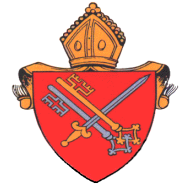




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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Keep on
Moving

In worship last week, we thought about comfort zones and challenge zones and the story of Deborah from the Bible; Deborah showed courage and bravery to do something God told her to do that she had never done before. "Be strong and courageous....for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

We also had our first child-led worship which was fantastic. This week, our theme continued with a focus on waves; the children even enjoyed some GCSE physics! Waves were linked to our theme of 'Keep On Moving' - a metaphor for flourishing, growing, learning, trying and more. Psalm 93:4 says: "Mightier than the waves of the sea is His love for you."

Mrs Dickinson also led worship with some children about what 'anti-racism' means. We thought about the stereotypical views we have when we see a picture of a wolf!

Bishop Visit



Last week, we were visited by two Bishops - the Bishop of Winchester, Philip Mounstephen, and the newly appointed Bishop of Southampton, Rhiannon King. This was a particularly exciting visit as Bishop Rhiannon was only announced as the new Bishop by Downing Street during that same morning. The year 6 children were delighted to be able to spend much of the afternoon with both of the Bishops. They used the time to quiz Bishop Rhiannon on a range of topics including: her inspiration to apply for the role; the challenges she may face in her new role; what a 'typical' week in the life of the Bishop of Southampton may look like; her hobbies; and why she has to wear the tall hat in church! In response, Bishop Rhiannon took the time to ask the children for some advice from them as she begins her new chapter. She was inspired by their suggestions of 'always be kind', 'ask God when you're stuck', 'be resilient' and 'find time to walk to the top of Hengistbury Head to pray'. One of the year 6 children wrote a prayer for Bishop Rhiannon in which they reminded her 'you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you'.

Hengistbury Head week - Week beginning 23rd September

We are looking forward to celebrating our amazing school location with our Hengistbury Head focus next week. We will be investigating 'Why is Hengistbury Head an inspirational place to so many people?' We will be using both our history and geography skills. As part of this celebration, we would like the children to take a selfie of something they enjoy doing or their favourite place at Hengistbury Head if possible. It will be their **head on 'the Head!'** The class teachers will let you know when this needs to be in. Fingers crossed for the weather!

Music clubs and instrumental lessons

Choir, recorder club, orchestra and band have begun this week. It has been lovely to see the children who have attended. If your child wishes to be part of orchestra or band, please email the office - they will need to open the registers, there are still spaces. If your child wishes to be part of choir or recorder club, they are able to come along to Y2,3&4 choir (Monday Lunchtime) or Y5&6 choir, (Wednesday lunchtime) or recorder club for Y3&4, (Thursday lunchtime).

Instrumental lessons have also begun this week. The cost of these will be sent out in a week or two, several parents have been asking about this - please do not worry, you have not missed it.



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Please support your child to remember their music and instrument on the correct day, encourage them to show you what they are learning, and practice regularly every week.



Parking around school

Please be mindful of parking legally and safe around the school. This includes not parking on double yellow lines, across driveways and pavements and on bends.



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.



School Telephone

Please listen to the school telephone directing numbers when trying to contact the school office as these have recently been updated.

Free School Meals – is your child eligible?



Are you entitled?

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.



Hot School Meals

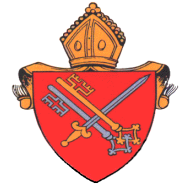
Please remember to order your hot school meal by 12.00pm (midday) the day before the meal is required.



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2024—2025	
<u>Autumn Term</u>	Monday 2nd September—Friday 20th December 2024
<u>Autumn Half Term</u>	Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 4th November 2024
<u>Year 1 Only Parents / Carers Evening</u>	Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November 2024
<u>Parents / Carers Evening</u>	Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November 2024
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 20th December 2024 at 1.30pm
<u>Spring Term</u>	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 2025
<u>Spring Half Term</u>	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2025
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
<u>Summer Term</u>	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
<u>Bank Holiday</u>	Monday 5th May 2025
<u>Summer Half Term</u>	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
<u>End of Term</u>	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 21st July 2025
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 22nd July 2025