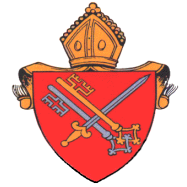




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Whole School Newsletter

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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Epiphany

In worship this week we 'chalked the doors' a Christian tradition for Epiphany. Epiphany recognises the visit of the Magi or 3 Wise men and the 'epiphany' moment they had when they understood that God had sent a new kind of 'king' born in humble circumstances whose power is the power of love. Someone from each class chalked a banner in the following way: 20 + C + M + B + 25. The numbers stand for the calendar year; the crosses stand for Christ. The letters are the initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and are also the abbreviation of the Latin blessing *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means 'May Christ bless this house/dwelling'.

School admissions consultations - BCP

BCP Council is co-ordinating the consultation on proposed 2026/27 admission arrangements for participating schools. The consultation webpage is available at [Admission arrangements for BCP schools 2026-27 | BCP](#) and runs from Friday 6 December 2024 until Friday 24 January 2025. Comments or objections can be submitted directly to the school(s) or by email to school.admissions@bcpcouncil.gov.uk – any comments sent to the local authority will be forwarded to the relevant school. There is no consultation for St Katharine's but there are others for some local schools you may find of interest.

PE kit

The children looked really smart in their PE kit today. As we are now in the depths of the cold season, we'd like to remind you that they can wear plain navy joggers from any shop (not leggings or other) and the school logo navy sweatshirt. All children MUST have a pair of socks in their PE bag for PE lessons: EY/KS1 short navy socks; KS2 long navy and sky blue hooped sports socks. Several children haven't had a change of socks lately and have had soggy wet feet all day!

Universal Infant Free School Meals

On Thursday 16th January 2025, we ask that you order a hot school meal for your child even if your child will be having a packed lunch, so that we can secure the correct funding. Please see the email sent out earlier today for further information.

Lunchtime Supervisor Required

We have a position available to join our team as a lunchtime supervisor. This role would be supporting the team in the hall whilst children are eating lunch. Please email the school on recruitment@skps.email or ask at the office for further information, if you are interested in finding out more.

Absences Reminders

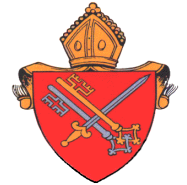
If your child is absent due to illness please ring the school office and leave a voicemail on the absence line at 01202 426663 or email office@skps.email before 8.45am. Please remember to call in or email on each day of their absence.

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.



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	
Spring Term	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 2025
Life Education Visit	Monday 27th January—Friday 31st January 2025
Spring Half Term	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2025
End of Term	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
Summer Term	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
End of Term	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 21st July 2025
Inset Day	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

