



ST KATHARINE'S
C of E
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

Friday 31st January 2025
NEWSLETTER No: 10

Our Value This Term Is...

Thankfulness



Dear Parents,

This letter brings us neatly to the end of January. Not long until we are once again woken up by birds singing and a bit of light in the sky! We have had a busy couple of weeks. Oak class have been exploring their learning out of the classroom with a trip to the STEAM museum in Swindon last week. This trip, organised by Miss Denton, supports the learning that they have been doing around the theme of 'Transport' with specific focus on the engineers Isambard Kingdom Brunel and John Rennie, both significant historical figures in the development of rail and canal transport in the UK. Yesterday this learning was followed up by a brilliant session, brought right to our school hall, by the education team at Crofton Beam Engine. The children learnt all about how steam engines were a vital part of the building of canals and especially in the creation of the Beam Engine. They made their own canals in the hall and used a range of materials to represent the boats and the locks that you find there.

Our new group of drummers had their first lessons yesterday. I wasn't here yesterday afternoon to hear their first lessons through the walls of my office... I look forward to that next week! I am genuinely really delighted to be able to offer this tuition to the children and add another instrument to our peripatetic offer. We have 13 children learning at the moment. If your child shows an interest in learning this instrument, we are offering this to Key Stage 2 in the first instance. Do get in touch with mattcdrumtuition@gmail.com

or any of our music providers using the emails sent out in Newsletter 9. All of them keep waiting lists and will be glad to manage your enquiries.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the TAG Rugby club after school on Friday. This 'pop-up' club, run by a group of our Dads, is genuinely a joy to witness. It is so well attended and there is no surprise in that. It is quite literally an hour of intense physical activity that involves much running, a fair bit of falling to the ground, teamwork and most importantly laughter. I am probably guilty of repeating myself but the opening quote on our PE policy is as follows:

'Do not be alarmed, you may hear loud noises, shrieks, shouts and squeals. You may see big smiles, sweaty hair and red faces. Side effects include good mood, strong heart and muscles, better grades and quality sleep...'

Jeremy Frisch

Thank you to Tom Swift and Chris Coates for ensuring that this is a lived reality for the children taking part.

Ms Jones

A Memorial Service for Mrs Crewe

Our sincere thanks, once again, for the support and love that you have shared with us over the last few weeks. It has certainly been a very difficult few weeks, navigating the loss of a much-treasured member of our small team whilst keeping things as near to normal as we have been able to manage for the children.

We are staying in close contact with her family, who have visited the school a couple of times recently to meet with the staff and again at the weekend to see the things that the children have been making for the tree and visit the prayer space in church. They have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks for all of the memories and kind messages that you have shared with them and for the attendance at the funeral by so many of you. I know it meant a great deal. As part of those conversations, we have shared with them our desire to hold a Memorial Service and celebration of life for Mrs Crewe. We very much want to offer the opportunity for our community to come together, share memories and give thanks for everything that she brought to our community. Our plan is for this to be in the evening on **Thursday 3rd April at 5:00pm**, enabling as many of you to come as possible and for past students and their families to be included. We hope to offer refreshments back at school after the service for everyone in attendance. We are in the very early stages of planning; for now, put the date in your calendars and plan to wear your most colourful clothes. We would be very grateful if you could spread the news to our past families. It would be wonderful to fill the church.

Let us know if someone else is picking up your child

If you have planned for someone else to pick up your child in an emergency or out of the normal pattern for your family, please take the time to inform your child's class teacher by emailing the school office or leaving a message. We are not able to let children leave with an adult if it is out of the ordinary for your family or we haven't been informed. Please note this does not include those adults such as grandparents etc... who pick up in a regular slot each week and when we are already aware of that arrangement.

Parking/turning circle

Having been out on the turning circle quite regularly recently I would like to ask for your support with the following.

- Please do not let children out of the car prior to 8:30 – when an adult arrives on duty
- Please wait until you are **parallel with the school** buildings before letting children out of cars; children are getting out alongside the hedge where visibility is limited, this could be very dangerous.
- Please aim for children to be ready on arrival so that they can get out promptly and ideally without the need for lots of help from an adult.

The turning circle does work, and my hope is that it saves you time. Please try to be patient with each other and follow the simple rules above. It will be like witnessing a well-oiled machine in motion!

Military/Service Families check

We need to record on our information system where our families have a parent working as service personnel. This information is fed through into the school census and, where appropriate, triggers qualification for Service Pupil Premium (SPP). This premium enables schools to provide extra support for children with parents in the Armed Forces. Therefore, if this applies to you, please remember to either notify the office or update your Bromcom profile.

