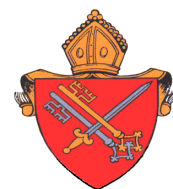




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Our worship
Theme is:
TriWonder



Worship

Thank you to our Earth Ambassadors who led a fabulous worship last week about the wonders of renewable energy.

Last week, 3IS led a very colourful worship about May Day which celebrated the diversity in the world and helped us think about the Psalm 'This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it'. This week, 1RD shared their very first class worship which was full of creativity, singing and dancing! The children told us how God helps us achieve our dreams and it linked perfectly to our school value of aspiration.

VE Day

Yesterday was amazing! We dressed in red, white and blue and we had a worship about VE day (victory in Europe day) and how the Allies won the war. We sang I'll remember then, we went outside for a parade around the school field with our Union Jack flags with 40s music playing in the background. This morning, the History ambassadors found out that early years looked at an old painting about VE day celebrations. They found out that the crown represents winning and victory. Year 1 found out that people celebrated the end of war by having a street party where lots of people shared happiness and joy. Year 2 looked at a photo of people celebrating and year 3 watched a short clip which showed people crowding everywhere to see the red arrows and aeroplanes in the sky. Finally, year 5 and 6 read an evacuee diary and found out that people dressed in their best clothes and waved their Union Jack flags. Written by Daisy and Tabi.

Food Action Team

The children completed a survey in class this week, sharing their ideas with our new catering team for a new menu. We then had a meeting of our 'Food Action Team' and had a little taste of some food - the sausages were declared by one child as 'the best sausages I have ever had!' Our Eco-Warrior Team sent some representatives and they are very keen for the school to have a 'Meat-Free Monday'. They are going to present their idea to the whole school next Monday and we are going to vote on the suggestion.

HENRA VE80 Day Celebrations

On bank holiday Monday, some of our school choir went to St Nicholas Church grounds to celebrate VE80 day. There were more people than we expected, especially as the weather was a little cold and rather windy. The mayor was there and welcomed us. We all sang together and joined in with the four adults too. We sang some songs we knew already and a special song, "I'll remember" written especially for VE80 day; some of the choir were very brave and sang the verses in pairs. The audience all joined in with our last song "The White Cliffs of Dover" and seemed to enjoy the whole entertainment. Ava & Bea

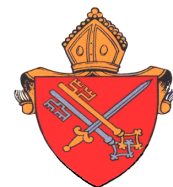
Global Neighbours Gold Award

We are delighted to have received the Gold Award in recognition of our commitment to global citizenship, social justice, anti-racism and environmental education. This Christian Aid Award reflects the importance that we place on joined-up thinking about world issues in our curriculum, values and vision at St Katharine's. A big thank you to Mrs Dickinson for leading our work on this in recent years.





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Musician of the Month

After enjoying music by **Bessie Smith** in April, we have started to learn about **Kishori Amonkar**, an Indian classical vocalist, belonging to the Jaipur gharana, or a community of musicians sharing a distinctive musical style. She is considered to be one of the foremost classical singers in India. Amonkar trained under her mother, classical singer Mogubai Kurdikar also from the Jaipur gharana, but she experimented with a variety of vocal styles in her career. Genres: Hindustani classical music Active from: c.1945-2016 Origin: Bombay (now Mumbai), India. If you'd like to hear some of her music you can use the QR code on the left.

English Touring Opera

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Opera last week to see The Vanishing Forest, which was an adaptation of the story A Midsummer Night's Dream. This was the third in a trilogy of environmental operas and was staged in the central atrium of Bournemouth Central Library. Children were amazed by the singing, music and staging and had time for a Q&A at the end of the performance. This trip was a such rich stream of arts - from Shakespeare to opera with the bonus of being staged in a large, cultural venue.

This Girl Can!

On Wednesday the 30th of April 2025 9 girls from year 4 went to a 'This Girl Can' event at Talbot Heath school. We had an amazing time trying out some different sports throughout the day. We tried rounders, football, tag games and cheer/dance. Unsurprisingly, we all had a go at them and had lots of fun! There were 12 schools there in total so we had the opportunity to work with girls from other schools. Luckily, it was a hot, sunny day for us to spend playing sports. Written by Erin and Nylah.



FSK

A reminder that children can come to school in **NON-UNIFORM** on **Friday 16th May** in return for a donation for our Summer Fest tombolas.

We need you! Please get in touch with your FSK Champion if you can volunteer at Summer Fest. We cannot run these events with your help! Thank you, FSK



Arbor Reminders

Please be reminded to update your Arbor account with permitted adults to collect your child and consents for travelling home alone for Year 5 & 6



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](#).



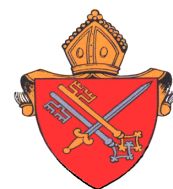
Reporting Absences

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.





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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.



Are you entitled?

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

2024—2025	
<u>Summer Term</u>	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
<u>Year 3 Swimming</u>	Every Tuesday from 22nd April—8th July 2025
<u>Year 6 Land & Wave residential</u>	Tuesday 20th May—Friday 23rd May 2025
<u>Year 3 & 5 BSO Trip</u>	Wednesday 21st May 2025
<u>Summer Half Term</u>	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
<u>FSK Summer Fair</u>	Friday 6th June 2025
<u>Class Photographs</u>	Wednesday 11th June 2025
<u>Sports Day at Kings Park</u>	Monday 16th June 2025
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 21st July 2025
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

