



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

## Whole School Newsletter

6th February 2026



**Our worship Theme is:**  
Head, Heart, Hands

### Worship

We have had some brilliant child-led worships recently. Firstly, 5HS told us all about Candlemas and performed a superb dance and this week the Radacanu Blue house captain led worship all about resilience. Well done to all the children who took part. Alongside this, the children have been enjoying hearing some songs from musicals: this week we watched a performance of 'When I Grow Up' from Matilda and the whole school were mesmerised! We considered that as the Bible says, "You are God's masterpiece", we don't need to wait until we grow up to use our Head, Heart, Hands in good ways. We can think about what sort of person we want to be and show it now.

### Bags of Hope

We are pleased to let you know that volunteers from St Katharine's and St Nicholas' Church will be leading a series of interactive prayer stations every Thursday afternoon after half term.

These sessions will link with this year's diocesan project 'Bags of Hope' focusing on the experiences of displaced people around the world. Through a range of activities, children will be encouraged to explore themes such as empathy, belonging, kindness and hope. The aim is to give pupils a reflective space to consider how we can support and welcome others, particularly those facing difficult or uncertain circumstances.

If any Parents or Carers would like to help with leading or supporting these activities on all or some of the Thursday afternoons, we would be very grateful. There will be an introductory meeting to explain each of the activities on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm.

If this is something you are able to help us with, please contact Mrs Burton.

### Sports Events this Term

It has been a very busy half term for sporting events, with over 12 events taking place; this is roughly two a week. We've participated in year 5/6 indoor athletics competitions, a team from St Katharine's competed in the Christchurch tournament and another school team at a Bournemouth event. This enabled every child that goes to the club an opportunity to represent that school within these sessions.



We also played many football games against other schools, including year 4 taking part in a Tournament. Also our years 5 and year 6 teams and our girls team all competed in matches within their league format.

Some year 4 also had the opportunity to represent the school in a developmental tournament within the sport of Handball at the Grange school and our first every dry tri (run and scooter) event against Christchurch junior school. This is hopefully the first of many, as the children seemed to have a great time and keep asking when is the next one!

It was also the final cross-country event of the year with year 4's competing in an individual race and the years 5/6 in a relay event. Some great effort and determination was showed by all in every event.

We look forward to more events in the coming weeks and a very busy year ahead.



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### Parents Evening— Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Please don't forget to book your parents and carers evening appointment. . Appointments are now open in Arbor to book, please only book one appointment per child. If your child has a learning plan, your teacher should have already booked an appointment with you.



### 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.

### Hot School Meals

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



Are you entitled?

### Free School Meals

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

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



### 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 call in or email on each day of their absence.

<u>2025-2026</u>	
<u>Spring Term</u>	Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026
<u>Spring Half Term</u>	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026
<u>Parents Evening</u>	Tuesday 24th February and Thursday 26th February 2026
<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>Summer Half Term</u>	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
<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



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Please see below details of the half term holiday club run by Aspire Life Sports.



**ASPIRE LIFE SPORTS FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**HELD AT:**  
**ST KATHARINE'S**

**HELD AT:**  
**St Katharine's Primary School**  
Rolls Drive  
Bournemouth  
Dorset  
BH6 4NA

**COST:**  
£24 per child  
1 x Sibling 25% off

**DATES:**  
Monday 16th Feb  
Tuesday 17th Feb  
Wednesday 18th Feb  
Thursday 19th Feb  
Friday 20th Feb

**TIMES:**  
08:00-12:00 / 13:00-17:00 / 09:00-15:00  
**Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available**

**CRAFTS**    **GAMES**    **SPORTS**

[www.aspirelifesports.co.uk](http://www.aspirelifesports.co.uk)