



**ST KATHARINE'S
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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

**Friday 21st March 2025
NEWSLETTER No: 13**

Our Value This Term Is...

Justice



Dear Parents,

Time is galloping away with us. I can't believe we have only a fortnight until we don our Easter Bonnets and find ourselves at the end of T4. When we come back it will be what we in schools call the 'Summer Term' – how has this come round so quickly again?

We have been very much enjoying the change in the weather. What a difference it makes... to everything. That said I had children complaining that it was too hot this week. Kindly but firmly I informed them that this is talk I am not yet ready to hear!

Sycamore Class took part in the annual multi-schools TAG rugby tournament last week, held at Marlborough Rugby Club. Thanks again to the support of our dads and mums who supported our children to be well prepared through our Friday TAG rugby club; the children did brilliantly. Sadly, I wasn't able to be there in person but I have taken these words from an email that I received from Chris Coates who, along with Tom Swift and Lucy Neal, coached our eager team:

'I don't think you'll be surprised to hear that the children were excellent ambassadors for St Katharine's. Magnanimous in victory but gracious in defeat, the children acted with sportsmanship throughout. As part of the training, I emphasised the importance of not getting frustrated - with the referees, with one's teammates, and with one's own mistakes - and, as requested, the children just shook it off and got on with the games. I think that was my favourite aspect of the day.'

It is lovely to win (of course) but for children of this age to have had exposure to a new sport, to have taken part in a tournament representing their school and to have acted proudly as ambassadors, ticks a lot of my boxes too.

Chestnut Class visited Cheddar Gorge this week in support of their science learning on 'Rocks'. This visit (a new one in our trips offer) also foreshadows the learning that they will be doing after Easter on 'The Stone Age and Beyond...' It was a long and tiring day but one that was enjoyed by all. I took a bit of feedback lunchtime yesterday and this is what our children told me;

'an amazing trip... an experience of a life time!'

'my favourite bit was climbing Jacobs Ladder.'

'I loved it all and I would definitely go back.'

'I learnt all about how stalagmites and stalactites were formed.'

'I loved learning about the Cheese Man!'

I anticipate a few children asking for a family day out this Easter.

Ms Jones

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Welcome and Goodbye...

We are delighted to welcome Leah Jodrell to our staff team here at St. Katharine's. Leah has been in post with us for more than a week now as a Learning Support Assistant and Mid-Day Supervisor. It already feels like she has been with us for a lot longer – as she has settled into our team so brilliantly.

In contrast, while we are sad to share the news that Laura Denny will be leaving our St. Katharine's staff team at the end of this term. We are delighted for her as she embarks on a new venture at St. John's. We will, of course, continue to see Laura around school as a parent and wish her all the very best. Laura's enthusiasm and cheerful presence around school will be missed by us all.

World Book Day

As always, we were delighted to see the children fully embracing World Book Day at school on 7th March. It was quite something being able to walk around school and bump into wizards, dragons, pirates, detectives and unicorns... not to mention the ruthless and quite frankly terrifying Miss Trunchbull herself!

In case you missed it, there was an article about us in Marlborough News Online on 11th March and a post on our school website.



A Memorial Service for Mrs Crewe

Thank you for completing the forms we have sent out recently gathering information on how many are expecting to attend Mrs Crewe's Memorial, plus asking for an indication of whether you are able to help with providing a cake, car park marshalling or clearing up after the event. We are well into the planning phase now and are very grateful for your support to ensure the service runs smoothly.

Attendance Update

Current whole school attendance data: 96%

Our end of year attendance target is: 97%

Recently there have been a few children off with bugs. This obviously affects our attendance figures, but we are grateful to you as parents for following our request to keep children at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea and 24 hours after a temperature spike. In the long term, this helps to protect our community and keep our attendance levels high. Thank you for your continued support with attendance; our data is currently both above national and regional figures.

Sharing Our Learning Afternoon

Prior to parents' evenings (on 25th and 27th March) there is an opportunity for you to come into school from **2:30pm on Monday 24th March** to share books with your child/ren. We hope this will give you a bit of context before meeting with your child's teacher and enable you to share the progress that your child is making and the things that they are proud of. Once you have finished, we are happy for children to go home a little early providing you let the class teacher know. Please use the classroom entrances or come through reception.

