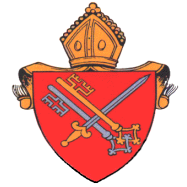




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Our worship
Theme is:
Easter

Worship

Year 5 led a beautifully moving Easter service in church on Wednesday evening and to the whole school on Thursday morning. The singing, acting and dancing was amazing, spotlighting high quality expressive arts (one of our SEASIDE themes), and we are so proud of the children. We wish all our families a very Happy Easter.



2023-24 term dates

Term dates for next year are at the end of this newsletter. Do ensure that you take note of these dates as holidays must not be booked during term time. We would really appreciate your support with this, as penalty notices are likely to be issued from September, as in many other schools.



Churches Together in Southbourne

This year's Good Friday walk will be leaving St Nicholas at 9.45am. There will be a procession behind the cross to St Katharine's church, where it will leave by 10.20am at the latest. It will then proceed along Belle Vue Road, arriving at Fishermans Walk for approx. 11.10am. The 30 minute Churches Together in Southbourne service starts at 11.15am and hot cross buns will be on offer to all attendees.

Year 4 Pavilion Dance

Year 4 enjoyed their recent trip to Pavilion Dance to see Plastic Paradiso, a solo piece exploring themes of plastic pollution, friendship, hope and recycling. Children were amazed to see how theatre lights, sound and set helped to tell the story. Claire Benson, who choreographed and performed the piece, had worked with children in a dance workshop at school, which made it extra special as they recognised some of the contemporary dance choreography and understood the technique of moving with puppets on stage. Thank you to Pavilion Dance and Bournemouth Cultural Hub for this uplifting opportunity.

Swimming gala 2023

The year 6 Swimming Gala was an amazing experience as there were different schools from all over Bournemouth and Christchurch competing. We were all excited but when it got to our event we all started to get nervous. We still had our game face and we fought through it. We all had a great time at the end listening to the announcements to see who won. It was now the top two and we were having mixed emotions, excited but anxious. At the end, we won the whole competition. We were buzzing at the end but we knew that taking part and having fun was the main thing. Made by Dylan and Samson 6JH

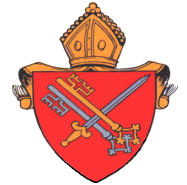
Autism Acceptance Week

This past week has been Autism Acceptance Week. At school, the children have explored neurodiversity and talked about what it means to be different. They have considered differences as part of diversity and thought about how they can be supportive of one another's differences. The children recognised how they could turn these thoughts into actions through various scenarios. For further information, please visit www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk





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Mrs Hart's art club

Mrs Hart would like to say a huge well done to all the Art Club members this term, who put on an exhibit for parents yesterday. Their work included a pencil study of an eye in detail and a variety of local wildlife portraits in different mediums including collage, charcoal, pencil and water colour.

Visitor Lanyards

Please may any visitor lanyards which have accidentally been taken home be returned to the School Office.



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.



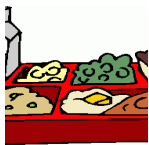
Absences

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 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.



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.



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.

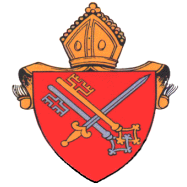




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2022/2023	
Spring Term	3rd January 2023—31st March 2023
Year 3 The Romans are coming	Monday 27th March 2023
Early Years Farmer Palmers Trip	Wednesday 29th March 2023
End of Term	Friday 31st March 2023—1.30pm
Summer Term	17th April—21st July 2023
Year 3 Swimming & Top Ups	Tuesday 18th April (Every Tuesday) - Tuesday 4th July 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 8th May 2023
Summer Half Term	Monday 29th May 2023—Friday 2nd June 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 5th June 2023
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2023—1.30pm
2023/2024	
<u>Inset Day</u>	Friday 1st September 2023
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 30th October 2023
End of Term	Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January 2024— Thursday 28th March 2024
Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th February 2024
End of Term	Thursday 28th March 2024—1.30pm
Summer Term	Monday 15th April 2024—Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024—Friday 31st May 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 22nd July 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024