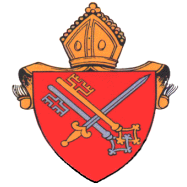




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Worship

We have been thinking about Ascension and Pentecost over the last few weeks. Some of children presented a wonderful worship at St Katharine's Church last Sunday. They helped the congregation understand how The Holy Spirit can help everyone to be the best they can be and show our Christian values. The children at school enjoyed the worship on Monday and have also been thinking about the Fruits of the Spirit, making some lovely posters for our Inside Out Courtyard.

School meals

Our new meals service has started well and the team are learning the new menu and way of working. Please be assured that the meals are really excellent and good portion sizes. Staff are spending time with the children encouraging them to try new things - do please have this conversation with your child at home. We have noticed that the vast majority of children of all ages cannot use a knife and fork and are trying to show them - we would appreciate it if you could practice this at home too.

Thank you FSK

A HUGE thank you to FSK for putting on the most brilliant summer fest. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

FSK

WOW what a fantastic Summer Festival we had last Friday! Plenty of FUN was had by all and lots of happy faces! We are absolutely delighted to announce that the raffle and festival combined raised £6,853 - which is just INCREDIBLE! We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to EVERYONE that supported our Summer Festival!

National School Sports Week and Sports Day Monday 16th June

Next week is National School Sports Week, Sports Day will be held at school on Monday 16th June. Please make sure your child arrives by 8:55am for registration. All children will need to be wearing full PE kit and sun cream, and have with them a named water bottle and a hat. Children are to wear full PE kit for the full week.

Sports Day—Special meal

Please be reminded on Sports day on Monday, we have an exciting hot school meal of 'Hot Dog day' this can be ordered through Arbor by 12pm on Sunday. Hot dogs will be delivered to each classroom (except Early Years.)

St Nicholas Church

On Friday July 4th under our 'Let's Meet Together' umbrella, we are hosting Julia Jarvis and her team from RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) to lead a rolling workshop on 'Emergency Response' CPR, using the Defibrillator etc. Please see the attachment for further details.

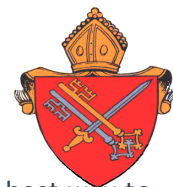
Handball

The handball team have been very busy over the last few weeks, with tournaments taking place in Christchurch and Bournemouth. Both tournaments were a great success with two teams qualifying for the county finals. The success of both these came from all the children showing some great skill, superb attitude and playing as a whole team.





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The County finals took place at Leaf Academy on a very hot and sunny day, the best way to have a County Final. The event was a real showcase with 14 schools from all over Dorset playing with flags and banners all over the goals.

There was some great play during the day and a massive effort shown by all, in particular for the girls who had to show great resilience, as they had to play every game and every minute. Teams ended up coming fifth and seventh, which is a great achievement from all involved.

AFCB football Tournament Year 3 and 4



When we arrived at Ringwood Community Football Club for the AFCB Football tournament we were all very nervous, especially when we saw the size of the astro pitch. Whilst we were warming up we saw lots of different teams, some that looked very good and were showing lots of confidence when passing and shooting.

Once we started our first game, some of the nerves went away as the training that we have helped us to be prepared and ready, so we knew what to do and how to get rid of some of the nerves. It was great fun to play against lots of different schools from the whole of Dorset.

In the end, we had to play six games and managed to end up coming second. In every game, we showed great teamwork and grace by shaking hands at the end of every game. Written by Theo and Henry.

Performances at the Summer Fest



Congratulations on all the groups who performed at the Summer Fest last Friday. The Choir, Y4 Samba group and School Band all had impressive performances.



Instrumental performance from BSG

KS2 were lucky enough to watch a performance from some instrumentalists from Bournemouth School for Girls. We had diverse instruments from cellos to drum kits and music from classical composers to The Final Countdown. It was great for our pupils to see where their instrumental lessons could lead next.

Musician of the Month - June



Our musicians of the month are Buena Vista Social club. Buena Vista Social Club was a musical ensemble primarily made up of Cuban musicians, formed in 1996. The project was organised by World Circuit executive Nick Gold, produced by American guitarist Ry Cooder and directed by Juan de Marcos González. They named the group after the members' club of the same name in the Buenavista quarter of Havana, a popular music venue in the 1940s. They recruited a dozen veteran musicians, some of whom had been retired for many years. you can hear more of their music on Spotify - [here](#)

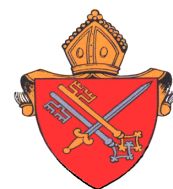


Instrumental lessons

If your child is currently in Year 3,4 or 5 and would like to begin learning an instrument in September, please ensure you have filled in the online form via the email sent home on Tuesday 10th June.



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Hot School Meals



We are not going to increase the charge for hot school meals at this point in time, the price will remain at £3.20 for the Autumn Term 2025.

Activity Club Price Increase – September 2025

Due to the increasing costs to the school of running our activity clubs we will be increasing the weekly charge, this will take effect from September 2025, **ALL** activity clubs will increase by 50p per week. We will maintain the 15% discount applied to all teacher led clubs to cover for unplanned cancellations.

Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2025

Due to the ever increasing costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2025:

Breakfast Club – short session - £3.70 increasing to £4.00

Breakfast Club – long session - £5.70 increasing to £6.00

Afterschool Club – full session - £12.00 increasing to £12.50

Afterschool Club – post activity club session – will remain at £9.00

School Telephone

When calling the school telephone number, please listen carefully to the options, as these have recently been amended,. There are also two additional options which include:

Option 5: The breakfast club phone line is only available between the hours of 7.45am and 8:45am

Option 6: The afterschool club phone line is only available between the hours of 3:15pm and 6pm.

Arbor Reminders

Please be reminded to update your Arbor account with permitted adults to collect your child and consents for travelling home alone for Year 5 & 6

Absence during term time

Please note no holidays are authorised during term time, please remember to use the 'Leave of Absence during term time' form, which can be found on our website using the link: [Leave of absence during term time form](#).

Reporting 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 before 8.45am. Please remember to call in or email on each day of their absence.

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



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.



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; 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.

2024—2025	
<u>Summer Term</u>	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
<u>Year 3 Swimming</u>	Every Tuesday from 22nd April—8th July 2025
<u>Sports Day at St Katharine's Primary School</u>	Monday 16th June 2025
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 21st July 2025
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 22nd July 2025