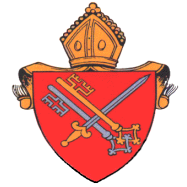




# St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



## Whole School Newsletter

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### Worship

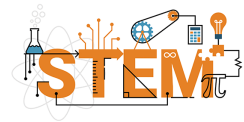
Last week, the children had fun on Shrove Tuesday with pancake races! Worship reminded everyone that Shrove Tuesday marks the start of Lent and the pancake races can help us think about the journey or long distance race towards Easter. We also had a brilliant book-inspired worship from 5HS to get us in the mood for World Book Day - year 5's worship was inspired by a beautifully reflective book called 'The Big Book of Belonging'.



This week, our Child-Led Worship Ambassadors introduced our new worship theme: TriWonder. Watch this space.

### STEM Week

What an amazing first ever STEM WEEK we have had! On Monday, the excitement started with the interactive STEM Fair which showcased various careers that involve elements of STEM. The children have participated in a range of activities such as a hand investigation, AI exploration and lego engineering. Year 6 were also lucky enough to participate in robotics workshops too. For Wednesday's whole school worship, we welcomed an award winning robotics team from BSG to present and demonstrate their amazing robot. It has proven to be an inspiring week which has created a brilliant buzz around STEM.



### EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

This year one of the Eco-Team aims is to focus on Healthy Eating. An action for this is to take part in a nationwide campaign called EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM. This award winning campaign encourages children to eat more vegetables and is proven to make eating vegetables more fun. Last year 77% of parents said their child/children ate more vegetables. Mission packs will be coming home on Monday and we will be running the campaign until Easter. More information has been sent in an email too. Let's Broc'n'Roll.



### World Book Day

Thank you so much to those of you who attended the Usborne book fair. The book sales were over £600, which generated **£350** for the school to spend on books for different year groups. We have chosen a fantastic range of **non-fiction books** to add to each class library. We are looking forward to sharing these new books with the children when they arrive!



### Noisy Noise Noise

Recently, children in Year 4 worked with The Working Boys Club when they returned to school with their seemingly magical interactive bookcase. The installation artwork uses computer software, car batteries and various kit and cables for 'players' to create sounds as they touch the spines of books on the shelves. It certainly was creative, noisy fun! This project is possible through our partnership with the Cultural Hub.



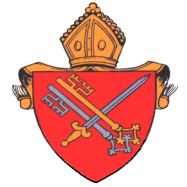
### Wellbeing Wondering

Children in Early Years enjoyed their movement, yoga and meditative drawing sessions with a visiting artist, Heidi Steller, who led them through gentle activities to boost wellbeing and self-awareness through creativity. This project is possible through our partnership with the Cultural Hub.





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### Musician of the Month

Our Musician of the Month for March is Annie Lennox; we are enjoying music by the Eurythmics and Annie's solo tracks as well as learning more about her influence both in music and her work campaigning for equality for many people in the world.



### Choir

Last week the Y4/5/6 choir were lucky enough to be part of a workshop with other local schools run by the VOCES8 Foundation. We listened to some superb professional singers and learned some parts of songs so we could join in too. The organisers commented on how skilled all the singers were - well done choir members.



### Girls Football Bournemouth Finals

When we arrived, we felt nervous but we didn't let that stop us. Because we knew that we could accomplish anything we put our minds to. As we waited tension was in the air, it was against Winton. Time for kick off. The ref blew the whistle. The nerves were kicking in but then a couple of seconds later we were 1-0 up. But then unfortunately, the other team scored their first goal making it 1-1. We shook it off knowing we still had a chance AND...WE SCORED. It was 2-1 but we still put all our effort into the last few minutes of the game.

