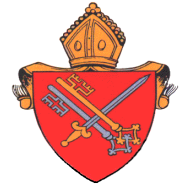




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Whole School Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026

**Our worship
Theme is:
Bags of Hope**

Worship

In worship this week, we heard all about Sophie Turner-Zaretsky who was a refugee in WW2 in Poland. She named her teddy, 'Refugee'. 50 years later she donated him to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and in 2006, astronaut Mark Polansky took him on space shuttle Discovery's mission in space. 'Refugee the bear' became a symbol of hope and survival. We have also been thinking about Leviticus 19v33, "Do not be unkind to any foreign people who come to your land. Instead, treat them as you treat your own people and love them as much as yourself." Year 6 will be taking a soft toy Paddington and a backpack containing messages of kindness and hope to their leavers' service at The Priory in a few weeks - the Diocese are collecting them up from all their schools and donating them to a refugee charity to give to children.

Year 2 also led their worship, celebrating World Ocean Day - they were inspiring and made us all think about our wonderful environment.



FSK

A huge thank you to FSK for their brilliant organisation of 'Summer Fest' - thank you to everyone who helped and attended the event, supporting our school fundraising and joining together as a community to have some fun.

Parent drop-in/book look

It was fantastic to see so many of you pop in after school on Monday. The teachers really enjoyed talking to you about the children's learning and progress.

Maths Morning

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome pupils from Pokesdown Primary, Highcliffe Primary and Somerford Primary to join some of our Year 3 and 4 children for a girls' maths morning. The pupils took part in a range of exciting problem-solving activities, including cracking codes, exploring seashell symmetry, investigating Fibonacci spirals and tackling creative Lego challenges. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, with plenty of fantastic reasoning, collaboration and problem-solving skills on display throughout the morning.



Football Festival

We are immensely proud of our talented Year 3 and 4 girls who represented St. Katharine's at the Football Festival organised by AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust. On Friday 5th June, the team competed against 10 schools in a day filled with enthusiasm, determination and sporting excellence. Throughout the tournament, the girls demonstrated exceptional teamwork, resilience and commitment, giving their very best in every match. They embraced each challenge with confidence and positivity, continually pushing themselves and supporting one another on and off the pitch. Their dedication and hard work were evident and they represented our school with outstanding sportsmanship and pride. Congratulations to all of the girls involved on such a successful and inspiring day!





Healthy Habits



This half term in *Healthy Habits*, we will be learning about staying safe, with a particular focus on sun and heat safety, road safety and water safety as we prepare for the summer months. Children will learn simple ways to keep themselves safe, such as staying close to a trusted adult near roads, protecting their skin and bodies in hot weather, and understanding basic water safety rules. We would love for you to continue these conversations at home. Talking with your child about how to stay safe when travelling, playing outside in the sun, or near water will help reinforce these important messages.

Musician of the month



Our musician for June is Grażyna Bacewicz Biernacka. She was a Polish composer and violinist of Lithuanian origin. She is the second Polish female composer to have achieved national and international recognition, the first being Maria Szymanowska in the early 19th century. Many of her compositions feature the violin although she composed chamber music, orchestral works and scores for films and radio works. She continued to write music during WWII, during which she continued to compose music, even giving secret underground concerts in Warsaw during the Nazi occupation.

Genres: Classical, Chamber Music, Film Scores Active from: 1924-1968

FSK Summer Fest

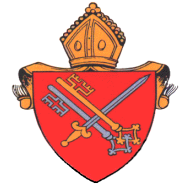
WOW what an amazing Summer Fest we had last Friday! There were smiles all around, plenty of laughter and lots of FUN from start to finish. Thank you to everyone who joined us, volunteered and helped make it such a brilliant and memorable event!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the raffle and festival combined raised an incredible £7K, which will be used to further enhance the outdoor play areas.





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Activity Club Price Increase – September 2026

Due to the increasing costs to the school of running our activity clubs we will be increasing the weekly charges, this will take effect from September 2026, **ALL** school led activity clubs will increase to £3.85. We will maintain the 15% discount to cover for unplanned cancellations. AFCB Football club will increase from £6.00 per session to £6.60 and Avonbourne Gymnastics club will increase from £6.00 per session to £6.50.



Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2026

Due to the increasing costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2026:

- Breakfast Club** Long session - from £6.00 per session to £6.60 per session
Short session - from £4.00 per session to £4.40 per session
- Afterschool Club** Full session - from £12.50 per session to £13.00 per session
Post activity club session – from £9.00 per session to £9.15 per session



Absence during term time

Please note no holidays are authorised during term time, please remember to use the 'Leave of Absence during term time' form, which can be found on our website using the link: [Leave of absence during term time form](#).

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. **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



If you think you may be eligible to apply for free school meals, please use the link below:

<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals>





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<u>2025-2026</u>	
Summer Term	Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026
Year 3 Swimming	Every Tuesday, up to and including Tuesday 23rd June
Great Big Dance Off Final	Monday 15th June 2026
Y5 Crystal Vardo Theatre Show Trip	Wednesday 17th June 2026
Sports Day	Monday 29th June 2026 - All day event
Southbourne on Sea Parish Summer Fair, St Nicholas Church	Saturday 11th July 2026
End of Term	Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.00pm—Inset Days: 20th, 21st and 22nd July 2026
<u>2026-2027</u>	
Autumn Term	Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm
Inset Day	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Inset Day	Friday 23rd October 2026
Autumn Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 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