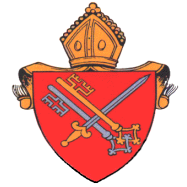




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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Candlemas

In worship this week we learnt all about Candlemas, also known as 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple'. The children heard about Simeon and Anna, who were two of God's 'superstars' and knew instantly when they saw the baby Jesus that he was the saviour God had told them would appear during their lifetime. We considered how one of the messages from this story is that people of all ages are part of God's world, another reminder of Ubuntu.

5MS led a fabulous worship last week about the joy of stories and our brilliant Katherine Johnson House Captains reminded us once again of what an inspirational person she was.

The new Bishop of Southampton, Bishop Rhiannon, led the service at St Katharine's Church last Sunday. Here she is holding a copy of our 'Forever Flourishing' book. You may remember that Bishop Rhiannon visited our school in September on the day she was announced in parliament. The following link is a short video of her visit (we are in the 2nd half).

<https://fb.watch/xvoAMzBbUy/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v>

Parent / Carer Drop-in – Thursday 27th March 1.45 – 3pm at St Nicholas church hall

Your church family would like to provide an opportunity for parents, grandparents and carers to come together and share their joys and challenges of parenting. This group will develop depending on what YOU want from it but our volunteers have a wide variety of parenting experience and wish to come alongside our local parents as listening ears and where appropriate, offer some guidance. We are looking to run this group on a monthly basis to start with. All welcome (including toddlers) for an opportunity to chat over refreshments.

Next meeting will be Thursday 1st May 1.45-3pm – same location.

We may look to offer an evening group too. If this would be of interest then please contact the group leader, Natalie Greenfield, via email:- natalie_greenfield@yahoo.co.uk

Messy Church

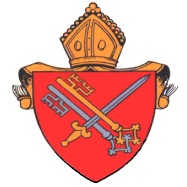
All Saints', St. Nicholas & St. Katharine's Churches will be holding a joint 'Messy Church' at All Saints' Church Centre, Oxford Avenue, Southbourne, BH6 5EH on Saturday 22nd February from 2pm to 4pm. There will be lots of craft activities, treasure hunt and snacks for our children as well as light refreshments for the adults. This is a free event so why not come along and enjoy a fun afternoon with us... everyone welcome!

Parking and road safety

Since the start of term, we have noticed a **huge increase** in the number of cars **parking illegally, inconsiderately and dangerously** when dropping off and collecting children from school. We are extremely concerned about the safety of the children and other pedestrians. To ensure that we can all stay safe and avoid any accidents, we strongly request that you **park away from the double yellow lines**, in a safe place, even when you are running late. It has also been reported to us that children have been scooting across the road without looking or running across the road without looking to a parents car. Please speak to your child about this before an accident occurs.



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Don't forget
parents
evening!

Parents and Carers Evening

An email was sent yesterday with information regarding our upcoming Parents and Carers evening on Wednesday 26th February 3.30pm—7.00pm and Thursday 27th February 3.30pm 6.00pm. Appointments will be available to book via Arbor on Monday 10th February at 7.30pm.

MYTIME
YOUNG CARERS

My Time Young Carers

Over the last two weeks all of the staff at St Katharine's have received training from the My Time Young Carers charity. This week, all of the children shared an assembly with My Time and learnt what an important role young carers play in their families. The children also learnt about the type of support My Time and school can offer to any young carers. If you would like further details on My Time or you wish to discuss if your child may be a young carer, please contact <https://www.mytimeyoungcarers.org/> or speak to our Young Carers champions - Mrs Burton or Mr Burke.



Musician of the Month

Each month we learn about a new musician to widen our knowledge of different styles and genres of music. So far this year we have learned about Kate Bush, Stevie Wonder, Hildegard of Bingen, Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Hans Zimmer. February's Musicians of the Month are **The Supremes**.

The Supremes were an American girl group during the 1960s.

Founded as the Primettes in Detroit, Michigan, in 1959, the Supremes were the most commercially successful of Motown's acts and the most successful American vocal band, with 12 number-one singles on the Billboard Hot 100. Genres: R&B/Soul, Pop, Disco Active from: 1959 - 1977 Origin: Detroit, U.S.A.

There is a Spotify Playlist here if you'd like to listen more - <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5TbqIxiGEzJbAUZpbUbK7W?si=cdb0561759fc4b0f&nd=1&dlsi=173bdadc888b4a67>



Musical Performances

Our pupils are very lucky in our school to have so many opportunities to hear live music and perform themselves. However, we are always looking for new and different ones to extend our understanding of the world of music.

If you play an instrument or are part of a music group, and would be willing to perform to a group of children, then we would love to hear from you. Please email the office who will pass any information on to Mrs Smith.



Thank You!

Lost Property and Second Hand Uniform

A big thank you to all our volunteers who tidied and sorted out the lost property and second hand uniform. From our event at the end of January we raised £48.15.



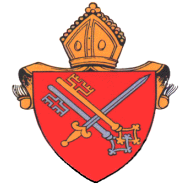
Absences Reminders

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





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call in or email on each day of their absence.



Hot School Meals

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



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.stkatharinesceprimary.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.stkatharinesceprimary.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

2024—2025	
Spring Term	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 2025
Spring Half Term	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2025
Parents Evening	Wednesday 26th February—& Thursday 27th February 2025
FSK Easter Disco	Thursday 27th March 2025
End of Term	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
Summer Term	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
End of Term	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 21st July 2025
Inset Day	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

educational provision and resources at the school and you would be helping us, if you are eligible and register.