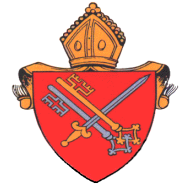




St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



Whole School Newsletter

06.09.2024

Our worship
Theme is:
Keep on
Moving

Worship

On the children's first day, we had whole school worship to think about how we want everyone to keep flourishing, learning and growing and introduced the theme of 'Keep on Moving'. To help us, we saw Mrs St John get stuck in her garden chair and listened to the story of 'The Koala Who Could' - it's a lovely story about moving out of your comfort zone (changing 'I can't' to 'I can'). Do read the story together at home using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcdVsRfUbjk>

We also sang one of our favourite songs that uses the Bible verse: "I can do all things with Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)

Towards the end of the summer term, the Bishop of Winchester visited our school to film footage of him talking to some of our children at the beach for part of a series 'Walking the Wessex Way'. We highly recommend that you watch the first few minutes of this to see how amazing children at St Katharine's are at talking about our school vision and what being part of a bigger picture means to them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jl8dhc7HPeU&t=207s>

Welcome

Welcome back to everyone and especially to our new parents and children. We have had a super start to term (despite the rain) and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Thank you to everyone who popped in this week to the talk in the hall and/or the classrooms. Early Years parents will be invited in for their own session once the children have settled in full time.

[Click here for a copy of the presentation](#) so that you can see what we covered. A key message was, 'Keep on Moving' - as the Ofsted report says, we don't want to stand still, and will keep working hard to ensure all our children flourish.

The following link to our website [St Katharine's Primary School](#) contains photographs, feedback from ofsted during our inspection days, as well as a few quotes from our earlier SIAMS inspection - the children enjoyed watching it in worship!

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.

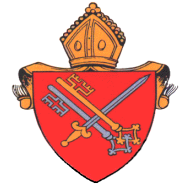
Absences

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.





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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.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
Inset Day	Monday 2nd September 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Autumn Half Term	Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024
Inset Day	Monday 4th November 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

