



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

Whole School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026



Our Worship theme is:

The SEASIDE way

Worship

We had a glorious, surprise worship on the beach last week - the first one ever and everyone loved it. The sun was shining, sea sparkling and the beach empty - a wonderful way to start our Hengistbury Head week. Rev. Powis led our worship and told the story of Jesus calming the storm with his unique musical instrument recreating the sound of the wind. This week, in whole school worship, we acted out a person in a boat being guided by a lighthouse and our school values. Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Musician of the month for October - Sister Rosetta Tharpe

Sister Rosetta Tharpe was an American singer, songwriter and guitarist. She gained popularity in the 1930s and 1940s with her gospel recordings, characterized by a unique mixture of spiritual lyrics and electric guitar. She was the first great recording star of gospel music, and was among the first gospel musicians to appeal to rhythm and blues and rock and roll audiences, later being referred to as "the original soul sister" and "the Godmother of rock and roll".

Genres: Blues, Gospel, Jazz, Rock and Roll Active from: 1921 – 1968

Origin: Arkansas, U.S.A.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9a49oFalZE>

Parent Workshops - Parental Feedback

We would like to hear your ideas for parent sessions this year. These sessions will help you to have a better understanding of what we do in school and how you can support your child at home.

Please complete the microsoft form below to show all the area which you may be interested in. [Parent Workshops – Fill out form](#)

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





Hi!



ROUND UP

A SKY FULL OF

Stars

A DAZZLING SHOW OF
LIGHTS, LASERS &
FIREWORKS!

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNTED
TICKETS
AVAILABLE
NOW!

RAFFLE PRIZES

If you can kindly donate a
prize for our Christmas
raffle, please contact
friendsofstkatharines
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thank you



Meet
our Team



HANNAH, CHAIR



ANITA, VICE CHAIR



SARAH, TREASURER



DIDEM, VICE TREASURER



ANDY, SECRETARY



STEPH, TRUSTEE



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NON UNIFORM DAY
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

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ON SALE NOW**



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<u>2026-2027</u>	
Autumn Term	Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm
Inset Day	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 20 th October 2026 – 3.30pm to 7.00pm Wednesday 21 st October 2026 – 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Inset Day	Friday 23rd October 2026
Autumn Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026
FSK Fireworks	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Spring Term	Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th 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