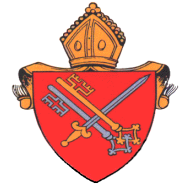




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## Whole School Newsletter

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Our worship  
Theme is:  
Integrity

### Worship

In this week's worship, Mrs St John got some children to act out the story of Mr Mean - this helped us think about the sorts of behaviours and qualities we should try to show everyday such as kindness and integrity. It reminded us of how Jesus warned people not just to do good deeds in front of others to impress them; we should do them even when no one is watching. We also enjoyed welcoming Rev Canon Mike Powis to lead a worship this week.

### Remembrance

We have been thinking of Remembrance. We focused on how we can look back but also how we can look forward and reflect on how we can work together to create a peaceful world. Each class spent some time in the Inside Out Courtyard to have a quiet moment of reflection and to appreciate the beautiful Poppy garden that Mrs Batchelor had made with a poppy from every child.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal - the total raised by your generous donations will be revealed soon.

### FSK Fireworks

Thank you to the FSK team for organising a brilliant Fireworks event last week. There were lots of volunteers to ensure that the event was a great success.

### Parents Evenings

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to the recent Parents Evenings and Learning Plan Meetings - it has been great to share so many positive comments with you all. Thank you for your kind words and on-going support in ensuring that your children continue to flourish.

### Times Tables Rockstars

This week we competed in the Times Tables Rocks England Rocks competition. The Year 6 Maths Ambassadors launched this by dressing up as 'rockstars' and visiting each of the classes as well as presenting the competition in whole school worship this week. It was great to see some friendly competition between classes! **5HS won the class battle, with 4LM not far behind -well done.** Remember to encourage your child to log onto Times Tables Rockstars at home to support their recall of times tables. It is the same log in for Numbots which supports addition and subtraction facts for Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2. If you have any queries regarding Numbots or TTRS, please contact Mrs Gadd.

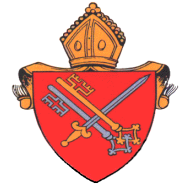
### Eco Warriors

Eco Warriors are back! This year, a new eco-committee has been selected to guide our 2024-2025 journey following the Eco-Schools programme. The aim is to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference. They will be taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in this school and the local community. November is 'Cut Your Carbon' Month. For the rest of November, we are joining the challenge to complete six simple actions to reduce our carbon footprint. More information and the challenge checklist will be coming home this week. At the end of November, we will tally up completed actions and see how much of a difference we have made. For anything eco related, please do get in touch as we're always open to exciting projects that we can get involved with.





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## 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](mailto: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?

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](mailto: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](mailto: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>Year 3 &amp; 4 Nativity 2.15pm</u>	Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December 2024
<u>Year 1 &amp; 2 Nativity 2.15pm</u>	Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December 2024
<u>Christmas Pantomime &amp; Christmas Lunch</u>	Thursday 12th December 2024
<u>Instrumentalist performance for parents</u>	Monday 16th December 2024
<u>Early Years Nativity 2.30pm</u>	Tuesday 17th December 2024
<u>Year 5 &amp; 6 Carol Service at St Katharine's Church</u>	Wednesday 18th December 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