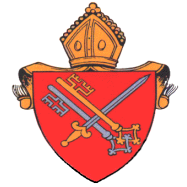




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Whole School Newsletter

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**Our worship  
Theme is:  
Inside Out -  
We are  
connected**

## Worship

In worship this week, we read a lovely poem called, "The Tree in Me" and related it to our 'Inside Out' idea (spirituality). The children have been visiting our courtyard which we have re-named as the 'Inside Out Courtyard'. In our school, 'Inside Out' helps us to develop our spirituality. Who am I? How am I connected to others and the world? What do I think about big questions (eg what is justice?). Our Bible verse this week is: "God has given each of us a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them to serve one another." (Peter 4:10)

## Welcome Back

It has been a fantastic first week back at St Katharine's. The children have really impressed us with their positivity with coming back to school ready to learn and be the best they can be; they have looked smart, shown great focus and, most importantly, shown grace and kindness throughout each school day. Thank you at home for your continued support with reinforcing our values and our expectations. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or by speaking to us on the gate at the start or end of the day.

## Child Led Worship

We were treated this week to a wonderful Child Led Worship which was planned and presented by some of our new Year 6 Worship Ambassadors - Gracie, Ella, Zola, Leo and Jake. The children talked about Fresh Starts and explained how we are like seeds, who grow into seedlings before flourishing into trees with new branches each year. We listened to a quote by Joyce Mercer, who said: " God has planted greatness in you. Let today be the beginning of a great adventure as you step into the gifts He's given you." Using this as our inspiration, we were all set the challenge of thinking of something we want to achieve this year and we agreed to support each other in reaching our aspirations. We can't wait to have more Child Led Worship throughout the year.

## Welcome to the new Early Years

We are very pleased to be welcoming the new Early Years children into school on Monday to start their first full week of school in the Skylarks and Nightingales classes. We are sure they will settle in very quickly, especially with all of the super role models they have in the older year groups.

## Arts Mark

We are extremely proud to announce that St Katharine's has recently been awarded the Art Mark Gold by the Arts Council England. This is a very prestigious award which recognises the importance that we place on the arts, culture and creativity across the whole school curriculum. The award really celebrates our commitment to ensuring that every child has access to brilliant creative experiences. Thank you to Mrs Dickinson and all staff for their hard work in developing the Arts at St Katharine's.

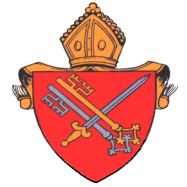
## Anti-Bullying

We are very pleased and proud to announce that St Katharine's has been awarded the United Against Bullying Silver School Status. This is a nationally recognised award which is only achieved by schools who value the well-being of everyone and who continually promote the anti-bullying message. Huge congratulations to Mrs Hawkins, her team of All Together ambassadors and everyone at St Katharine's for making this achievement possible.





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## Nut Free School

Due to numerous children having severe nut allergies, St Katharine's School is a 'Nut Free School'; children and staff are not permitted to bring nuts onto the school premises. This week, we have noticed, on more than one occasion, children having products containing nuts in their lunch box (these include chocolate treats and snack bars). Please can we remind you to check that the food you pack in your child's lunch box does not contain nuts. Any food that does contain nuts, has to be disposed of due to the severe, potentially life-threatening, risk it poses to the children with nut allergies. In addition, we also have a number of children with other severe, life-threatening allergies to foods containing eggs, dairy and fish. Although we allow these products in school, we do ask all children to not share food or offer other children their snacks or items from their lunch boxes. This is ensure that all children are safe. Please could you reinforce this message with your child at home. Thank you for your on-going support with this matter.



## Music Clubs and Instrumental Lessons

Orchestra, choirs and Young Voices will all start next week but Band will start on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Children from Y4-Y6 should have received an email with further information if they are signed up for peripatetic instrumental lessons this year. Lessons start in the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September and invoices will be sent out via Wisepay the following week.



## Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We have two exciting opportunities to work in our school as a teaching assistant. The roles are permanent positions, for an experienced teaching assistant or for someone commencing initial teacher training in 2024 who has previous TA experience. If you know anyone who may be interested, please do ask them to look at our website.

<https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/staff-vacancies>



## Medical Details

If any medical details have changed over the summer months, please complete a *Medical Condition Update* form. This is available from the school office and the school website.



## 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](mailto:office@skps.email) on each day of their absence. If your child is absent due to a holiday or other circumstances please email the school office with reasonable notice.



## Travel Home Alone

If your child has changed year group and you would like to grant permission for them to travel home alone please complete a *Permission to Travel Alone Home* form. This is available from the school office and the school website.

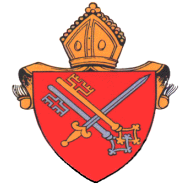
## Clubs

The majority of After School Clubs start next week. For lunch time clubs the children go to the teacher running the club at 12.25pm on the day the club is running. There is no advance booking required.





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### 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.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



### SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

If you are in need of support with bills, you can apply for help through the Household Support Fund via this link: <https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/> Alternatively call BCP Citizens Advice 0800 278 7939.

2023/2024	
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday 12th September 2023—Tuesday 28th November 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 30th October 2023
End of Term	Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January 2024— Thursday 28th March 2024
Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th 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
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 22nd July 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024