We'd won our first match and we were ecstatic. Onto the second game, the final and our hopes were high. It was time for the final we had put all our skill into the last game and it was especially time to show it now. The game kicked off and we got an early lead. It was looking good for another win but then disaster struck. Muscliff made it 1-1. Only a few minutes remained on the clock, but we were still hopeful. And with that hope we scored again making it a 2-1 win. We had won the whole tournament and we are now league champions. Written by Marnie and Athelea.

### Year 3 & 4 Girls Football



A brilliant team of eight Year 3 and 4 girls played a match against Christchurch Junior School on Wednesday. This was our first game against another team so we were feeling nervous. The whistle blew and we were off! We all worked great as a team with some excellent shots on target. All of us were working really hard and by the second half, the excitement was kicking in. The final whistle blew and we had won! The girls showed great sportsmanship and shook the other team's hands at the end. Well done girls!

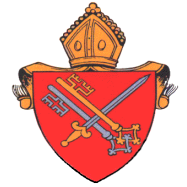
### Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Festival



On Thursday 13th March 2025, 11 children from Year 3 and 4 went to a Tag Rugby Festival at Chapel Gate Sports Centre. There were 29 teams there and over 300 pupils from different local schools. We really enjoyed playing lots of rugby and the sun even came out! There were some great tries and lots of brilliant team work and sportsmanship. Thank you to all of the coaches and Bournemouth Rugby Club for making this possible! By Harry, Buster and Sophie.



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### Mark's Marathon

On Sunday 23rd February, a large group of people came together to run a marathon to support the charity MOSAIC - Supporting Bereaved Children, in memory of Mark Fletcher. The marathon began and ended at Wingfield Football Ground with everyone running back and fourth along Highcliffe Beach. The beach run itself was one mile up and one mile back and all together the group ran over 35 marathons! You can donate to the JustGiving page by clicking here [https://www.justgiving.com/page/marksmarathon44?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM](https://www.justgiving.com/page/marksmarathon44?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM)

### School Nurse Drop-In Sessions

We are pleased to announce that the NHS School Nursery Nurse team are reintroducing their parent drop in sessions. These are non-medical session designed to support parents with common childhood concerns such as toileting, night time wetting, sleep, nutrition, growth concerns and where necessary to signpost you to other services.

The first session will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April between 9am and 11am. If you wish to see the school nurse, please arrive for 9am, you will be seen on a first come first served basis. Appointments will last a maximum 15 minutes each

### FSK Easter Disco

The FSK are super *egg-cited* to welcome the children to our Easter disco on **Thursday 27th March**, for lots of fun and bunny hop dancing with their friends! Tickets are available online here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/st-katharines/>

### 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

### Absences Reminders

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](mailto: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.

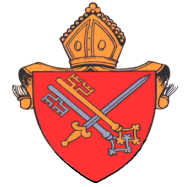




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## Free School Meals – is your child eligible?

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.bpcouncil.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@bpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@bpcouncil.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@bpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@bpcouncil.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	
<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 2025
<b>Year 1 Moors Valley</b>	Tuesday 25th March 2025
<b>Early Years Farmer Palmers</b>	Wednesday 26th March 2025
<b>FSK Easter Disco</b>	Thursday 27th March 2025
<b>Year 5 Easter Church Service</b>	Wednesday 2nd April 2025
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
<b>Summer Term</b>	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
<b>Year 3 Swimming</b>	Every Tuesday from 22nd April—8th July 2025
<b>Indoor Athletics Final</b>	Friday 25th April 2025
<b>School nurse drop-in</b>	Tuesday 29th April 2025
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 5th May 2025
<b>Year 6 Land &amp; Wave residential</b>	Tuesday 20th May—Friday 23rd May 2025
<b>Year 3 &amp; 5 BSO Trip</b>	Wednesday 21st May 2025
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
<b>FSK Summer Fair</b>	Friday 6th June 2025
<b>Class Photographs</b>	Wednesday 11th June 2025
<b>Sports Day at Kings Park</b>	Monday 16th June 2025
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 21st July 2025
<b>Inset Day</b>	Tuesday 22nd July 2025