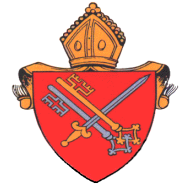




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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Gamechangers

This week, Mrs St John led a worship all about Candlemas which is when Christians remember the presentation of Jesus at the temple, 40 days after his birth, to say thanks to God. The children thought about how Jesus was a game changer because he lit up the world and is still our guiding light. We also learnt a quote: 'There is, in each of us, so much goodness that if we could see it glow, it would light up the world', which inspired us to all be game changers like Jesus. 1VM led a fantastic worship about Mary Anning and how she too was a game changer. The children presented their worship with brilliant confidence and energy. We loved it! We were also treated to a wonderful performance from the Young Voices choir - a perfect, joyful way to end the half term.

Safer Internet Day 2024



The children have been busy learning about how to stay safe on the internet this week. The theme this year was **"Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online,"** The children have been completing lots of activities to help them develop their skills in helping them stay safe in the ever-growing world of the internet. For further information you could watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ag4KIJEyrBo>. Thank you to Miss Orchard for planning such helpful and thought provoking activities.



Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers to park carefully and safely at all drop-off and pick-up times. There has been an increasing number of cars being parked on double yellow lines, in the school zone and in unsafe areas of the golf club car park. We want to ensure that our children and their families stay safe on their way in to and out of school, so thank you for your support with this request.

Church Open for Lunch

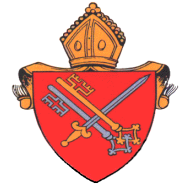
Four of our Values Ambassadors went to St Katharine's Church to support with their monthly open for lunch sessions. If you know of any elderly neighbours or friends who would like to join one of these, please contact St Katharine's Church. The next planned lunches is on Monday 26th February and Monday 25th March; both at 12:30pm. Here is the report from Year 6 ambassadors:

Firstly, we walked to St. Katharine's Church and went inside the hall next to it where tables were set up before we got there. After everyone arrived, we went around the tables to take their orders of what soup they wanted - the choices were potato and leek or carrot, tomato and lentil soup. Next, we took their orders to them to eat. After that, we collected up the empty bowls so they could be washed. Next, we asked what dessert they wanted and served it to them. The choices were apple crumble or lemon sponge with cream or custard. After that, we collected the finished plates. We then asked if they would like tea or coffee and if they did we served it to them. Over the course of the day we were allowed to try some of the meals and they were delicious. We especially enjoyed the carrot, tomato and lentil soup and overall had a great time.





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Year 4 Times Tables Rockstars Day

Recently, year 4 had a whole day learning their times tables. We all dressed up as rockstars including the teachers! We played lots of games, had a treasure hunt and even got to play on TTRS against some of the teachers including Mrs Burton (who needs some practice!) and the year 6 maths ambassadors, Joe and Toby. It was lots of fun and we think everyone should play on TTRS to get better at their times tables! <https://trockstars.com/> By Daniel and Edison

Skydiver

Children in Early Years and Year 1 enjoyed floating, swooping and soaring in special dance workshops led by Francesca from Pavilion Dance South West. Francesca invited children to explore the movement qualities of flight and they danced with delicate puppets of birds or butterflies which they had colourfully decorated. These workshops were supported by Bournemouth Cultural Hub and they link to performances of **Skydiver** which are taking place in half term on Thursday 15 February at 11.00 and 14.00 at Pavilion Dance. If you would like to book tickets for these shows, please use the link below. www.pdswh.org.uk/whats-on/family-show-in-bournemouth/



Young Voices

35 children from Y5&6 took part in the Young Voices concert last Wednesday at the O2 in London. We were part of a choir of over **9000 children**. 5 members of staff accompanied us and 16 parents travelled on the coach and came to watch too. Everyone had a great day and the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and were a credit to the school. It was a very long day, but everyone was amazed by the feeling when we all sang together. It will be an experience that will be remembered for a long time to come by all involved.



Instrumental Lessons

If your child is having instrumental lessons in school, please ensure that your fees are paid for this term. You are able to check via Wisepay. If there are financial difficulties in paying, please contact Mrs Smith or a member of the Office staff.



Y5&6 Production

Almost 40 children took part in auditions for our Y5&6 production which will be Finding Nemo on Monday. The panel were very impressed with everyone's courage and talent, and results will be announced to them today. Rehearsals begin after half term. If any parents have skills to help with costuming or making props, please let us know. If any other children from Y5&6 would like to be part of the production, please let Mrs Smith know and come to the first rehearsal after school on Monday. If you have decided not to appear on stage, but would like to help with the technical aspect, backstage or helping with the audience, you will not be needed for rehearsals.



Science Quiz Pupil Commentary

Last Friday we went to an amazing Science quiz. The fun began when we entered an impressive hall where we were told to design our group slip - we used our awesome St Katharine's logo. We felt nervous and excited all at the same time. Firstly, we were called up to participate in a Kahoot quiz - it was so much fun! We even managed to achieve some great scores. Then, we were taken to complete a written quiz. Nerves were at an all-time high, but we went from strength-to-strength. Then it was time for the picture quiz: we had 15 close-up pictures and had to match them up to the correct names. At the very end, we had to build a





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tower out of straws and tape. Our tower was so tall but was almost knocked over – it was a close one! All of a sudden, there was a loud announcement: we had come 1st! We were so happy as it was the first time we had won. By Dylan and Kenny Year 6.

Indoor athletics Finals

As we entered the sports hall, the team began to get nervous, but we were ready to do their very best. We all waited in anticipation while the first race began. We cheered and supported each other as we ran in the various events: 4 x 1, 2 x 2, 6 x 2 and so many more. As well as the running events, some events such as the triple jump, standing long jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, chest push and javelin. In this event, we had a boys and girls team, who were a part of our main team. Fortunately, we won the girls and boys events but was close between us and another school. We clapped and cheered for our own team and the other supporting teams, although Mr Burke was the loudest. Now we are heading off to the county finals; we all feel so overjoyed but nervous at the same time. This is going to be a major event but we can't wait! Let's hope we win. Yael and Ella P Year 6.

Year 6 Football league finals.

There are four leagues within the Bournemouth Schools football structure and the winners of each league headed to Littledown to play for the trophy of league champions. This was split into a semi-finals and finals.

We started of nervous for the first match, as we knew it was going to be a very tough game. We managed to get an early goal and as timed ticked on we had to show some great resilience and collaboration to keep the lead until the final whistle, with some very good tackles and passion being showed by all players.

In a nerve racking final, we pushed for a goal and had to make sure that we did not let in any goals. The game ended up being a draw, which meant it was down to penalties. Eventually, five brave players stepped up with confidence to take a penalty. We got off to a good start by scoring the first three and them missing there first two. The game ended with us winning by 4 -2 on penalties, we celebrated with joy and showed grace by shaking hands with all the players on both teams and took the trophy as Bournemouth Champions. written by Monty and Oliver T

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 on each day of their absence. If your child is absent due to any other circumstances please email the school office with reasonable notice.

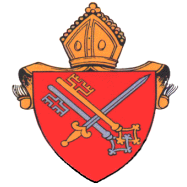
Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm Sunday 4th September 2022 to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week.





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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.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; 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 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.



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Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January 2024— Thursday 28th March 2024
Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th February 2024
In Person Parents / Carers Evening	Wednesday 21st February 2024 Thursday 22nd February 2024
End of Term	Thursday 28th March 2024—1.30pm
Summer Term	Monday 15th April 2024—Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024—Friday 31st May 2024
End of Term	Friday 19th July 2024 1.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 22nd July 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 23rd July 2024