



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



Whole School Newsletter

28.03.2025

Our worship
Theme is:
TriWonder



Worship

2EM led a fabulous worship this week about the beauty of Hengistbury Head, how important beach schools is for helping us appreciate the world around us and how when we work together, we are stronger.

For our new TriWonder theme, we started thinking about the dragonfly logo and how dragonflies live at different stages in water, on land and in the sky - our theme will explore the world around us further. This week we learnt about the miracle Jesus performed turning water into wine and the wonder of water around the globe. We looked at a photograph of a girl running along the road carrying a yellow container of water and 'wondered' why she was in Rwanda this - was this before or after school? What would we be doing? Is this fair?



EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM - Vegetable Snack Day - Thursday 3rd April

As part of the EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM CAMPAIGN, we are holding a vegetable snack day. Please provide your child with a **vegetable** morning snack instead of fruit. Hopefully, the campaign is encouraging your child/children to eat more vegetables and a larger variety of vegetables. For more tips, advice, recipe ideas and more please check out the family section of the main website. <https://eatthetodefeatthem.com/families/>

Eco warrior pun for you - Lettuce keep moving onwards and upwards!



Great Big Dance Off

Last week, the St Katharine's Dance Club travelled to Swindon to perform in the South West Heats of the Great Big Dance Off competition. They entertained the crowd with a glitter-filled Strictly-inspired performance, which received a huge cheer from the audience. Against some tough competition, the St Katharine's dancers came 4th, narrowly missing out on a place in the national finals. The dancers were a credit to the school and were perfect role models, both on and off the stage. We're already planning ideas for next year's Great Big Dance Off!

The StoryWorks

Children in Year 3 had such a wonderful, creative time writing new stories when The StoryWorks visited last week. Graphic Design students from AUB accompanied professional writers from the writing charity to guide children through the process of taking ideas to a finished story and their work has now been designed into small booklets for each child to bring home. This project is possible through our partnership with the Cultural Hub.

School Choir

Today 50 members of the school choir took part in the School Choirs class of the Bournemouth Performing Arts Competition at Christchurch Priory. We were one of eight Primary Choir in our class. The choir performed so well and we were delighted to be placed second! Mrs Smith was so proud of the choir's performance and their behaviour. Well done!



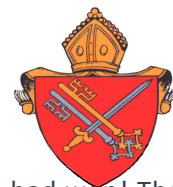
Year 3 & 4 Girls Football

Year 3 and 4 Girls Football team played another fantastic game on Monday against Park School. This was our second game against another team and we were feeling very excited to begin the match. The whistle blew and we were off! We all worked collaboratively with some excellent passing and shooting. The other team scored the first goal but we did not let this stop us! Before long, we had managed to get a goal back. We kept working really hard and





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our efforts were rewarded with a second goal. When the final whistle blew, we had won! The girls showed great sportsmanship and all shook hands at the end. Well done girls!

FSK Logo Competition

Thank you to the 146 children that participated. Overall the quality, creativity and effort from the children was outstanding! It has certainly been a very challenging task of picking out shortlist designs, so we added some extra star prizes! Well done to the year group winners and to Max, Harry, Rocco and Carris for inspiring the rainbow Catherine Wheel. And a huge congratulations to Joel who is the overall design winner! We hope you love our new logo as much as us!

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.

Hot School Meals

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.

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





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

2024—2025	
<u>Spring Term</u>	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 2025
<u>Year 1 Moors Valley</u>	Tuesday 25th March 2025
<u>Early Years Farmer Palmers</u>	Wednesday 26th March 2025
<u>FSK Easter Disco</u>	Thursday 27th March 2025
<u>Year 5 Easter Church Service</u>	Wednesday 2nd April 2025
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
<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>Indoor Athletics Final</u>	Friday 25th April 2025
<u>School nurse drop-in</u>	Tuesday 29th April 2025
<u>Bank Holiday</u>	Monday 5th May 2025
<u>Year 6 Land & Wave residential</u>	Tuesday 20th May—Friday 23rd May 2025
<u>Year 3 & 5 BSO Trip</u>	Wednesday 21st May 2025
<u>Summer Half Term</u>	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
<u>FSK Summer Fair</u>	Friday 6th June 2025
<u>Class Photographs</u>	Wednesday 11th June 2025
<u>Sports Day at Kings Park</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