Playing after school

From time to time, we need to send out a reminder about the use of the playground after school. Please know that we understand the value that this small bit of the day has on fostering and building a sense of community; we don't have a village playground that everyone can go to by way of an alternative. Please know also that allowing children to stay and play on school premises out of school hours is an exception. Most schools close their gates quite promptly at the end of the day. In support of that fact, please ensure that children are playing kindly, with care for each other and the play equipment and that they are doing so safely and under your supervision. Other than the static

equipment, no other equipment should be used after school. Please also ensure that children are not playing on the field out of sight. Staying and playing at the end of the day is limited to the bark and hard standing play area. As the days begin to lengthen, we ask that everyone has left the playground by 4:00pm at the latest (unless you are waiting for a club to finish, in which case 4:15).

Thank you in anticipation of your support with the above.

Celebration Worship – please note changes

Celebration Worship Term 3 & 4

Friday Date	What?
10 th January	Celebration Worship
17 th January	Celebration Worship
24 th January	Celebration Worship
31 st January	Oak Class Sharing
7 th February	No Celebration Worship
14 th February	Sycamore Class Sharing (now 23.5) No Celebration Worship – PTA Valentines event
28 th February	Celebration Worship
7 th March	No Celebration Worship – World Book Day
14 th March	Chestnut Class
21 st March	Hazel Class Sharing
28 th March	No Celebration Worship – Bunny Bop
4 th April	No Celebration Worship – Easter Service

World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 7th March**. Please note that the official World Book Day is Thursday 6th March but we have chosen to celebrate this on **Friday 7th March** this year.

We encourage the children to come as a character from a book (rather than a film) or if they prefer, they could bring a clue to a book. It is always lovely if children also bring a copy of the book to school, however this is not a requirement. Please ensure any props or books are clearly named.

This is one of the highlights of our calendar. We love the first bit of the morning when the children arrive in an array of different costumes and share these during our assembly.

We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful costumes when the children arrive at school on 7th March.

Messages on behalf of the PTA

Movie Night - Cancelled

Unfortunately, movie night originally scheduled for the 7th February has been **cancelled**.

Valentine Cake & Drawing Competition

On **Friday 14th February**, we are inviting the children to enter a cake and drawing competition for some end of term fun!

- For the cake competition we would like the children to make: **4 Valentine's Day themed decorated cupcakes**
- For the drawing competition: **a decorated Valentine's Day card no bigger than an A4 piece of paper**

Entries are £1 for each competition. Prizes will be given for the best in each class (Hazel, Oak, Chestnut, Sycamore). Please make sure entries are sent in on the morning with their entry fees and **clearly labelled** with their names.

Parents are invited to view the creations in the Main Hall from 2:45pm and the cakes will be sold after 3pm for £1 each.

As usual, thank you for your continued support which is much appreciated.

PTA team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	
Monday 3 rd	Accelerated Maths Day St Johns (small group)
Friday 7 th	Movie Night PTA CANCELLED
Tuesday 11 th	BBC Live lessons – Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th	Final Lego after school club session
Friday 14 th	Last day of Term 3
	PTA Valentine's Event Cake and Card Competition Cake Sale after school
Friday 21 st	Mobile Library visiting
Monday 24 th	First day of Term 4
Thursday 27 th	Lego League Competition Bristol (Lego Club attendees)
	Oak Class Cricket event at Marlborough Leisure Centre (AM)

Friday 28 th	KS2 SATs Information Session for parents 2.45pm (This will take place during Celebration Worship)
March	
Tuesday 4 th	Dentist visit Hazel Class
Friday 7 th	World Book Day Dress Up
	Final TAG Rugby after school club session Sycamore Class
Thursday 13 th	TAG Rugby Tournament Y5/6 At Marlborough College (AM) (details to follow)
Wednesday 19 th	Chestnut Class trip to Cheddar Gorge
Friday 21 st	Mobile Library visiting
Monday 24 th	Sharing our Learning afternoon - parents invited in from 2.30pm until 3.15pm
Tuesday 25 th	3.30pm – 5:30pm Parents Evening 2 whole school
Thursday 27 th	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents Evening 2 whole school
Friday 28 th	PTA Mother's Day Shop
	PTA Bunny Bop
April	
Tuesday 1 st	Y3/4 Cricket Festival at St. Katharine's (small group)
April 3 rd	Mrs Crewe's Memorial Service St Katharine's Church @ 5:00pm All Welcome
April 4 th	Easter Service St Katharine's Church 9:30 am Including the Easter Bonnet Parade
	Last Day of Term 4
Tuesday 22 nd	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 23 rd	Accelerated Maths Day St Johns (small group)
Thursday 24 th	Scotability Years 1-6 (details to follow)

Please also refer to the **Key Dates Planner V2**, that includes all the dates that we know of for the

remainder of the 2024/25 academic year (at this point).

