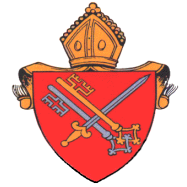




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Worship

Reverend Mike Powis led worship this week for us about Shrove Tuesday which we will be following up next week with pancake races for each class.

Coming soon: the new Diocesan project is 'TriWonder'. We will be using this theme for worship through to the end of the year to inspire the children which links brilliantly to our school vision and local environment. Our child-led worship leaders have planned the first worship to kick off the theme.

Our worship
Theme is:
TriWonder



PARENT
GOVERNOR
VACANCY

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies and the term of office is four years. Please see the email sent earlier this week for further details. If you think you have the necessary skills and commitment and would like to apply, please complete the application form on the link below by 11.45pm on Sunday 9th March 2025 <https://forms.office.com/e/ySXn4RgDcp>

Paralympic Gold Medallist Visit



A huge thank you once again to FSK for funding the visit of inspirational Paralympian, Aaron Phipps, to St Katharine's this week - we have had some lovely emails and feedback from parents to tell us about the impact his visit had on your children.

If you missed it earlier this week, the children heard that after becoming a bilateral below knee amputee at the age of 15, Aaron's drive, attitude and determination led him to represent his country in Wheelchair Rugby, winning gold in Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

Aaron also shared the incredible story of how he became the first disabled person to reach the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro unassisted - not only did he reach the summit unassisted, he was forced to crawl on his hands and knees for four days despite his guides suggestions that he could not complete the challenge unaided.

Aaron led different sessions with all year groups helping them to understand that any barrier in life is an opportunity and that 'we all have a choice'.

Parents Evenings

It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers at the recent parents evenings and learning plan meetings. We loved shared the brilliant work your children have been doing. We look forward to welcoming the parents and carers from Nightingales and 4SP to their appointments next week.

Reading (and Maths) Cafe

Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Gadd enjoyed welcoming lots of you to their Reading (and Maths) Cafe, which was held in the studio, during parents evening. If you have any further questions regarding what they were discussing, please contact the school office.

Smartphone Free Childhood

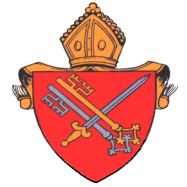
Those of you who visited the studio during parents evening will have also seen one of our parents, who was sharing information about a website smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk Do take a look for further information.

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WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
6 MARCH 2025

World Book Day

Please be reminded that 'World Book Day' is taking place on Thursday March 6th March 2025. We believe that every day is 'book day' at St Katharine's as we are surrounded by exciting books and have a passion for reading, however we would still like to acknowledge World Book Day. This year, we will not be dressing up. Instead, we ask that children bring in a favourite book from home to share with their class. Children in Years 1–6 will also take part in a 'Book Sell' activity, where each teacher will have a few minutes to present and promote a book. The children will then choose which book interests them most and join the corresponding teacher to listen to the story of their choice.



Book Fair

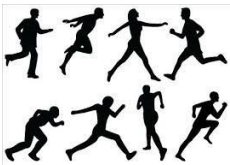
Today, your child will be given a World Book Day £1 book voucher for them to purchase a special 'World Book Day' book from our book fair, which is being held in the studio on: Monday 3rd March – 3:15 Tuesday 4th March - 3:15 Thursday 6th March -3:15 The book fair will be held in the studio, and both card and cash payments will be accepted. Books are invaluable for fostering a love of reading at home, and your purchases also help support our school. For every £600 spent, our school receives £360 worth of free books from Usborne.



Standing Tall

Trick of the Half Term—Standing Tall

We are focussing on this trick this half term. See how many times you can use it at home. We use this trick when we need to feel brave and use our confidence to achieve something that might be tricky. Stand tall—legs strong, shoulders back, relaxed arms and hands, steady breathing and eye contact.



Indoor athletics

Some St Katharine's pupils, who have been training hard at Indoor Athletics club, have been waiting for this moment. The moment was the next round of the championship. We arrived at the competition and it all started with the girls obstacle relay as they got ready, got their game faces on and were determined to win. Bam the whistle had gone and we had a good start; we were in the lead stepping in and out of the quick feet. We knew if we missed one foot placement we would have to start from the beginning. The next events included over under, field events and sprinting. We had a great time, plus both the girls and boys teams were victorious. This meant we were champions taking 3 shields back to the school.

Year 3 Gymnastics Festival

A fantastic group of Year 3 girls went to a Gymnastics festival at Highcliffe School. We were nervous at first but we got through it and really enjoyed ourselves. We were able to go round stations and each station was challenging but in a good way! I really enjoyed the trampette because it was very bouncy and I could practice my landing. We all really liked working collaboratively to create interesting balances and the leaders were very supportive and helpful if we wanted to push ourselves and try something new! We would definitely love to do this again and we would encourage others too. Written by Jasmine, Amelie, Mia, River, Lottie, Eleanor and Sienna.

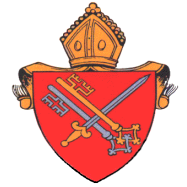
Arbor Reminders

Please be reminded to update your Arbor account with permitted adults to collect your child and consents for travelling home alone for Year 5 & 6





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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.

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.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
FSK Easter Disco	Thursday 27th March 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
Sports Day at Kings Park	Monday 16th June 2025
End of Term	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 21st July 2025
Inset Day	Tuesday 22nd July 2025