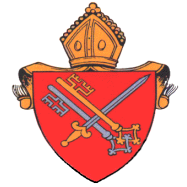




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Our worship

Theme is:

**Flourishing
together—
Inside out**

Worship

We have been treated to two class worships recently. 6TW performed an impressive whole class dance representing creation and 5MS reminded us all about the power of a smile to spread joy and happiness. In whole class worship and follow-up class activities we have been thinking about 'Bee-ing Unique' and 'Ewe Matter'.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John10:14-15. Some year 1 children helped with our, now annual, Lost Sheep worship to help illustrate 'Ewe Matter' - we dress the children up as sheep and re-tell the parable, making sure we understand the importance of the missing sheep.

Attendance

Thank you for your support with attendance this term so far. Our current whole school attendance is 97.2% which is brilliant and in line with where it should be. After half term we will be sending out attendance information as usual with reminders about expectations. We have a new Attendance Support Worker from the local authority allocated to us and will pass on any updates to you in due course. Please can we remind you again that holidays should not be taken in term time. Our attendance policy [Click Here](#) outlines attendance procedures and expectations further and the following link [Click Here](#) explains how the use of fixed penalty notices may be used.

Building Resilience Free course

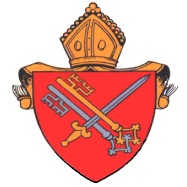
We are extremely pleased to offer a free course for parents and carers of St Katharine's aimed at 'Building Resilience' in families and children on Wednesday 15th November at 9:00am—10:30am. The course is being led by our School Navigators, Sabine and Diane, who specialise in this area. Places for the course are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis, so, if you would like to attend please contact the school office to book your place as soon as possible.

England Rocks Times Tables Rockstars Competition 14/11/23-16/11/23

We are taking part in a friendly TTRS competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 am on Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 pm Thursday 16th November 2023. It's all done online via [Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(trockstars.com\)](https://trockstars.com). Please check you are using the latest version of this at home or reload the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store. Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. TTRS will calculate the class average. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Your child can log using their Numbots or TTRS username and password. Teachers will remind children about this competition after half term but in the meantime, let's start practicing now; ready to show England what amazing Times Tables Rockstars we are!



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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.



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.



Are you entitled?

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 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.



#TogetherWeCan

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.

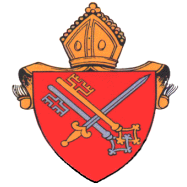




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2023/2024	
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday 12th September 2023—Tuesday 28th November 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 30th October 2023
Parents Evening (now available to book)	Wednesday 8th November & Thursday 9th November 2023
Year 5 & 6 Choir concert at The Pavilion	Tuesday 21st November 2023
Year 1 & 2 Nativity	Thursday 30th November & Friday 1st December 2.05pm
Year 3 & 4 Nativity	Wednesday 5th December & Thursday 6th 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
<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

