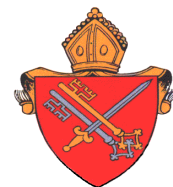




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Our worship
Theme is:
Gamechangers

Worship

Our year 6 children enjoyed a day at Christchurch Priory this week, celebrating their time at primary school along with seven other schools. The theme of the day was 'Gamechangers' and their mini clay Anthony Gormley inspired statuettes are currently on display in the Priory.

Nemo

Huge congratulations to the children who were part of Finding Nemo and to the staff who put it together. The whole school loved watching it and both our evening audiences were treated to the wonderful talents of our children. Mrs Roberts (drama teacher) has been part of drama at St Katharine's since her own children were in performances here and she has decided that it is time to step back and actually relax! We will miss her expertise and wish her well.

Election

All children visited our ballot box yesterday to vote on the new name for the gazebo. This was the idea of Winston in year 5, who wrote a letter making suggestions to Mrs St John - the results will be revealed next week!

Staff news

We will be saying farewell at the end of term to Mrs Brookes, who has been teaching for over 30 years, most of these at St Katharine's. Mrs Brookes has decided to retire and travel but we are hoping she will keep popping back to deliver science training to our staff, as well as to trainees on the Poole SCITT course. During her time with us, Mrs Brookes has been a fabulous class teacher and inspired children and staff alike with her exceptional teaching of science.

Margaret Waters is stepping down as governor at the end of term. Her service to St Katharine's has been extraordinary, leading the school office for over twenty years until 2010 and then re-joining us as a governor on the resources and admissions committees for many years. The governors and staff will truly miss her passion and commitment to the school. Thank you Margaret.

Mrs Pierce, finance officer, retires at the end of term after working in two local schools over many years; we wish her all the best for her travels and are delighted that she will be available to cover staff if needed next year.

There are some other staff who are moving on and we thank them for being part of our fantastic team at St Katharine's: Mrs Hawkins has been with us for a number of years and we wish her well on her new journey; Miss C Smith will be commencing teacher training at Reading University; Miss Buck is moving overseas; Miss Orchard is moving to a new school and Mrs Cheng is also moving to pastures new. In addition, we have Mrs Lodge and Miss Malanchuk who are both expecting their new babies during August.

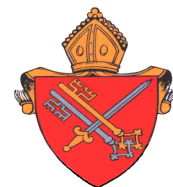
Ofsted

As you know, we had some Ofsted visitors last week. It is likely that the report won't be released until September now but the team asked us to pass on their thanks to the children who were brilliant as always. We think the children enjoyed their ice lolly treat last Thursday!





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Science fayre

Thank you for your support with the science fayre last week. It was another exciting, chaotic session that all the children enjoyed visiting and learning from.



Reports and Pop in

Reports will be sent home on Friday 12th July. You are very welcome to pop in to school between 3:15 and 4pm on Monday 15th July to collect books, see your child's teacher and be shown your child's new classroom for September.



New Staff

In September, we will be welcoming three new teachers: Miss Scarrett, Miss Mucha and Miss Chesters. We are also thrilled that we have Mrs Tizzard joining us as Specialist Teacher/Play and Creative Arts Therapist.



New Classes

Children will be meeting their new teacher on Tuesday next week. Some low-key transition activities have already been underway and we have a wide range of other activities planned to support all children with this change.



The Great Big Dance Off - National Finals

Last month, the St Katharine's Dance Club, travelled to the New Theatre, Oxford, to compete in the National Final of the Great Big Dance Off. The dancers performed with tremendous energy and wowed the sell-out audience. Out of over 30 primary schools from across the UK, the St Katharine's Dance Club were placed in the top 10! Well done to everyone involved - we're already looking forward to next year's Great Big Dance Off!



Priory Leavers' Day

On Tuesday, our year 6 pupils joined year 6 children from other Christchurch and Bournemouth church schools for a celebration at Christchurch Priory. The day, which commenced with a special church service, involved a range of art, music, dance and reflection activities all linked to the theme of being Game Changers. It was a great way to mark the end of their time at primary school - finished off with a tasty ice cream for each child!



Town Sports

Last month, year 4, 5 and 6 children from St. Katharine's competed in the Town Sports athletics event at Kings Park Stadium. Our year 6 boys won their relay with a brilliant time of 58 seconds! There were also some superb individual performances from both the boys' and the girls' teams. We also showed great encouragement, not just cheering on St. Katharine's but also pushing everyone to do their best and keep trying. By Timo



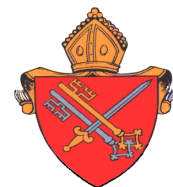
County Champions in Handball

Recently, some year 5 and 6 children from St. Katharine's competed in the Handball County Finals. We took 2 teams to this competitive event. Both teams worked hard and showed excellent resilience in this tough competition; one of our teams placed fourth and the other team came FIRST! So our handball team are county champions! This was a remarkable achievement as we were against so many other talented schools. By Timo





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Hot School Meal Price Increase—September 2024

Due to the escalating costs of food we will be increasing hot school meals by 20p per day, to £3.20 per meal.

Activity Club Price Increase – September 2024

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 2024, **ALL** activity clubs will increase by 50p per week.



Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2024

Due to the escalating costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2024:

Breakfast Club – short session	-	£3.50	increasing to	£3.70
Breakfast Club – long session	-	£5.50	increasing to	£5.70
Afterschool Club	-	£11.50	increasing to	£12.00



Second Hand Uniform and Lost Property

On Tuesday 9th July 2024 Second Hand Uniform and Lost Property will be available by the main carpark gates from 2.45pm. Please come and have a look before you pick up your children. Items have now been sorted into separate boxes to make it easier for you to find the items you need. The Second Hand Uniform is available for anyone to take, small donations to the school fund would be very gratefully received but not essential.

Clean Deep—Cleaner Vacancies

Clean Deep are on the look-out for more talented team members to join us at St Katharine's Primary School. We are looking for reliable and conscientious cleaners to support our team and the School community. All duties will be demonstrated with full training and uniform provided. We are a friendly, welcoming team creating a supportive, happy working environment. Positivity, integrity and commitment are at the heart of all that we do!

Monday - Friday, 6-9pm, Term time.

Please call Clean Deep for more details, quoting "St Katharine's".

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Hot School Meals—Immediate changes, please see separate email

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





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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 on each day of their absence. If your child is absent due to any other circumstances please email the school office with reasonable notice.



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



2023/2024	
Summer Term	Monday 15th April 2024—Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Reports out to parents	Friday 12th July 2024
Open classrooms and collect books	Monday 15th July 2024
End of Term	Friday 19th July 2024 1.00pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 22nd July 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024