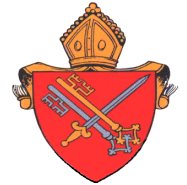




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**Our worship
Theme is:
Be a Beacon of
Light**

Worship

We have been continuing to think about how we can be a beacon of light at school and in the wider community. Mrs St John led a worship on remembrance; the children reflected on how poppy seeds are very tiny, but when they grow, they make a big impact. We compared the poppy seed to The Parable of The Mustard Seed - another seed that brings us hope, belonging and peace. Mr Jewell led a worship about Farmer Phil and his wonderful bonfire and how he was like Phillip in the Bible who spread the word of Jesus. Last week, the Child Led Worship Ambassadors shared the Parable of The Good Samaritan and led a brilliant worship about being a good friend to others - they challenged everyone to make a positive difference to someone's day.

A St Katharine's World Champion

We have our first ever WORLD CHAMPION! Marnie, year 6, competed in the World Martial Arts Games in Oslo, Norway, representing team GB. She competed in 6 categories and won 3 gold medals and 3 silver medals, as well as 10 and under World Grand Champion. Categories included Traditional Kata, Kumite (fighting) and Synchronised pairs Kata.



Marnie first started karate in 2021 at 6 years old and is working towards her black belt in June 2026.

Huge congratulations to Marnie and thank you for being such a fabulous ambassador by visiting each class to share your medals and tell them your exciting news.

Road safety

Please can we remind you that the lane from the bike shed is a no cycling/scooting zone - we have had a few near misses lately. Thank you.

Open for Lunch

On Monday, three of the Values Ambassadors - Sienna, Katie and Aiden - attended the Open for Lunch session at the St Katharine's Church Parish Centre. They served a very tasty homemade soup and a selection of wholesome puddings to some very grateful members of the church community. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of supporting members of the church community and seeing them enjoy the delicious food. They were brilliant ambassadors for the school and impressed everyone by not spilling a single drop of soup and (nearly!) remembering every person's order! We are already looking forward to helping at the next Open for Lunch in December.





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Harvest Thanks

Following the very successful Harvest collection last half term, we were contacted by Bournemouth Foodbank to tell us that St Katharine's was one of their top 10 biggest donors. Thank you, once again, for your support in helping the local community.



Remembrance

The year 6 children did a fantastic job of selling the poppy merchandise for Remembrance Day. Thank you to everyone that was able to contribute to this charity. In school, Mrs Batchelor, with the help of year 5, created a memorial area in the Spirituality Courtyard. Every class was able to spend some time at the memorial to share a moment of silence and show gratitude to honor the sacrifices of those who have served.



FSK - A Sky Full of Stars

Thank you to everyone that braved the rain and joined us as we lit up the sky! What a fabulous display it was, it really was a sky full of twinkling stars!

A special thank you to everyone that helped set up, volunteered on stalls, marshalled, helped pack away and to those who worked their magic behind the scenes in the run up to such a big event. We are really grateful for all your support and we hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did!

Thank you FSK

Following a wet, but wonderful, lazer and fireworks event last night, we would like to share our thanks to Hannah and the FSK team who did a super job of organising everything.

Year 2 Music Workshop

Last week Y2 were able to enjoy a workshop by visiting musicians from **Kafou Music Project** which brought to a culmination their project 'Near and Far'. They listened to music from Senegal and found out more about the Djembe drums, which they had been playing with Mrs Smith, and the Kora - a West African instrument with 21 strings. Thank you to Soundstorm, our Music Hub who organised this fantastic experience for our pupils.

Musician of the Month

Our Musician of the Month for November is **George Frideric Handel** (23 February 1685 – 14 April 1759). Handel was a German-British Baroque composer well known for his operas and concertos. He received his training in Halle and worked as a composer in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London in 1712, where he spent the bulk of his career and became a naturalised British subject in 1727. Handel's music forms one of the peaks of the "high baroque" style, bringing Italian opera to its highest development, creating the genres of English oratorio and organ concerto, and introducing a new style into English church music. He is consistently recognized as one of the greatest composers of his age.

Genres: Classical, Opera and Oratorio Active from: 1696 - 1751 Origin: Halle, Brandenburg-Prussia (Germany) We have listened to the Water Music and Zadok the Priest so far and further music can be found on this Spotify Playlist - <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4BNjLHMusgANv2DuwRHW9K?si=e0becfa86ab142f0&nd=1&dlsi=cd01ef2b0a144f44>





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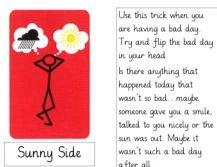


Year 5 & 6 Netball

St Katharine's netball club went to Stourfield Primary School for a netball competition. The first match we played, was against St James which was tough but we showed our teamwork skills throughout. Harper and Holli scored some incredible goals. Our second match ended in a 2 all score thanks to goals from Sanara and Harper. Finally, our last game we flourished ending with a 2-0 win. We had a great tournament and all felt proud to represent the school. Written by, Harper, Chloe and Bethan Year 6

Healthy Habits

This half term we are introducing a whole school concept of 'Healthy Habits', we will be focusing on different healthy habits each term. The first focus will be 'Healthy Eating', where we will discuss how healthy, balanced choices help us grow, think and feel good inside. We would love you to continue these conversations at home by eating 5 fruit or vegetables a day, eating a rainbow and open conversations about a balanced diet over the dinner table.



Trick of the half term—Sunny Side

Use this trick when you are having a bad day. Try and flip the bad day in your head. Is there anything that happened today that wasn't so bad...maybe someone gave you a smile, talked to you nicely or the sun was out. Maybe it wasn't such a bad day after all.



Lunchtime assistant vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime assistant. The role is 1 hour and 15 minutes, Monday — Friday 12.20—1.35pm. If you are interested in the role please email the school at recruitment@skps.email



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.



Are you entitled?

Free Schools

If you think you may be eligible to apply for free school meals, please use the link below:

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals>

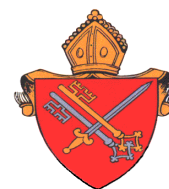




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2025-2026	
<u>Autumn Term</u>	Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025
<u>Year 1 & 2 Nativity</u>	Thursday 4th December & Friday 5th December 2025 2.15pm
<u>Year 3 & 4 Nativity</u>	Tuesday 9th December & Wednesday 10th December 2025 2.05pm
<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