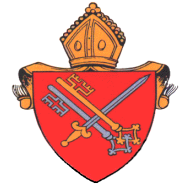





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**Our worship  
Theme is:**

**Ubuntu**

## Worship

In worship this week the children have been learning about a social enterprise in Rwanda, visited by Mrs St John, where a team helped people in the community to grow and sell their own vegetables. They also heard about a beekeeper, trying out more modern beehives. Each class is selecting three community service jobs to do, from the ideas collected across the school - they are on display in a bucket and spade on each class worship table.



## Deputy Head

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Burton, currently year 6 teacher, is going to be our new Deputy Head from September, taking over from Mrs Richardson. Mrs Burton has been at St Katharine's for 5 years, having previously been Head of Dance and Assistant Principal in a secondary school.

## Year 6 residential

Year 6 have had a fabulous week with Land and Wave, glamping near Corfe Castle. They have enjoyed a range of outdoor activities including coasteering, kayaking and jumbo paddleboarding. We are so proud of the resilience, collaboration and values they have displayed and grateful to the staff who gave up their time to go with them.

## Walk to School Week

Thank you for everyone's full support last week with Walk to School Week and participating in our daily challenges. Hopefully, as a family, you were able to talk about the benefits of walking for both our wellbeing and the future of the planet. Many classes across the school have pledged to continue walking or scooting to school at least once a week going forward so that we can continue to bring about sustainable change. With such lovely weather at the moment, it is the perfect time to embrace the outdoors and walk or scoot.

## Book Fair

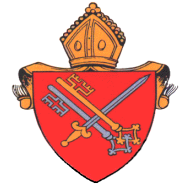
Thank you to everyone who purchased a book from our recent Usborne Book Fair. This event was so successful and has provided the school with £700 to spend on new books for our classroom libraries. If you have purchased a book, you should expect to receive it shortly after the half term break.

## E-safety Week

As a school, we will be holding an e-safety week from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. The campaign's slogan this year is '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'. which encourages everyone to actively participate and engage in internet safety activities. This school event aims to create opportunities for children to discuss both the positives and negatives of being online and how they should 'Reach Out' if they are worried. This is a great opportunity to follow up our themes and start these conversations at home, which must begin from a young age, as well as signpost parents and carers to further resources and ideas so they can keep the conversations going and know where to go for help and advice when you need it. For further information and advice, please follow this link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>



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## Second hand uniform

A big thank you to our parents Anita and Amanda who kindly gave up their free time to sort through all of our second hand uniform donations (there were a lot) and who also ran our recent second hand uniform stall. A total of £64.17 was raised on this one occasion.



## World Ocean Day

Our school will be celebrating World Ocean Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. During the day, the children will participate in ocean-focused activities and live lessons. The theme for this year is 'Ocean is family.' It will encourage children to consider that we may be different, but we are all connected. We depend on each other like any family. Ocean is Family explores the fascinating bonds between life on land and in the seas. This also links with our school worship theme of Ubuntu, the idea that we are all one and all connected. It will also give us the opportunity to celebrate our unique location, by the sea – our 'blue space.'

## Quadkids competition

As the team got out the car, we felt very excited and nervous as we lined up for our first activity. Whilst our team mates were competing in their events we were on the side-lines cheering them on. The activities that were involved included a 60 metre sprint, a 400 metre run, howler throwing and long jump. Although the track was very wet and slippery we tried our best to stay on our feet. After sometime, we had a break for 5 minutes and were extremely anxious for the upcoming events. As the break, ended Mr Burke advised us to try our best and represent our amazing school. We were very shocked and pleased when Mr Burke told us that we had won. Written by Marnie and Florence year 4.

## Quadkids

Quad kids is made up of 4 events standing long jump, 75m sprint, 600m run and the howler throw. When you take part in a competition, you have to do the entire four events. The event that we were competing in was the Bournemouth Schools competition where we were up against 16 schools. Each school can bring six boys and six girl has to make up the team, so nearly 200 children in one venue all competing to be the best school. This is a great way to get competitive and get use to nerves that you may feel when competing in other events throughout your life. It is also very rewarding when you take part and win for your team. Written by Hugh year 6.

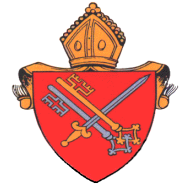
## Christchurch Quadkids Tournament

We were very lucky to be invited to the Christchurch Quadkids festival hosted by Twynham senior school where we had the opportunity to compete against the schools from Christchurch. This was a great chance for our children to put into practice all the things that they had learnt at the clubs. We certainly made the most of the kind offer and took four teams across years 3-5, taking almost 50 children to represent the school in sprints, throw, jump and a long run. All children were very proud to pull on the St Katharine's kit, whom for many was their first chance to represent the school. Everyone did really well, supporting each other and showing great team spirit. Well done to all involved.





