St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

Whole School Newsletter Friday 6th November 2026

Our Worship theme is:

The SEASIDE way

Worship

Just before half term we had a fabulous worship from 6TW about resilience. This week we had a visit from Rev. Powis and our whole school worship focused on one of the Bible stories relating to our vision: Fishing for People/The Miraculous Catch. Children are thinking about how they can use our values to make a difference in school.

Our Musician of the month for November is Jacqueline du Pré



About: Jacqueline Mary du Pré OBE was a British cellist, widely regarded as one of the greatest cellists of the 20th century. Born in Oxford, she began studying at the Guildhall School of Music in the mid1950s with William Pleeth, earning the school's Gold Medal in 1960. By the age of 20, she was performing with leading orchestras worldwide. Her career was cut short in her late twenties due to multiple sclerosis, forcing her to withdraw from public performance. Du Pré remained active as a teacher and mentor until her death at the age of 42.

Genres: Classical (Cello)

Active from: 1961-1973

Origin: Oxford, United Kingdom

To hear more please follow the Spotify link below

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0rmYsDLQ1T0S9dxm68cQdW?si=fn5EyAGFR8eJ4Zzg2S9IBA&nd=1&dlsi=71e6e9b230e14d29



Helping your child to Sleep – a session for all parents

A reminder that we will be running a 'Helping Your Child Sleep Session' for parents/carers on **Tuesday 10th November 2026** at 2pm.

This session will be led by Lucy Jackson, our school nurse.

During the session, she will be giving tips on:

- Bedtime environment
- Creating a bedtime routine
- Strategies to support common sleep difficulties
- Relaxation and calming Activities for deeper sleep.

Please find below a link to support for parents and carers from the Parent Carer Foundation. This includes both group and one to one support specifically in relation to SEND. Two Ways We Can Support SEND Parents And Carers This November And December

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We can't wait to welcome you to **A Sky Full of Stars** next Thursday 12th November! Tickets are pre-sale only and won't be available at the gate. Ticket sales will close at 9pm on Wednesday or once sold out.

Our event will be cashless and tokens will be required to purchase items and activities. A helpful guide is attached to work out how many you might like to purchase. Token online sales close at 9pm on Monday and tokens will come home with your child on Wednesday.

Tickets and tokens can be purchased here:

Friends of St Katharine's School

pta-events.co.uk

A polite reminder that children's personalised **Christmas Cards** need to be ordered by midday on Friday 13th November.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at: friendsofstkatharines@outlook.com

Nut Free School

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school. Please also check ingredients on packaged food that you send into school with your child. We have a number of children who can have a very serious allergic reaction should they come into contact with nuts.

Hot School Meals



Please remember to order your hot school meal by 12.00pm (midday) the day before the meal

Free School Meals

As you may be aware, there are some important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from September 2026 The Government has announced that, from the start of the 2026/27 academic year, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals. This means that many more families will now be eligible for support.

BCP Council has advised that all families must submit a new Free School Meals application, including those whose children already receive Free School Meals.

If you currently receive Free School Meals, or if your household receives Universal Credit, please complete an application as soon as possible using the link below:
https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals

Southbourne Food Bank

Please find attached information about the local Southbourne food bank. Please ask the school office about a referral

2026-2027	
Autumn Term	Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm
Nativities:	Year 1 & 2 – Tuesday 1st December 2026 @ 2.15pm
	Year 1 & 2 – Wednesday 2nd December 2026 @ 2.15pm
	Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday 8th December 2026 @ 2.05pm
	Year 3 & 4 – Wednesday 9th December 2026 @ 2.05pm
	Early Years – Tuesday 15th December 2026 @ 2.30pm
Year 2 Lighthouse Trip	Tuesday 8th December 2026
Pantomime & Christmas Lunch	Thursday 10th December 2026
Year 5 & 6 Musicians	Monday 14th December 2026
Year 5 & 6 Carol Service	Wednesday 16th December 2026 @ St. Katharine's Church at 6.00pm
Spring Term	Monday 4th January to Thursday25th March 2027 at 1.30pm
Spring Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12th April to Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 1.00pm
Summer Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Inset Day	19th, 20th and 21st July 2027