



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

Whole School Newsletter

27th March 2026



## Worship

We thoroughly enjoyed two class worships led by 4SP linked to STEM and aspirations and 3IS about Easter and hope. Both classes displayed excellent presentation skills and creativity. This week, year 5 led a beautiful Easter service representing the Easter story through the perspectives of Peter, Mary, a soldier, Mary Magdalene and Jesus. The year 5 children were fantastic and impressed us all, from the rehearsals through to both the performance to parents and the school at St Katharine's Church.

## Beacon Well School

We are really pleased to share with you that after being selected as a Youth Sport Trust Beacon Well School, we have recently been awarded our official accreditation as a 5\* Well School. To become a Well School we had to demonstrate and share evidence that we support our children and staff in four areas: Well Culture, Lead Well, Move Well and Live Well.



Thank you to the families who joined us on the field before school for an active and social start to the day today - it was wonderful to see everyone together.

## Bags of Hope prayer stations

This week saw the conclusion of the weekly 'Bags of Hope' prayer stations. Over this half term, every child has visited the prayer stations with their class. The activities have provided the children with an opportunity to reflect on the theme of hope and how we can all give hope to vulnerable people around the world. Although, all of the prayer stations were thoroughly enjoyed, some of the highlights were 'pipe cleaner people' and the 'peace garden'. Thank you to Mrs Batchelor, Mrs Gibson, Miss Conrath and Mr Jones who have led the stations alongside volunteers from St Katharine's and St Nicholas' church.

## WOW - Walk to School Challenge

What a super start to the WOW - Walk to School Challenge! We have been so impressed with the amount of children travelling to school actively this week. The children have enjoyed logging how they have travelled to school each day. This will continue for the remainder of this school year and if children travel to school actively at least once a week for a month, they will earn a collectible badge to put on their school bag. Well done to 1FP who have recorded the most active journeys so far!



## STEM WEEK

Last week we had our STEM Week, which begun with a whole school STEM Fair. Thank you to the parents who supported us with the fair. This was followed by a series of focused curriculum days in science, maths and computing. St Peter's Secondary Science team





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shared some 'magical science' moments with the whole school and we also had a visit from the BSG Robotics Team, who delivered robotics workshops for Year 6. They also presented an engineering talk and robot demonstration to pupils in Years 4–6, offering valuable insight into real world technological applications. Pupils took part in a lunchtime STEM Book Club and engaged in the "Challenge 100" initiative, where classes used sets of 100 items to design and construct imaginative structures, encouraging teamwork, creativity and problem solving. The week concluded with a celebration assembly led by our STEM Ambassadors, recognising the enthusiasm, effort and curiosity demonstrated by pupils across all year groups.



## FSK Update

Please find attached our **Round-Up** with latest news and upcoming events!

We look forward to hearing how the children get on with their **Challenge 26** over the Easter holidays and welcome everyone to attend our FSK market in the playground after school on Friday 17th April.



## Music Instrumental Lesson

Instrumental lessons for Years 4 5, and 6 will commence the first week after the Easter break. Please ensure that you child has their instrument in school for their lessons.

## Sporting News—Handball Competition



On Tuesday, some children from year 5 & 6 took part in a handball tournament against Christchurch schools. Although, we are not a Christchurch school, were invited to take part as we have often done over the years. In a couple of matches, we won 4-0 and 7-0 and our tightest game was against CJS where it was 8-5. We won all of our games, which makes us the Christchurch Champions of 2026. This was a great experience for us and gave us a good focused start ready for the Bournemouth event, where the winners will go to the Dorset finals.

We are very happy with our achievements.

Written by Danny and Marnie year 6



## BCP Library Events over Easter

Please see the following link for information about activities taking place for children and families in BCP libraries during the Easter holidays. [Click here for newsletter for parents](#)

## 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.





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

<u>2025-2026</u>	
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 27th March 2026 at 1.30pm
<u>Summer Term</u>	Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026
<u>Year 3 Swimming</u>	Starts Tuesday 14th April until Tuesday 23rd June
<u>Year 4 Ancient Technology Centre</u>	Tuesday 14th April 2026
<u>Early Years Farmer Palmers</u>	Thursday 23rd April 2026
<u>Choir—Bournemouth Performing Arts Festival</u>	Friday 24th April 2026—Return to school by lunchtime
<u>Indoor Athletics County Final</u>	Friday 1st May 2026
<u>Year 3 and Year 5 BSO trip to Poole Light-house</u>	Wednesday 20th May 2026—Return to school by lunchtime
<u>Year 6 Residential</u>	Wednesday 20th May—Friday 22nd May 2026
<u>Summer Half Term</u>	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
<u>Great Big Dance Off Final</u>	Monday 15th June 2026
<u>Sports Day</u>	Monday 29th June 2026 - All day event
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.00pm
<u>Inset Days</u>	Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July 2026

