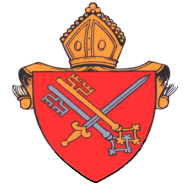




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**Our worship
Theme is:**

Rwandan

Worship

We have had a few Rwandan themed worships in the past couple of weeks as Mrs St. John prepares for her trip, where over half term she will be visiting six schools. Mrs Kennedy has shared lots of Geographical features of Rwanda so that the children can visualise where she is going. As one of our special parables is The Lost Sheep, Mrs St John has bought a soft and cuddly lamb to leave behind in Rwanda, which has been aptly named Blossom. We also have another Blossom to keep here at St Katharine's. We can't wait to see photos documenting her trip. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a safe journey.

Raducanu House Worship

Our Year 6 House and Vice Captains of Raducanu House led a brilliant worship on Monday this week. Sharing both the highs and lows of Emma Raducanu's career so far, they really helped everyone to think about our attribute of resilience and the importance of bouncing back. We look forward to more House Team worships over the next few months.

World Book Day and Book Fair

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. The theme for this World Book Day follows the message "**You Are a Reader**". We will not be asking the children to dress up this year. Instead, we would like the children to decorate a hat or headband representing their favourite book or character. Please keep it simple such as ears for the Three Bears, a golden ticket on a hat for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, a pirate hat for the Night Pirates or a bandage around the head for The Midnight Gang. School uniform should be worn as usual.

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair on 28th February and 1st March. It is during World Book Week and the children will be able to use their World Book Day token to get a £1 off any book. The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Mary Cusens and every book purchased will go towards brand new **FREE** books for our school. **Please pop in with your child after school on either Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 1st to purchase a book.**

We are Global Neighbours

A strong-willed group of girls in Year 6, who have been taking part in a writing club, were outraged to hear of the Government's U-turn on the ban of the use of Neonicotinoids in British agriculture. They each wrote a well-crafted, persuasive letter to our MP Tobias Ellwood outlining the need for us to support, not damage, Britain's insect habitat and diversity. It is impressive to see our young people taking action and making their voices heard.

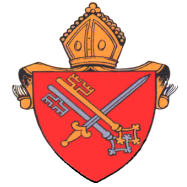
School Navigator Coffee Morning

Mrs Owen will be hosting a drop-in coffee morning with our school Navigator, Charlotte Vernon, on Wednesday 22nd February between 9:00 and 11:00am. Charlotte has lots of expertise in supporting and signposting parents around these aspects: routines and expectations, parenting tips, financial difficulties, mental health, local support groups. Please see the attached flyer for further information. If you would like to speak to her, please pop along on the morning at a time that suits you and sign in at the school office.





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Eco Warriors - #StKCleanup

After finding out about Mrs St John's visit to Rwanda, we would like to take on the challenge of cleaning up our local area. Every day around 8 million pieces of plastic make their way into our oceans. We want to protect the wildlife and to make sure our area is a safe and sound place for wildlife to flourish. Everyone is lucky enough to live in this wonderful, beautiful place and we don't want it to be ruined by litter. We want EVERYONE to get involved in a #StKCleanup. We challenge you to spend a few minutes picking up litter in our local area over half term. Please post pictures of you joining in on social media with the hashtag #StKCleanup. Let's make a difference as a community!

Sporting Fixtures

It's been a very busy final week of the half term for sporting fixtures, with over 120 children competing within an array of different competitions; these have included; AFCB 6 aside football for girls and mixed teams, indoor athletics, league and friendly football matches.

Year 5 football

It was a sunny afternoon, at Stourfield school. Players were nervous as the referee's whistle blew to start the game. As St Katharine's kicked off, they made steady progress until they eventually gained a well earned goal. Stourfield kicked off after the unfortunate goal. Stourfield were caught off guard as St Katharine's midfield won the ball in the centre. They pressed forward with the ball as Stourfield's defence tracked back to try and defend the goal. As St Katharine's attacked, they scored their second goal. Stourfield had the kick off the second time as St Katharine's defence tackled their striker and went and scored again. This went on until half time but St Katharine's scored another two goals. Both teams came out just as brilliant but St Katharine's came out on top with another six goals to make it eleven nil for the end of the game. It was Stourfield's kick off, after a couple of passes one of their players decided to attempt to lob the St Katharine's keeper. It was an amazing goal as it went over the keeper and into the back of the net. Just after St Katharine's took the centre, Stourfield won the ball and went on the attack. Luckily for St Katharine's there was a defender there to tackle the Stourfield player, and put it out for a corner. As Stourfield took the corner, it slipped right through the keepers hands but fortunately for Stourfield there was a player on the other side of the keeper to tap it in. After half time, St Katharine's were pressured into scoring a goal. As the referee blew the final whistle, players shook hands and clapped each other off.



