Kindness' for anti-bullying week. "Be kind to one another" Ephesians 4:32. This week Mrs St John continued our SEASIDE Diversity theme in worship by sharing her niece's disabilities and uniqueness with everyone and was followed on Wednesday by another group of children, our Radacanu House Captains who led worship about resilience.

Fireworks

A big thank you to FSK who organised our hugely successful fireworks night. Thank you to the committee and all volunteers for making the event a success.

Poppy Appeal 2023

Thank you for your support with the Poppy Appeal 2023. A fantastic total of £605.06 was raised from year 6 children selling the poppy merchandise. We have been contacted by the Royal British Legion with a huge thanks for your generosity - for further information on how our contribution helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppypeal

Cross Country

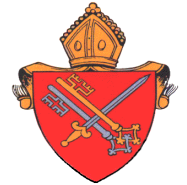
It was a great way to finish off the cross-country season, with a cross-country relay for children in years 5 and 6. This was the final event in a series of events that creates a league format with the school that has the lowest place/score wins overall. We had some incredible individual children coming within the top three children in the whole of Bournemouth, but the event is also about a team coming together and getting the lowest score possible. Our year 4's also competed but their events were non scoring, but gets them ready and prepared for next year's events. After the two main events, we achieved 2nd in the girls year 5, 1st in year 5 boys, 2nd in year 6 girls and 1st in year 6 boys. This is a great achievement, as there was over 15 schools competing. In the relay, we had three teams of two boys and two girls, and once again, it was a huge team effort. We came 7th, 3rd and 1st, so we are now Bournemouth Cross Country Champs. It was a fitting end for Mrs Bradley, who has attended and helped children to fulfil their full potential at every cross-country event for many years, I am sure the children dug extra deep knowing it was her last one for St Katharine's.

STEM Day

Last Friday, 30 year 6 children visited JP Morgan, they experienced lots of activities about STEM. First, we made towers with cups but there was a twist- we couldn't use our hands- instead we had to use rubber bands to pick up the cups. Secondly, we got to figure out codes from the Ancient age and we tested our friends to see if they could figure out what the secret code was. Then, we had a snack before we went on a nature walk and talk. After that, we had lunch. In the afternoon, we programmed our own robots to battle against other children - from another school too. At the very end of the day, we had another battle and the winners got a prize. Everyone received gift bags. We had an amazing visit. Isla and Amelie



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Bournemouth Schools Music Association Carol concert at the Pavilion

This week a group of children went to the BSMA Carol concert at the Pavilion heater. It was a very positive experience as 390 pupils from all schools, all passionate about singing and music, came together and shared their love for music with people from all over Dorset. It was a massive opportunity for the children of the year 5 and 6 choir and we all did our very best. Izzy, Gracie, Zola.

Year 3 Admissions September 2024

Applications for the additional 4 spaces allocated for Year 3 are not automatically considered for those on our current Year 2 waiting list. We are unable to consider any applications unless they are made formally via the Local Authority Application Form. Therefore, if you wish for your child to be considered for one of the additional 4 places offered for Year 3 in September 2024, you must formally apply via the BCP Local Authority by applying for a junior school place. You must complete a Local Authority Application Form available from the Local Authority website; this must be submitted by 15th January 2024.

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.

Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm Sunday 4th September 2022 to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week.

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; 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.



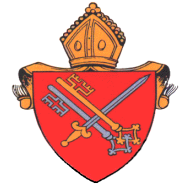
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If you are in need of support with bills, you can apply for help through the Household Support Fund via this link: <https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/> Alternatively call BCP Citizens Advice 0800 278 7939.

2023/2024	
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday 12th September 2023—Tuesday 28th November 2023
Year 1 & 2 Nativity	Thursday 30th November & Friday 1st December 2.05pm
Year 3 & 4 Nativity	Wednesday 6th December & Thursday 7th December 2.05pm
Treehouse Pantomime	Thursday 7th December
Christmas Lunch	Friday 8th December
Year 5 & 6 Instrumentalist performance to parents	Monday 11th December 2.30pm
Early Years Nativity	Tuesday 12th December 2.15pm
Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert to parents	Wednesday 13th December 6-7pm
End of Term	Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm
Inset Day	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
End of Term	Friday 19th July 2024 1.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 22nd July 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 23rd July 2024