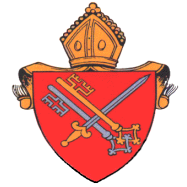




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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Christmas

In worship, the children have heard that the school received a Christmas card from the Diocese education team with a piece of straw in it. Around the world, there are Christian traditions where families add straw to their trees, or similar - seeing the straw is a daily reminder of the Christ in Christ-mas and that Jesus was born in a humble, straw-filled stable. The children will be bringing home a piece of straw next week to put on your Christmas tree - remember to ask them about it!

PE KIT



PE Kit

Please can you make sure that your children have PE socks in their bags at all times - navy ankle socks for EY/KS1 and navy football socks with sky blue hoops for KS2. In this cold weather, children may wear navy joggers with their PE kit or on Fridays. Thank you for your support with our smart uniform.



Winter Warmer

Earlier this week, the year 6 values leaders welcomed members of the St Katharine's and St Nicholas' church communities to school. The children served hot drinks and mince pies to the visitors before the school choir sung several carols to get everyone in the Christmas spirit! It was a delightful event which ended with everyone being presented with a handmade Christmas Card, made by the year 6 children.



Indoor Athletics Development Tournament

Last week, some year fives and year sixes went to an indoor athletics tournament at Avonbourne Academy. The first event was obstacle relay and the mixed boys team won with barely any time to spare. As for the girls team, they came second, which pushed us into first place but not by much. The next event was over under and both teams came second which forced us into second place over all but all the time that this was happening, one of the year sixes made an amazing throw making us so close to first place. In all of the rest of the events, we came first or second but since we came second in the last event, we were four points behind. It was up to the javelin team to secure the victory and because of one amazing throw, we were pushed up into first. We were victorious! Heath and FloJo Year 6



County football

On Wednesday, the year 5 and 6 girl's football team played in the county finals. We felt an eruption of emotions: nervous, excitement and had adrenaline pumping. As we arrived at the venue, Little down, we headed to our pitch to prepare for the upcoming game. After the game, we were ecstatic: we just won our first match. It was an incredible feeling. A wave of excitement took over the team as we took the field for the next game. We came out victorious with a 2-0 win (now we had our sights set on a win). After we finished the group stage, it was announced that we had advanced to the semi-finals. We won 2-1 and we were so happy. It was amazing! Now time for the final. We put our hands in the middle we were ready -we did the best we could. We were triumphant so we all jumped for joy! Although we won, we were gracious and showed integrity by shaking the other teams hands and headed to the presentation. We clapped the other team and headed to collect our trophy. We were victorious! By Marnie and Eloise Year 6



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Handball festival

On Tuesday 10th December, we had a handball festival. We left school at 3 o'clock. When we arrived we were splint into 2 teams the person in charge of the handball festival was Mr Moody. Both teams were full of excitement, we played inside first but sadly lost it was a very tough game because they were very tall. Then our second team played outside and won. Although we could not go through to the next round, because our school isn't in the right area, both our teams were having a great time. We carried on with lots of determination both teams winning most of their matches with great energy and even more determination.



Girls Football Tuesday 3rd December

It was a big day for St Katherine's, in the afternoon we had a big football match ready to be won. As we were warming up nerves were building as St James arrived. As the match began we were full of determination and excitement, then we got our first goal and the nerves settled down. Cheers and applause engulfed the pitch. As the ball nervously rolled into St Katherine's half our great defender's stopped it and kicked it away from the goal. As our nerves settled down further we started to play some nice football, with lots of passing and team work, this helped us to get the win and 3 points for the team in the league. We were all so happy. Marnie Year 5.



Girls Football Wednesday 4th December

We had a big game ahead of us against Park school. We were determined to win again, but we knew it would be tough as they were a strong school when we played them in our recent tournament. We started off great then after a few minutes we got a nice team goal. Then after a few minutes we scored again, then suddenly the ball went into the other half. Park took a shot but luckily our great goalkeeper saved it. The final score was 5:0 to us, The Park School gave man of the match to Marnie and we gave man of the match to their captain.



FSK Christmas Raffle - closes TOMORROW!

Be in with a chance to win our star prize, a Deluxe Weekend Getaway with your family worth up to £1,000, or one of our 12 legendary Luxury Hampers. PLUS we have over 100 incredible prizes!! Tickets are available here: <https://raffall.com/fskfundraising>



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.



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.

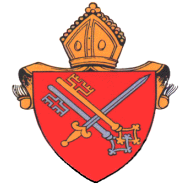




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Free School Meals – is your child eligible?

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; 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.



Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meal by 12.00pm (midday) the day before the meal is required.

2024—2025	
Autumn Term	Monday 2nd September—Friday 20th December 2024
Instrumentalist performance for parents	Monday 16th December 2024
Early Years Nativity 2.30pm	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Year 5 & 6 Carol Service at St Katharine’s Church	Wednesday 18th December 2024
End of Term	Friday 20th December 2024 at 1.30pm
Spring Term	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 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