Parents' Evenings

All parents will have received details about the upcoming Parents' Evenings happening on **25th** and **27th March**. The sessions are being held via video call.

The booking window is now closed. If, for any reason, you didn't manage to make a booking, please do get in touch with Hayley in the office and she will be able to help.

Collection Arrangements

There are obviously occasions when parents arrange for a different person to collect their child/ren from school. It is fine to send in an email to notify the school if it is before the actual day or during the morning of the day. However, if you are letting us know in the afternoon of the day it is occurring, please can we ask that you call and notify us by phone or leave an answerphone message rather than an email. You will be aware that there is not always someone working in the office in the afternoons, but answerphone messages are always listened to. Many thanks.

Scootability

Scootability sessions are once again available to our children in year groups 1 to 6 this year. The sessions are scheduled to be delivered on **Tuesday 29th April**. A letter was sent out to parents on 13th February inviting you to sign your child/ren up to take part. Today is the deadline to sign up, so please complete the form if you are intending to and haven't yet done so.

Dance Afterschool Club

In2sport are excited to be launching a dance afterschool club for KS2 children on Wednesdays in term 5 (this will run alongside football club, not in replacement). The club will teach dance styles such as street dance, musical theatre, jazz, breakdancing and more! Each term the children will focus on a different dance style, learn a routine and finish the term off with a performance to show off their hard work.

The children will get to experience a taster session next Wednesday afternoon (**26th March**). Details of how to book onto the club will be provided in the club letter that will go out after the taster has taken place.

In2Sport Easter Holiday Multisport Camp

Please see the flier on the noticeboard giving details of a multisport holiday camp being run by In2Sport at St. Katharine's in the Easter Holiday period - on 7th and 8th April.

Bookmarks and Healthy Cakes Sale - Reminder

The School Council are holding a sale of handmade bookmarks plus healthy cakes and biscuits on **25th April** to raise money to buy equipment for Forest School. If you have any beads or plastic thread which can be reused and you are happy to donate, please send them into school for Mrs Ellaby so they can be reused by the

children. We would also be grateful for any healthy cakes or biscuits sent into school on the day (25th April), helping to support our healthy schools award. Items will be available to buy for a donation of £1 or more if you are feeling generous!

The Big Plastic Count – message from the School Council

A massive thank you to all the children who took part in the Big Plastic Count! Your efforts have surely opened the children's eyes to just how much plastic is used across the UK. It's so important that we all become mindful of our consumption and work together to reduce plastic waste. Let's hope that our combined efforts will encourage supermarkets and the Government to rethink their approach to recycling and cutting down on plastic use.

Red Nose Day

The children have raised a fantastic **£106** through wearing something red for Comic Relief today. Thank you for supporting them.

Lost Property

The lost property basket is quite full. Amongst other things, the current count is 17 un-named fleeces/sweatshirts/cardigans. When items are named, it is a simple matter of reunited children with their things. When items are not named this is a trickier business **and** a time consuming one. Please help by labelling all property so that, when lost, we know who it belongs to.

Messages from the PTA

Please see below some of the events happening over the next few weeks. More details will follow soon but please be aware of the following events.

The Mother's Day Pop Up Shop is back this year and we have some lovely gifts for children to purchase on Friday 28th March for £5 (1 per child).

This year's **Easter Bonnet Parade** will be held as part of the Easter Service on **Friday 4th April**. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children's creations!

The PTA will be running a **Maypole Dancing Club** after the Easter break in the run up to the School Fete on Saturday 7th June. This club will be for children in years 3 – 6 in the first instance, *extending the offer to include Year 2 will be decided on, only if numbers allow*. The club will take place on Friday after school and run from the end of the school day (3:15) until 4:00pm. Children attending need to be willing to

perform at the fete and therefore (of course) be able to attend on that Saturday.

Bunny Bop

The PTA Bunny Bop will be on **Friday 28th March** from 5.30 - 7pm.

