



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



Whole School Newsletter

23.05.2025

Our worship
Theme is:
TriWonder



Worship

Last week our Eco-Warriors told us how supporting a meat free day a week can help make a difference to God's world. We are pleased that, following a whole school vote, our new school menu will include a meat-free day each week with a range of tasty options for the children to try. Reverend Powis visited worship last Wednesday and read the children the story 'Peace at Last'; he also shared how the dove is a symbol of peace and appears many times in the Bible. This week, we thought about the importance of trees in the Bible and visiting live artist Lorna Rees shared the amazing activities she did during the day with year 4, including a fabulous folk song. On Wednesday, 4LM led a very impressive worship about the Amazon rainforest as part of God's wonderful creation and TriWonder.

Year 6 Residential

This week, the year 6 camping residential took place at Land and Wave in the Purbecks. The children had a fantastic time completing lots of adventurous activities including coasteering, kayaking, paddleboarding, bushcraft and jumping off huge inflatables into a lake. Despite the changeable weather (and some very soggy moments!) the children showed great resilience, positivity and courage. After a wonderful, memory-filled week away, we are sure they will love being back in their own beds tonight!

Food tasting

Thank you to the huge number of you that were able to come and sample some of the delicious food that our new catering team, EduCatering, will be serving for school lunches next half term. The feedback from both children and adults alike was really positive. We are really excited to be launching the new menus after the half term break.

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

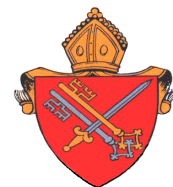
Afterschool Club – full session - £12.00 increasing to £12.50

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





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Sports Day—Change of venue, now being held at School

Excitingly, to kick off National School Sports Week, Sports Day will be held at school on Monday 16th June. Families are welcome to join us from 9:15 - 11 am for the morning rotation. Please enter and exit through the After School Club gate (there will be staff signposting this on the day.) Upon arrival, there will be a programme available to purchase for £1. After this, KS2 will participate in a long run between 11 and 12 (Y3 and 4 11-11:30 and Y5 and Y6 11:30-12) while KS1 will be having their break. At 12pm, the whole school will be having their lunch so we kindly ask that you leave school at this time. We welcome you back at 12:30 ready for us to start the afternoon sprint races and Katharine Wheel from 12:45pm. Drop off and pick up times and locations will remain the same as a normal school day. We look forward to seeing you there! Please note that there will be a special hot dog day menu that day.

School BSO Concert

Y3 and Y5 travelled to Poole Lighthouse on Wednesday to enjoy a concert from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. We had all learned a song and some body percussion and 3IS had learned a ukulele part for one of the pieces and we enjoyed performing with the full orchestra. In addition we listened to some fabulous music by Bedřich Smetana, Antonín Dvořák, and modern composer Dani Howard.

Year 2 Multi Skills Festival

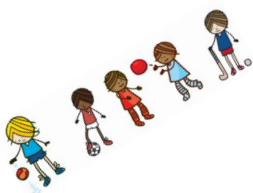
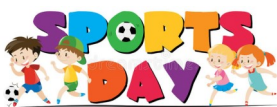
Last Friday, Year 2 went to a 'Multi Skills Festival'. Miss Whittle picked us for being PE role models. We had to work as a team in our group of 10. We did a carousel of activities such as netball shooting, an obstacle course and hockey dribbling. We got 2nd place! Yay! What a fun afternoon! Written by Bay, Bodhi and Ralph.

Year 5 & 6 Girls School National Football Finals

Last Friday, year 5 and 6 girls faced some of their toughest games ever. This event was also Year 6s last football tournament for St Katharine's and the end of a long and successful season. We are very thankful for our coaches Miss Smith, Mr Burke and Miss Whittle who have helped us achieve this once in a lifetime opportunity. When we arrived at Stoke City football ground, all of our adrenalin started to kick in but we still pushed through. First match, hopeful and excited, we walked onto the football ground ready to do our best. We were playing Leighton Middle School first at 12:20. The whistle blew, the game had begun. Unfortunately, after a few minutes, we went 1-0 down but this was quickly followed by St Katharine's excellent goal!!! At the end of our first match, the score was 2-1 to Leighton Middle School. Next match, we were hyped up ready to do our best. We were playing Valley Gardens Middle School although we tried our hardest we sadly drew 0-0. Next up it could be our last match, and we tried our hardest to score a goal. It was 1-2 in the first half to St. John's Primary Academy. Second half, anticipation was there because we knew we had to win this if we wanted to get into the semi-finals but with an unfortunate result it came to an end at 2-4. Sadly, we were not able to get into the semi-finals and our season was finished. Although we were sad that our season was over, we knew that we had shown amazing teamwork to get to National Finals and we went and collected our medals as a team.

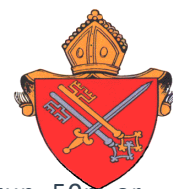
Quadkids

It has been a very busy few weeks for the quadkids teams, with two events taking place at Durlston Court School for years 3-6 and another at Winton academy for years 3-4. This events





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consist of every child have to compete in the following events, 400m or 600m run, 50m or 75m sprint, standing long jump and howler throw. The event's were against 16 other schools (Winton) from across Bournemouth and five (Durlston Court) and consisted of six boys and six girls per team. All teams did exceptionally well, considering for most of the children this was their first experience of a schools competition and first athletics competition. A few nerves were on show at the start, but these soon went when the whistle went for the first race. Great team spirit was shown by all and a huge amount of cheering and encouragement by every team member. The years 3 & 4 at Winton came overall winners and once again Bournemouth Champs.

Girls Tag Rugby Tournament



Two weeks ago, girls from year 5 and 6 took part in a tag rugby tournament at Meryick Park. It was a fun competition where we showed resilience, collaboration and grace. We showed resilience by keeping on going even though it was boiling hot and we were all tired. We showed collaboration by working as a team and making sure we all got a chance to do something. We showed grace by making sure we all were having a good time. We all were an amazing team and worked together and by showing all the schools values (grace, integrity and aspiration) we won. The other teams were very good and we had some very close games though after we put in lots of resilience it turned out well. Altogether, we did very well. Written by Grace and Bella year 5

Parent / Carer drop in



Parent and Carer drop in

Parents and carers are welcome to join a local church event being held at St Katharine's Primary School on Thursday 5th June, please see the attached poster for further details.



Second Hand Uniform

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to tidy and sort lost property and second hand uniform. Yesterday we raised £20.00 from second hand uniform donations.



FSK

We desperately need more volunteers! Please get in touch if you can help at Summer Fest.

Don't forget to take advantage of our early bird token offers here: www.pta-events.co.uk/st-katharines

Plus we have over 100 amazing raffle prizes to be won, you can buy tickets here: <https://raffall.com/fskfundraising>

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](#).





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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.



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>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 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