Our aim is that we give you advance warning and enable you to plan well ahead for some of the main events in the year. As events come into the school diary they will be added to the dates sections of the Newsletter and to Key Dates Planner V3 which is resent at the beginning of Term 5.

Please Note

We will close at 1:15pm on Thursday 24th July 2025.

Other things you might want to know...

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over



SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

**@ St Katharine's Primary School
Marlborough, SN8 3BG**

Dates: 17th & 18th February 2025

**Football - Dodgeball - Basketball - Hockey - Handball - Tag Rugby - Cricket - Tennis
plus many more!**

Time: 9am - 3pm Cost: £28.00 Clothing: Sports clothes & trainers

Additional hours available from 8am - 4pm @ £5.50 per hr

Items to pack: packed lunch (no nuts), water bottle, hat, sun cream, jacket



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BOOK ONLINE AT www.in2sportcoaching.co.uk



Looking for SEND Information?

Are you looking for information to support you to help your child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

This free to attend event is for parent carers of children with SEND, and those who work with them. It could be just what you are looking for to help you find out more about some of the services and support in Wiltshire.

The aim of the event is to provide a range of information to help illustrate some of the choices and options available for children/young people, showcase elements of the Local Offer in an accessible and interactive format, and provide a comfortable space and opportunities to facilitate networking opportunities for both parent carers and professionals alike.

Other reasons to attend include: -

- Free workshop
- Information from over different services and providers
- Free tea, coffee and cakes
- Meet and talk to other parent carers and a range of professionals and practitioners

See our virtual pre-event pack for lots more information



You can book using this QR code



**Friday 7th
February 2025**

**Civic Centre
Trowbridge
BA14 8AH**

**Registration from
9.30am**

**Event Runs from
10am to 2pm**

Parent carers will be able to claim travel & childcare expenses from the WPCC

(Contact us to discuss childcare claims before the event)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online
www.surveymonkey.com/r/SENDISFeb25

Alternatively

Phone: 01225 764647 (option 1)

Email: reception@wiltspcc.co.uk

Booking closes 5pm on

31st January 2025



MARLBOROUGH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

2024-25 TERM DATES WEDNESDAYS 5-6pm

- TERM 1: 6th SEPT - 23rd OCT 2024 *in session* = £56
- TERM 2: 6th NOV - 18th DEC 2024 *in session* = £49
- TERM 3: 8th JAN - 12th FEB 2025 *in session* = £42
- TERM 4: 26th FEB - 2nd APR 2025 *in session* = £42
- TERM 5: 23rd APR - 21st MAY 2025 *in session* = £35
- TERM 6: 4th JUNE - 23rd JULY 2025 *in session* = £56

BOOK NOW!

MAXIMUM OF 25 SPACES AVAILABLE
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4 - 12
INDOOR SPORTS HALL
PLEASE BRING SHIN PADS
TRAINERS & DRINKS BOTTLE



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MARLBOROUGH MINI STARS

2024-25 TERM DATES FRIDAYS 10.30-11am

- TERM 1: 6th SEPT - 18th OCT 2024 *in session* = £38
- TERM 2: 8th NOV - 20th DEC 2024 *in session* = £38
- TERM 3: 10th JAN - 14th FEB 2025 *in session* = £34
- TERM 4: 28th FEB - 4th APR 2025 *in session* = £24
- TERM 5: 25th APR - 23rd MAY 2025 *in session* = £20
- TERM 6: 6th JUNE - 18th JULY 2025 *in session* = £28

BOOK NOW!

MAXIMUM OF 15 SPACES AVAILABLE
FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 2 - 5 (PARENT & TODDLER SESSIONS)
INDOOR SPORTS HALL
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Braeside Education Centre

February Half Term Activity Days!

£40
per day

Adventure - Challenge - Fun

For ages: 8 - 12 years

(Siblings up to 14 years)

Drop Off - 8:30am - 9:00am

Pick Up - 4:30pm - 5:00pm

Monday 17th -

High Ropes Day

Leap of Faith,
High All Aboard,
Crate Stacking,
Parallel Poles



Tuesday 18th -

Survival Day

Fire Lighting,
Shelter Building,
Survival Craft



Wednesday 19th -

Climbing Day

Climbing Wall,
Zip-Wire,
Abseiling



Thursday 20th -

Mixed Activity Day

Archery,
Life Line,
Low Ropes,
Orienteering



Please book online by visiting

www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

Contact us for more details;
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Activities will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.