We would like to invite all St Katharine's children to join us for a bit of disco dancing fun - tickets are on sale through our website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stkatharines

tickets are priced at £5 each and will include light refreshments (squash, 1 bag of crisps, 1 bag of sweets), UV paint and tattoos - Children will not need any cash on the night!

KS1 Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and we are afraid that we can't extend this invitation to younger siblings due to numbers.

There will be a quieter area for children and a separate area for adults to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee!

We hope the children enjoy this event - party clothes at the ready!!!

When booking your ticket you will be asked for a song choice to be added to our playlist.

Savernake Fun Run

As planning is now well underway, we wanted to provide further details of the Savernake Fun Run taking place on **Saturday 28th June 2025**.

As in previous years, there will be a 10k and a 3k race, with a medal for every finisher. The 10k race kicks off at 9:30am, with the 3k following at 11:00am.

The 3k race is suitable for adults and children of all ages, we often have very young children taking part (children under 8 years must have an adult running with them). The 10k is also open to children, but those under 16 must have an adult running with them.

Whether you are a seasoned runner or a novice, the variety will spur you on as you pass buildings dating back to the 16th century, ancient woodland and a deer park. Our continued thanks go to Mr Rokos and the Estate Manager and Security team from Tottenham House for their support to enable this event to proceed.

The event website is now live with loads more information. **Go to www.savernake10k.co.uk, and be sure to join our [Facebook Group](#) too!** A huge thank you to Leeann Stevenson for volunteering her time and expertise to create the website for us. If you have any questions, please email me at run@savernake10k.co.uk

Georgie Franklin



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>March</i>	
Friday 21 st	Mobile Library visiting
	Red Nose Day
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 (Oak, Chestnut and Sycamore classes)
Wednesday 26th	KS2 Dance Taster Sessions In2Sport
Thursday 27 th	3.30pm–7.00pm Parents Evening 2 whole school
Friday 28 th	PTA Mother's Day Shop
	PTA Bunny Bop 5.30pm-7pm
<i>April</i>	
Tuesday 1 st	Yrs 3/4 Cricket Festival at St. Katharine's (small group)
Wednesday 2 nd	Trees Project Chestnut Class
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
Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th	In2Sport Holiday Multi Sport Camp
Tuesday 22 nd	First Day of Term 5
	Reception Class visit to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
Wednesday 23 rd	Accelerated Maths Day St Johns (small group)

Thursday 24 th	First After School Running Club Year 2-6 (details to follow)
Friday 25 th	Bookmarks and Healthy Cakes and Biscuits Sale After School
Monday 28th	Mobile Library visiting
Tuesday 29 th	Scootability Years 1-6
<i>May</i>	
Friday 2 nd	Whole School Cricket Taster Day
Monday 5 th	May Day Holiday School Closed
Tuesday 6th	Yrs 3/4 Athletics Festival Burbage Primary School (small group)
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Friday 16 th	Chestnut Class Stone Age morning Oxenwood visiting school
	Mobile Library visiting
Sunday 18 th	Restless Development Triathlon Event
Tuesday 20 th	Year 6 pre-residential parents meeting 3.15pm
Wednesday 21 st	Sex and Relationships Information Evening for parents 2.30pm
Friday 23 rd	Walk Safe Sessions Years 1,3 and 6
	Last Day of Term 5

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 sent 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...

in2sport coaching

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS


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

Dates: Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th April 2025

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

Time: 9am - 3pm Cost: £26.00 Clothing: Sports clothes & trainers
Items to pack: packed lunch (no nuts), water bottle, hat, sun cream, jacket
EARLY BIRD PRICE OF £26.00 INCREASES TO £28.00 ON 26/03/25

[@IN_2SPORT](#) [in2sportcoaching](#)



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BOOK ONLINE AT www.in2sportcoaching.co.uk

BUNNY BOP

Friday 28th March 2025
5.30pm - 7pm at School


Entry £5

Ticket includes:
Light Refreshments
UV Paint
Temporary Tattoos

KS1 children to be accompanied by an adult

Tickets available at
<https://www.pta-events.com/stkatharines>

Due to safety reasons we can't allow younger siblings. The event will be for St Katharines pupils only.



Braeside Education Centre

Easter Activity Days!

