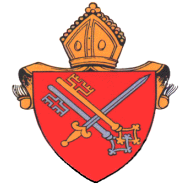




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**Our worship
Theme is:
Flourishing
together—
Inside out**

Worship

Year 6 presented the first class worship of the year, looking particularly smart and focused - such good role models! They thanked the children for their generosity in bringing in so many harvest donations. The children have been enjoying thinking about biodiversity this half term through worship. Last week, we talked about the habitats of the Natterjack Toad in Hengistbury Head and the Mountain Gorilla in Rwanda National Park. This week we looked at Mrs St John's photos of the beekeeper she met in Rwanda and learnt some bee facts. We also reflected upon how the Bible mentions bees, how bees have different roles in and around their hives and how our school is a bit like a hive - we are all unique and have different roles 'Bee Unique'.

PE news

As you know, St Katharine's place the utmost importance on promoting PE, Physical Activity and School Sport (PESSPA) and have worked closely with the Youth Sport Trust for many years, with Mrs St John being a Headteacher Ambassador. We are very proud that Mr Burke has just been given the role of LEAD PE Catalyst for the south of England and will be working with the Youth Sport Trust on given days across the year to promote and champion the role of PESSPA in schools across the region, supporting schools to share good practice. This role runs alongside his job at St Katharine's, so don't worry, he will still be here to continue the great work for our children.

Pupil Leadership

Year 6 children have been allocated their pupil leadership roles today. We were so proud of the children who put themselves forward for house captain roles, standing in front of a huge number of children to give their presentations. Pupil leadership is a big part of our school and all year 6 children are subject ambassadors, play leaders, values leaders or SEASIDE leaders in addition to those voted in as house captains. Well done to everyone!

Hengistbury Head Day

The whole school enjoyed investigating 'Why is Hengistbury Head an inspirational place to so many people?' It was a great opportunity to reflect upon the unique location of our school through geography fieldwork as well as exploring the history behind Charles Rolls of Rolls Drive. We also discussed the biodiversity of our local area, linking to Mrs. St. John's worships. We were amazed at the children's home learning. It was truly fantastic! The children really showed us their talents and interests. We saw Hengistbury Head models, poetry and story writing, amazing artwork, information about the wildlife found at the Head, amazing history work and map work, photography – the list could go on! Thank you for your on-going support.

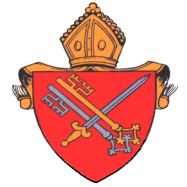
St Nicolas' Harvest Service

Last month, nine children from years 2 through to year 6 led the prayers and part of the Harvest Service at St Nicholas' Church. The children shared the message of sharing with others less fortunate than ourselves and provided the congregation with the opportunity to reflect on what gifts or possessions they could share. The children really impressed the whole church with their confidence, grace and compassion - well done to all involved.





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Year 6 football Tournament

The year 6 football team had their first football tournament of the year last week against 20 other schools from across Bournemouth. At the start, there was a few nerves especially as they were champions last season when in year 5, but these soon settled down when they won their first match. This set the standard for the rest of the afternoon, with the whole team showing great teamwork and commitment to help others. The team went on and won their league, without losing a single game, but always showing grace for each other and the other teams. The next part of the tournament was another league format, but with all the winners of their respective league making up the top league. This league proved to very tough, as it was the best four teams from across Bournemouth, some nerves started to come back. All had to show resilience when times become hard. Once again, the team did not lose a game but struggled to breakdown some very good sides and ended up coming second overall and qualified for the county finals. Great team effort showed by all.

Year 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country

The cross-country team was in full force for the first event of the year at Littledown this week. For many it was their first experience of cross-country and representing the school. As a school, we were one of the few that filled every age with the maximum amount of children allowed to compete. So good to see so many children competing. Each event had roughly 100 - 150 children in from across all schools in Bournemouth, with years 4 completing one lap (around 800M) and years 5&6 completing 2 laps. Some great individual runs but more importantly as a team we were very successful. Results have not yet been published. Keep up all the hard work runners.

All Together Survey

Please can you take a few minutes to complete the survey, reflecting on the past academic year or, if your child is new to the school, on the past few weeks. The survey is anonymous but if you would like to discuss anything that arises from the survey with a member of staff at school, please make a note of your name in the final comments section.

<https://forms.office.com/e/BpiPpiNzQM>

Second Hand Uniform

Thank you very much to all of the helpers for organising the second hand uniform, a total of £123.75 was raised for the school.

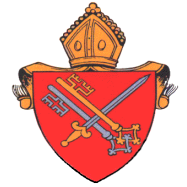
FSK Non Uniform Day

The FSK welcome you to wear a bright coloured t-shirt for our non-uniform day on Friday 20th October. In return we welcome a small coloured donation towards our rainbow raffle. Each year group has their own colour and we encourage you to bring an item in that colour, however if you have something lovely in an alternative colour, that is welcome too. Once all donations have been received, the FSK will make up a hamper for each colour and add them to the Christmas raffle along with some other fantastic prizes!





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Dog Fouling

Please take extra care when walking to and from school as we have had reports of dog fouling in the area. If you are a dog owner please take time to pick up any dog fouling and dispose of responsibly.



Medical Details

If any medical details have changed over the summer months, please complete a *Medical Condition Update* form. This is available from the school office and the school website.



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.stkatharinesprimary.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.stkatharinesprimary.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.

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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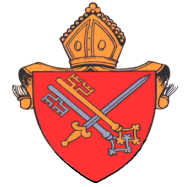




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2023/2024	
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday 12th September 2023—Tuesday 28th November 2023
Early Years Vision Screening	Wednesday 11th October 2023
Individual School Photographs	Wednesday 18th October 2023
FSK Non-Uniform Day	Friday 20th October 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 30th October 2023
Parents Evening (timings TBC)	Wednesday 8th November & Thursday 9th November 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