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## Quadkids

Quad kids is an amazing experience that children from Years 3 to 4 can enjoy. It includes throwing, running, jumping and sprinting. Mr Burke and Miss Smith are helping children to get great at athletics and is inspiring the children to never give up and try and try until you succeed.



## Tennis Skills Festival

The tennis skills festival is an opportunity for children to show their control and accuracy within a tennis setting. This is part of the Summer School games structure where schools from across Bournemouth are competing to be the best in Bournemouth to then go on and represent their school in the School Games county finals at Bryanstone. St Katharine's took a mixture of children from years 3 and 4 to Southbourne Tennis Club for an afternoon of fun and skill circuits, to try to achieve the highest points possible and be the best they can be. Throughout the afternoon the children showed great teamwork and collaboration to overcome some very tricky activities, but they never gave up and this resulted with the team winning and will now have a day at the County Finals. Well done to all those involved.



## Handball competition

When we arrived, it was very cloudy and our first game was against Elm school, and we won 9-0 because of our teamwork and effective communication. After that, we kept our energy high for our next match against St. Michaels's. It was a hard match because they had good decision-making, but we had better as the score was 7-3 as we kept our hopes high. After that, we had a break in preparation of Corpus Christi match, which was hard as they were very good at communicating. The score in that game was 9-3. Later on, we were preparing for our hardest challenge yet Kingsleigh. After a tough game, we managed to come out on top with a 7-4 win, which we were happy about, as we knew that we were going to Bryanstone. With one game left against Winton (the hosts and the winners of group 1). The final came and we were very happy with the result as we won 9-2 because of our good decision-making, resilience and independence, in the thundering rain with lightning surrounding us. We were so happy as we knew that we represented our school and we were going to Bryanstone as Bournemouth Champions.



## Local free activities

Here is a link to some local free activities <https://parksfoundation.org.uk/events/>



## Medicines

Please be reminded all medicines need to be dropped off at the School Office where a permission form will also need to be completed. If your child is at breakfast club this can be done via the breakfast club staff. The form is also available on our website.

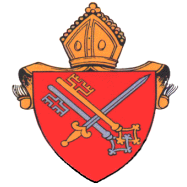
## Absences

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](mailto:office@skps.email) on each day of their absence. If your child is absent due to any other circumstances please email the school office with reasonable notice.





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## Activity Club Price Increase – September 2023

Due to the escalating costs to the school of running our activity clubs we will be increasing the weekly charge, this will take effect from September 2023, **ALL** activity clubs will increase by 50p per week.



## Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2023

Due to the escalating costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2023:

Breakfast Club – short session	-	£3.20	increasing to	£3.50
Breakfast Club – long session	-	£5.00	increasing to	£5.50
Afterschool Club	-	£10.00	increasing to	£11.50



## Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm Sunday of each week to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week. Please do not order a hot school meal on a Tuesday if your child is swimming.



## 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.



#TogetherWeCan

## SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

If you are in need of support with bills, you can apply for help through the Household Support Fund via this link: <https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/> Alternatively call BCP Citizens Advice 0800 278 7939.



Are you entitled?

## Free School Meals – is your child eligible?

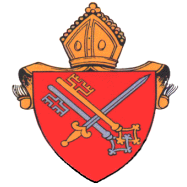
If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (this is in addition to the universal free school meals that all Key Stage 1 children receive), **please apply online at:** <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx> or email or post your 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 educational provision and resources at the school and you would be helping us, if you are eligible and register.



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<b>2022/2023</b>	
<b>Summer Term</b>	17th April—21st July 2023
<b>Year 3 Swimming &amp; Top Ups</b>	Tuesday 18th April (Every Tuesday) - Tuesday 4th July 2023
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Monday 29th May 2023—Friday 2nd June 2023
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 5th June 2023
<b>Class Photos</b>	Monday 19th June 2023
<b>Sports Day</b>	Wednesday 12th July 2023
<b>Sports Day (reserve)</b>	Thursday 13th July 2023
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 21st July 2023—1.30pm
<b>2023/2024</b>	
<b><u>Inset Day</u></b>	Friday 1st September 2023
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<b><u>Inset Day</u></b>	Monday 30th October 2023
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm
<b><u>Inset Day</u></b>	Tuesday 2nd January 2024
<b>Spring Term</b>	Wednesday 3rd January 2024— Thursday 28th March 2024
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th February 2024
<b>End of Term</b>	Thursday 28th March 2024—1.30pm
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 15th April 2024—Tuesday 23rd July 2024
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Monday 27th May 2024—Friday 31st May 2024
<b><u>Inset Day</u></b>	Monday 22nd July 2024
<b><u>Inset Day</u></b>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024