Monday 7th - Friday 11th April £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

<p>Monday 7th April - Ropes Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climbing Wall Zip-Wire Crate Stack Leap of Faith 	<p>Tuesday 8th April - Survival Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Lighting Shelter Building Survival Craft 	<p>Wednesday 9th April - Easter Cookery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archery Climbing Wall Problem Solving
<p>Thursday 10th April - Slackline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bouldering Wall Lifeline Low Ropes Orienteering 	<p>Friday 11th April - Canoeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS Orienteering 	

Please book online by visiting www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

Contact us for more details: 01280 722637
Braeside Education Centre info@braeside-education.co.uk

Activities will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.



Savernake Forest & Farm Holiday Club

Easter Holidays 8 AM - 6 PM

Only £48.00 per day excluding outing surcharges



8 AM - 1 PM
£ 33.75

8 AM - 3 PM
£ 42.00

1 PM - 6 PM
£ 33.75

Week 1	Activity	Week 2	Activity
Mon 7 April	Easter Baking	Mon 14 April	Easter Crafts
Tue 8 April	Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm £7 Surcharge	Tue 15 April	Nature Walk & Scavenger Hunt
Wed 9 April	Forest School	Wed 16 April	Forest School
Thu 10 April	Alice Holt Country Park £5 Surcharge	Thu 17 April	Sports Day
Fri 11 April	Easter Egg Hunt	Fri 18 April	Closed

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Easter holidays in the TreeHouse ...

Join us for glorious Easter holiday club days packed with adventures and experiences



Breakfast, After School & Holiday Club

Opening times & costs

8.30am - 5pm - £41.75 per day + activity/fuel supplements as shown

Early Bird drop off from 7.50am is £5.75 per day - Prices include morning and afternoon snacks

<p>Monday 7 April Lacock Abbey & Village Historic house and gardens in this beautiful village. Follow the Easter Trail and spot Harry Potter film locations! Supplement £7.50</p>	<p>Tuesday 8 April Pewsey Treasure Trail Where is the missing treasure of Pewsey Manor? Fabulous fun on a Treasure Trail around Pewsey and a beautiful walk at Jones's Mill nature reserve</p>	<p>Wednesday 9 April Wilton House A favourite day out - great adventure playground and grounds plus added bonus of the Julia's House Easter trail Supplement £7.50</p>	<p>Thursday 10 April Avebury & West Kennet Absorbing the wonder of amazing local prehistoric sites that are right on our doorstep and enjoying the great outdoors</p>	<p>Friday 11 April Stratton Fire Station Learn about life as a firefighter and check out the fire engines & equipment. Super afternoon at Stanton Country Park</p>
<p>Monday 14 April Glo-Golf Glow in the dark mini golf? Crazy and great fun! Back to nature in the afternoon at Anton Lakes nature reserve Supplement £3</p>	<p>Tuesday 15 April Lambs & Bluebells Glorious morning at a local farm in Dare with the lambs and then off to see the bluebells at West Woods</p>	<p>Weds 16 April Roves Farm Up close with animals and their babies, activity trails, adventure play - blissful combination! Supplement £7.50</p>	<p>Thursday 17 April Running wild! Fabulous outdoors day at Savernake Forest and popping to the brilliant Marlborough park</p>	<p>Friday 18 April Good Friday Bank Holiday</p>

We provide super adventures and team. You bring wonderful children and a packed lunch. PERFECT!

Cancellations & absence

If you cancel at short notice (less than 1 week) we will try to fill the place. If we can fill the space you will not be charged but if not, payment in full is required. In the event of missed days due to sickness we are not able to offer a refund.

A healthy place to be

We depend on each other to keep Sunflowers and TreeHouse a healthy place to be. Avoiding the spread of any sort of unwellness is always a priority. Children (and our team) need to be tip-top to cope with an active and busy day so please don't bring children in if they are unwell.

Additional support

We welcome children of all abilities and needs and ask that you contact us directly to discuss individual needs as we may require enhanced ratios to support your child. Please contact us to start a conversation.

Not just childcare ... great days in The TreeHouse. For information or to reserve spots call 01672 810478 or email treehouse@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk

