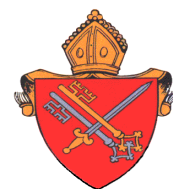




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Our worship
Theme is:
TriWonder



Worship

Our worship theme this term continues to be TriWonder and we are looking forward to our Earth Ambassadors leading worship next week about renewable energy.

A Visit from the Mayor of Bournemouth

This afternoon, we were very fortunate to be visited by The Worshipful Mayor of Bournemouth, George Farquhar. After a guided tour of the school (led by some of the KS2 children), the Mayor was treated to a question and answer session with the year 3 children. They quizzed him on exactly what it was like to be the Mayor of Bournemouth and we all learnt a lot about his role.

Changes to school catering

We are pleased to share the news that from 2nd June, we will be moving to a new concept for providing schools meals. We have decided to work with 'Educatering' who are passionate about improving the quality of school food; they intend to nourish young minds and deliver the finest local ingredients within a children led menu. Our catering team will become in house and collaborate with the children, educational staff and 'Educatering' to provide a menu which best suits the children at St Katharine's. Over the next few weeks we have got some exciting plans to welcome the changes - these include: a Food Tasting session for parents and children on 22nd May, a 'name our kitchen' competition and the establishment of a School Food Action Team with children and staff to help with designing the perfect menu. Further details will be provided later this half term. Prior to next half term, please can you ensure that your child's medical information, regarding food allergies and dietary requirements, is up-to-date on Arbor to enable the new provision to cater safely for everyone.

Indoor Athletics County Finals

Following their success in the Bournemouth competitions, the Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Team travelled to the Redlands Leisure Centre, Weymouth today to compete in the County Finals. The team, full of determination and passion, were excellent ambassadors for the school as they participated in a range of events including relays, throws, jumps and sprints. St Katharine's fought hard against the best schools in the county but narrowly missed out on retaining their County Champions title by coming second. Huge congratulations to the team who showed our school values of grace, integrity and aspiration at all times.

VE Day Thursday 8th May 2025

To mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE day) we will be asking the children to dress in either red, white and/or blue. During the day, we will be investigating various historical sources, which offer an insight into the memories of children who experienced the event. We will also consider the when, what and why of VE day as well as learning a special new song and taking part in a flag parade during the afternoon.

TCS 'Mini London Marathon'

On Monday 28th April, children in years 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in the TCS 'mini London marathon' event that many schools are participating in. The children will be running, jogging or walking 21 laps of the school field. I am sure we will see lots of resilience and aspiration. The weather is looking good so we are suggesting that any children who have signed up to complete this challenge come prepared with a hat and a water bottle.

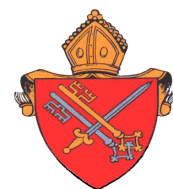




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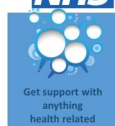
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Colour Breathing

Trick of the Half Term—Colour breathing

We are focussing on this trick this half term. See how many times you can use it at home. Use this trick when you need to feel calm. Breathe in your calm colour and breathe out your cross or worried colour. Repeat until you feel your heartbeat slow and you can think calm again.

School Nurse Drop-In



School nurse drop in

We are delighted to let you know that NHS School Nursing Parent Drop in Sessions will be starting on Tuesday 29th April from 9am at school. These sessions will take place once a term. NHS School Nursing offers private non-medical parental drop in advice sessions. These sessions are designed to support parents with common childhood concerns such as toileting, night time wetting, sleep, nutrition, growth concerns, and they can also signpost parents to other services'. If you would like to see the School Nurse, please sign in at the school reception desk on the day. The nurse will see parents on a first come first served basis, appointments will last up to 15 minutes each.



VE DAY
80TH ANNIVERSARY
A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH
SOUTHBORNE, SOUTHAMPTON
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
5TH MAY 2025
1200 - 1700 HOURS



VE80 80th Anniversary

Please see the attached poster with further details on a unique free community event on the lawns outside St. Nicholas' church on the Broadway in Southbourne from 12 noon to 5pm on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May. The afternoon will include wartime entertainment, Mr Churchill's VE Day Speech at 3pm and a souvenir booklet to mark the occasion showing how VE Day was celebrated locally in 1945.

FSK Non-uniform day

The FSK welcome children to come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 16th May** in return for a donation for our Summer Fest tombolas. Festival & circus theme is welcome

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.



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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.bcpccouncil.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@bcpccouncil.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@bcpccouncil.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>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