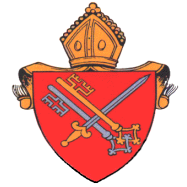




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**Our worship
Theme is:
Gamechangers**

Worship

Our worships have continued to look at how sport and the arts can be gamechanging and how people and organisations can be gamechangers in these fields. Keith Jewell visited us this week and told the story of Eric Liddell, whose achievements and faith were portrayed in the film 'Chariots of Fire'.

"God has given each of us a variety of spiritual gifts. Use them to serve one another." Peter 4:10

Sports Day

Thank you all for joining us at King's Park this week for our sports day. It was a super day and we were so proud of the efforts and resilience of all the children. A special congratulations to our year 6 children who were leaders during the morning.

Sport and Arts Week

We have had a fun-filled week at St Katharine's: sports day, beach sports, art activities and more. One of the highlights of the week has been a trailblazing biathlon that we set up for all children from year 1-6. We worked with the British Triathlon Association to pilot the event and will be sharing photograph and quotes from the children with them. Each child completed a run and a scooter ride that contributed to a house competition. Thank you to everyone for coming to join us before school on Friday for an active session to end the week.

Musical activities

This time of year there are lots of opportunities for our children to take part in performances. Before half term Y3 & 5 both travelled to the Lighthouse, Poole, and enjoyed being a part of the BSO's concert for schools. They listened to some pieces and joined the orchestra in other pieces. It was a fantastic experience.

Last week we had a visit from two professional musicians who worked with ALL the children in Y4,5&6 who have instrumental lessons - around 80 of them. It was a great day exploring and devising some new music and culminated in a sharing session with parents.

On Friday the School Band, School Choir and Finding Nemo cast performed at our Summer Festival - great work from all!

Tomorrow morning our School Choir will be taking part in the Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival at the Priory in Christchurch - they are singing really well so we hope to do well.

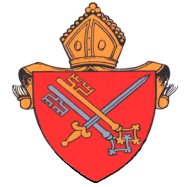
On 3rd and 4th July our Y5&6 cast, who have been rehearsing since March, will have their performances of Finding Nemo Jr. Tickets are available for the families of the cast until tomorrow and then we will open tickets to the rest of the school.



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English Touring Opera in residence

We are thrilled to have hosted ETO in residence for two days during Sports and Arts week as part of the research and develop work for their third opera for children which will tour next year. Both classes in Year 4 took part in creative thinking sessions with the company, before inviting Year 2 and Year 3 to join as audience for showcases of simply-staged tasters of the opera. This was an inspirational, high-quality musical treat as we are partner in Bournemouth Cultural Hub.



Sunflowers

Last half term, Year 5 started growing sunflowers and have been nurturing these to grow and flourish in school. On Friday 7th June, the children planted their sunflowers in the grounds of St Nicholas Church. These will be part of the church's community garden. The children also made bunting and came up with some ideas for what else could be planted or put into the garden. We look forward to continuing to work with the church to develop and use the space in the future.



Dynamos Cricket Festival

On Wednesday, a team of year 5 and 6 pupils went to Bryanston School to participate in a cricket festival. The children were amazed by the school describing it as being like a 'campsite' and similar to 'Hogwarts'! They had coaching in the morning by representatives from Dorset Cricket and took part in some friendly matches in the afternoon. The children demonstrated our school values impeccably and had a great time.



FSK Summer Festival

We would like to thank EVERYONE that supported our FSK Summer Festival, we hope you all had a fantastic time! We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the raffle and Summer Festival combined has raised an incredible £6,725!



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

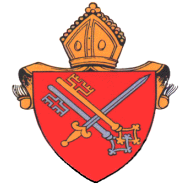
Due to the escalating costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2024:



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



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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.

Hot School Meals



Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm Sunday 4th September 2022 to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week.

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
Year 3 Swimming every Tuesday	Tuesday 16th April—Tuesday 2nd July
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