



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

Whole School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026



**Our worship  
Theme is:  
Bags of Hope**

## Worship

We have been treated to two fantastic class worships from Year 1 and Year 2. 2HK's worship was powerful, teaching us all about Fairtrade and how it can bring hope to global communities. The children shared thoughtful reflections and real-life examples, including the very special footballs Mrs St John brought back from Rwanda several years ago—beautifully made from banana leaves.

1FP led their worship on Numeracy Day, exploring how numbers are all around us—from the creation story in the Bible to the numbers we encounter in our everyday lives. They challenged everyone to look more closely and spot numbers wherever they go.

Both classes spoke, presented and danced beautifully - well done year 1 and 2.

## Parent drop-in Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 3:30pm until 5.00pm

Do pop in (once all the children have left the playground we will let you in via the same gates) to your child's class anytime between 3:25 - 5pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. You will be able to look at your child's books/learning and have an informal catch up with the teacher if you wish.

## BSO at Poole Lighthouse Trip

Years 3 and 5 took an amazing trip to the BSO and enjoyed it very much. It was a brilliant opportunity to experience live music from a talented orchestra. We participated with the body percussion and a few songs that Mrs Smith had kindly taught us. We also joined in with a famous song (Sweet Caroline). We especially liked listening to Fizz's outstanding opera performance and the percussion instruments. We also liked the way that James, who organised the event, led us because he told us interesting things about the music we listened to. Overall, it was a fantastic trip that we all loved!

By Buster and Harvey

## Eat Them to Defeat Them, Eco Team

What a successful week! A massive thank you to our amazing 'Flourish and Nourish Kitchen' staff for cooking/serving delicious vegetables, parents for providing lots of vegetables and all staff for encouraging the children to 'Eat Them to Defeat Them'. Many children have collected all five sticker designs and they've proudly shared how their mission packs are filling up.

A little joke chosen by some of our eco warriors...  
*Why did the bee buy a phone? To cauliflower.*

We hope the increased vegetable eating continues.





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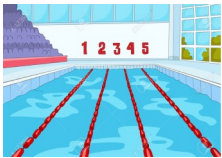
## Handball Tournament



On Friday 15th May, 7 children from years 5 & 6 (4 boys and 3 girls) went to a handball tournament. In this tournament, if you came in the top 3 teams, it is a path to the county finals. Our practise tournament was the Christchurch finals, where most of the primary schools in Christchurch compete for a spot in the counties. We, St Katharine's school, won all our matches there, then went on to get to the finals of the Bournemouth final! The two teams that got to that match were automatically through to the county final, but we still aimed to score well in that game, showing no signs of stopping. The final result in that game was 12 -7 to us, meaning we were the best team in both Christchurch and Bournemouth! Mr Burke trained us well! We cannot wait to compete against the best teams in Dorset.

By Indigo and Sophie

## Swimming Gala



Last weekend, we competed in the Bournemouth Swimming Gala, which was a lot of fun because it was competitive (but not too competitive). It was an enjoyable experience competing for our school and we came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. First, when we got there, everyone was nervous but as soon as we got in the pool, we felt confident. We came 1st in a few of the races - one of them was a relay. Different children swam different strokes. The team spirit was really fun and we encouraged each other during all of our races.

By Ella, Emily and Josh

## Quad Kids



On Wednesday 20th May, we attended a Quad Kids competition at Twynham School. It is a sports event where we compete in 4 sporting activities such as howler, long jump, 75 m sprint and a 600m run. Year 5 competed against Years 5 and 6 from other schools and Year 3 and 4 competed against each other. While we don't have the full results yet, we do know our distances for howler and long jump. We all enjoyed different events: Sophie loved the 600m run and Beau thrived in the sprints. Felicity flourished in the long jump as it was her best event while Seb enjoyed throwing the howler. Thank you for coming with us, Mr Burke and Mr Jones!

By Seb and Felicity

## FSK Update:

Just 2 weeks until Summer Fest!!



**We need you!** Please let your Champions know asap if you can kindly volunteer. Or email us at [friendsofstkatharines@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofstkatharines@outlook.com)

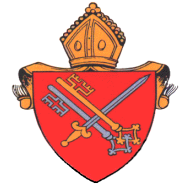
**Tokens** - Our event will be cashless, with the exception of our food vendors. Early bird token sales will close on Monday 1st June, please don't miss out: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/st-katharines>

**Raffle** - We have over 80 amazing prizes to be won, including Camp Bestival tickets! <https://raffall.com/fskfundraising>





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## Nut Free School

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school. **Please also check ingredients on packaged food that you send into school with your child.** We have a number of children who can have a very serious allergic reaction should they come into contact with nuts.



## Hot School Meals

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



## Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible to apply for free school meals, please use the link below:

<https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals>

2025-2026	
Summer Term	Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026
Year 3 Swimming	Every Tuesday, up to and including Tuesday 23rd June
Summer Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
FSK Summer Fest	Monday 5th June 2026
Great Big Dance Off Final	Monday 15th June 2026
Y5 Crystal Vardo Theatre Show Trip	Wednesday 17th June 2026
Sports Day	Monday 29th June 2026 - All day event
Southbourne on Sea Parish Summer Fair, St Nicholas Church	Saturday 11th July 2026
End of Term	Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.00pm—Inset Days: 20th, 21st and 22nd July 2026

