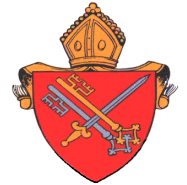




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Our worship
Theme is:
TriWonder

Worship

Year 6 led a fantastic Leavers' Service at St Katharine's Church this week where they shared their memories and talents with the whole school in the morning and parents in the afternoon. It was a moving and inspiring service with some wonderful performances from the children. Best wishes to all our year 6 children as they move to their new schools in September.



Thank you

Thank you for all the very generous gifts and cards to staff this week. It's been another busy year and we are looking forward to re-fuelling, ready for the 2025-2026 academic year. We hope you all have a relaxing summer holiday.



Staff Farewells

We've said goodbye today to Mrs Dennett, year 6 TA, who has been at St Katharine's for 18 years, helping our children to flourish; we will miss her artistic talents, sense of humour and vast knowledge of supporting children. We also wish Miss Whitman, year 5 TA, the best of luck for her next steps, training to be a primary school teacher; she has been a super TA for the last two years.



FSK

A big thank you to everyone for supporting the FSK events this year and to the amazing FSK committee and champions who have worked tirelessly to organise everything. Please see the attached poster that illustrates how much money was raised and what it has been spent on.



Start of term - Thursday 4th September

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Wednesday 3rd September and term starts for the children on Thursday 4th September.

Please refer to the uniform policy on our website, ready for September. Earrings **must** be removed for school, including the transparent holders. A significant amount of time was spent dealing with earrings last autumn - our expectation is that parents support our uniform policy.

September meet the teacher

This year, brief meetings will be held by the year group teachers after school (y1 - y6) to share information and for you to meet the teachers. There will be one meeting (one year group) per day, starting soon after 3:15. Children and siblings will be looked after in another year group area by staff. The days are as follows:

Friday 5th September - yr6

Monday 8th September- yr5

Tuesday 9th September - yr4

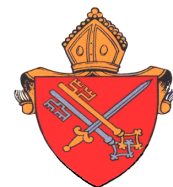
Wednesday 10th September - yr2

Thursday 11th September - yr1





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Friday 12th September - yr3

Please add these dates to your diary.



Gardening Club

This week the children have been able to taste the home grown vegetables from gardening club, during lunchtime at the salad bar.



St Nicholas Community Garden Open Afternoon & Plant sale

Saturday 2nd August 2-4pm @ St Nicholas church - come along to enjoy cream teas and homemade cakes with a chance to purchase a variety of plants & see how the garden is progressing



Hot School Meals

We are not going to increase the charge for hot school meals at this point in time, the price will remain at £3.20 for the Autumn Term 2025.



Activity Club Price Increase – September 2025

Due to the increasing costs to the school of running our activity clubs we will be increasing the weekly charge, this will take effect from September 2025, **ALL** activity clubs will increase by 50p per week. We will maintain the 15% discount applied to all teacher led clubs to cover for unplanned cancellations.



Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2025

Due to the ever increasing costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2025:

Breakfast Club – short session - £3.70 increasing to £4.00

Breakfast Club – long session - £5.70 increasing to £6.00

Afterschool Club – full session - £12.00 increasing to £12.50

Afterschool Club – post activity club session – will remain at £9.00



School Telephone

When calling the school telephone number, please listen carefully to the options, as these have recently been amended,. There are also two additional options which include:

Option 5: The breakfast club phone line is only available between the hours of 7.45am and 8.45am

Option 6: The afterschool club phone line is only available between the hours of 3:15pm and 6pm.



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





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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.



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@bcpccouncil.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@bcpccouncil.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.



2025-2026	
<u>Autumn Term</u>	Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025
<u>Inset Day</u>	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
<u>Inset Day</u>	Friday 24th October 2025
<u>Autumn Half Term</u>	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025
<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