Girl's football v STOURFIELD

As we walked on to the pitch, we felt nervous as the referee blew the whistle. In no time at all, Stourfield started with the ball. Seconds after, St Katharine's tackled the ball off Stourfield and scored their first extraordinary goal! Stourfield took the centre and off they dribbled the ball towards our goal. Luckily, St Katharine's goal keeper expertly picked up the ball. A few minutes later, it was St Katharine's throw in and in a blink of an eye they closed on to Stourfield's goal but the keeper picked it up right before half time. As we happily left pitch for half time we were certain that we would score another brilliant goal. After half time we took the centre and our tactful striker kicked the ball into the net. St Katharine's collapsed on to the floor as they had scored two goals. It was breath taking. Soon St Katharine's scored their last and final goal as the whistle blew to end the match.

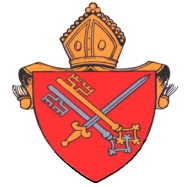




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Girls football match v Stourfield

The amount of fun we had on Wednesday is unbelievable. We were pressing hard and it all paid off when we won 7-0. We showed our school values by not giving up in any circumstances and being kind when we won. We had worked hard to win by training every Friday at lunch, having fun and doing our best. We were lead to victory by Mr Burke and Miss Smith. Throughout the match, we ran on in the heat of the game and produced a good amount of goals which we earned by showing resilience throughout. We kept our energy high in every second of the match and afterwards to congratulate the opponents.

By Ellie and Georgia.

AFCB Mixed Football Tournament

On the 8th of February, we went to Year 5 and 6 AFCB football tournament with the rest of the team at Littledown. When we arrived, we had a mix of emotions, confidence and nerves. Our first game came down to a tough draw followed by the next game which we all tried very hard and scored in the last minute to put us top of the table. We had a break and looked for our opponents weaknesses. We had a very tough group stage but with our determination, we narrowly won on goal difference. With our confidence from our group stage, we thought we could dominate the semi-finals against former rivals St James. Sadly, they were a good team and we lost 1-0. We felt annoyed but kept our heads up. By Hudson and Dylan.

Bournemouth Indoor Athletics

At the start, we all were nervous but we all had great team spirit. We started by practising the obstacle relay, we all did really fast. Then it was the first race of the afternoon, obstacle relay and the girl's team won it for us and we all were very happy. Then it was the boys turn and yet again they won. After that, we had a bit of a disappointment but that did not hold us down for long because we won lots more events due to our team spirit. We won a few other events and that boosted us to win the whole competition. What a great day it was for St Katharine's. By Daisy and William.

AFCB Girls Football Tournament

On Tuesday, the girl's football team were playing in the AFCB 6 aside football tournament, competing against the best schools in Dorset. We were put into a group with two other schools and we very nearly made it to the semi finals as we beat one team twice and fought bravely but unfortunately lost to another competitor. We are still full of pride as we pushed to our limits and achieved our goal of enjoying ourselves. We hope to always maintain our values in matches to come, as we have previously. By Freya and Jessica

Girls Football V Pokesdown

In recent events, the girl's football team has had a challenging week with an AFCB tournament, a match against Stourfield, and finally Pokesdown. Things got off to an interesting start and by half time things were not looking very positive, as it was 0-0. We managed to push forward and finally we accomplished a goal as we were very resilient and teamwork led us to victory. This was our last game ever of this year. We would like to say thank you to our coaches who have guided us throughout our football journey, and we hope to leave St Katharine's knowing that we have set a great example to those who wish to join the team and assume our role.



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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.

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.



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 a holiday or 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.

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.



2022/2023	
Spring Term	3rd January 2023—31st March 2023
Spring Half Term	Monday 13th February 2023—Friday 17th February 2023
Inset Day	Monday 20th February 2023
1st Virtual Parents Evening (not 2SL)	Monday 20th February 2023 2pm—6.30pm
2nd Virtual Parents Evening (Early Years, Year 1, 2RD, 3AB, 4TW, 5MS, 6JH)	Tuesday 21st February 2023 3.30pm—5.00pm
2nd Virtual Parents Evening (4SP, 5JG, 6EB)	Wednesday 22nd February 2023 3.30pm—5.00pm
2nd 3GH Virtual Parents Evening	Thursday 23rd February 2023 3.45pm—5.00pm
End of Term	Friday 31st March 2023—1.30pm
Summer Term	17th April—21st 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
Inset Day	Monday 5th June 2023
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2023—1.30pm