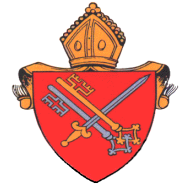




St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



Whole School Newsletter

04.10.2024

**Our worship
Theme is:
Keep on
Moving**

Worship

6TW shared a wonderful harvest worship with us this week that included a very catchy song and dance and a special edition of 'Ready, Steady, Cook' featuring Mr Pepper and Miss Batchelor. Thank you so much for the huge collection of harvest donations - Southbourne Food Bank will be collecting them next week.

St Katharine's Church Service

Last Sunday, nine children from years 3 to 6 led the readings, sermon and prayers at St Katharine's Church. They were inspired by The Feast of St Micheal and All Angels from Revelations. They shared the message of how we should all try to be angels on earth and help good overcome evil. Well done to all of the children involved - the members of congregation were very impressed!



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 Uniform

Thank you for helping us to maintain our high standards of school uniform. The school uniform policy is on the school website so that you can check that your child has the correct items, and has recently been reviewed by governors. The amendments are not changes but are for clarification purposes, for example, school shoes must be leather look and polishable material and do not include boots. Earrings are not permitted in our school and the policy has been updated to include clear earrings. A new addition is the section on hair bands (blue, white or hair coloured) so that the messages we give in school can be reinforced by you at home. Staff have been speaking to parents and children since the start of term, where there are a few discrepancies with any aspect of uniform, and will continue to do so on an individual basis. Similarly, do speak to your child's teacher if you need any support. We are really happy with the standard of uniform across the school and appreciate your ongoing support.

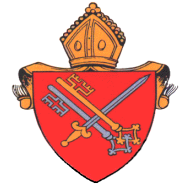
Can you help fix our octopus?

We are seeking a willing volunteer to stitch up our big 'teddy' Octopus for the Sensory Room. It currently has a split on the head and the filling is coming out everywhere. If you are able to help, please send an email to the school office.





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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?

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	
<u>Autumn Term</u>	Monday 2nd September—Friday 20th December 2024
<u>FSK Quiz</u>	Thursday 10th October 2024
<u>FSK Non-Uniform day and Disco</u>	Thursday 17th October 2024
<u>Individual School Photographs</u>	Thursday 24th October 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