



ST KATHARINE'S  
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,  
& Honesty*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
NEWSLETTER No: 14

*Our Value This Term Is...*

*Justice*



*Dear Parents,*

Having done this job for quite a while now, I am conscious that I might become a little repetitive as the end of term Newsletters come round again. That said I can't quite believe it is already Easter. More frightening still is that Term 5 is only 23 days long – with two bank holidays in the mix!

We have had a fun-filled couple of weeks. Last week ended with the Bunny Bop and the Mothers' Day shop. These two events have added just over £600 to the PTA coffers, money that I assure you will be well spent in line with our school improvement plans.

On Tuesday we hosted a Cricket festival as part of our continuing involvement in the small school's sports partnership. A team of 10 children, from Chestnut class, played brilliantly and ended the day, not only having represented their school proudly but also in possession of the winner's trophy!!! Congratulations to all of them on this achievement, we are all very proud of you.

Today was the perfect end to term with our pared back Easter Service. We decided to take our Easter Bonnet Parade to church with us today with a somewhat unplanned catwalk down the centre of the church, accompanied by Hot Chocolate's, 'Everyone's a Winner.' It was a joyful sight; the bonnets were magnificent. There were four Easter eggs awarded but in my opinion everyone really was a winner.

Whilst I am fully aware that many of you will continue to work and juggle parenting over the coming fortnight, I do hope that you manage to slow the pace

a little bit, spend time with friends and family and re-charge your batteries. Thank you again your kindness and support in recent weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school when the leaves are fleshing out the trees and *hopefully* the sun is continuing to shine. Happy Easter!

*Ms Jones*

*'From little acorns, great oaks grow'*



### **A Memorial Service for Mrs Crewe**

I had very mixed feelings in the lead up to the Memorial service yesterday. Perhaps an obvious thing to say. It feels like a while since the first days in January, when we invited you all back to school having shared the saddest of news with you all in the Christmas holiday. Schools stop for no one – quite rightly and as such there is so much that has been entirely normal in the last two terms. The service though was waiting for us. A service no one wants to plan for but one that it felt so important to get right. When I thought ahead, from the perspective of the rain and grey clouds of January and February, I wished for a clear blue-sky day and a warm Spring evening. The sun shone on us and whilst there was much sadness, and many tears, I hope that coming together to remember Mrs Crewe and all that we loved about her has helped in some small way to help us heal. I think she would have been proud of us all, if not a little astonished by all the 'fuss'. We are proud of her and the legacy that she leaves. A reminder that we all matter very much to those whose lives we touch. Thank you for coming, for wearing your colours and for being the warm and wonderful community that you are.

### **Thank You**

I always worry when singling people out for thank yous that I will miss someone but I did want to thank those of you who played a special role in helping the Memorial Service to run so smoothly. Thank you to our PTA committee who organised the parking, the cake making and the teas and coffees. Thanks also to those who volunteered to make cakes and park cars – to know these things were covered was a weight off our minds. Thank you to Mark Franklin who agreed to speak at the service and who wrote such beautiful words on behalf of our community and the children. It is not an easy thing to do. Thank you to the Homer family for allowing us to use the strip of field for parking. It helps hugely to know that while planning for an event there is not a backdrop of traffic chaos

happening outside! Our thanks to Colin Heber-Percy who helped to bring our service together with prayer, reflection and his blessing. Having Colin with us brings a calm support that we are all grateful for.

My thanks to our brilliant staff team who have worked so hard through what has inevitably been a very challenging time since Christmas. I hope they all have a proper break this Easter and take the time they need to rest and breathe. Finally, my thanks to our wonderful children, for coming to the service and for those who agreed to form a choir and to those who shared their memories. They did a truly brilliant job. Mrs Crewe would, I know be very proud of us all.

### *From your Governors...*

St Katharine's Academy Council comprises of parent governors, community governors, foundation governors, and staff governors. A list of the governors can be found on the school website. Our role is to look at the school through the eyes of the pupils. We meet four times a year and spend two half days at school, in classrooms getting a feel for how lessons are taught and becoming familiar with some of the school priorities for teaching and learning.

At our meeting on 12th March, we were given a presentation by Mr Sandall on the school's approach to the teaching and learning of maths and times tables. This as an excellent presentation and governors were left with a better understanding by the end of the meeting.

On 25th April governors will be visiting the school for the morning. We will be visiting the classrooms and be able to see maths being taught. It is an opportunity to interact with the pupils in the school environment and talk to them about their experiences in school.

Governors try to attend as many school events as possible, including school trips. In March Tamsyn Kerr and I accompanied Chestnut class to Cheddar Gorge. It was a very interesting visit, the children asked lots of questions and were able to show their knowledge by answering questions.

We are already looking forward to our next meeting when Clarii Freeman will be talking to us about all things EYFS and the vital work she does in the EYFS classroom to set the important foundations for children's future learning.

If you have any questions about the role of governors at St Katharine's please do chat to us either in the playground or via email.

*Kim Lydon-Strutt*

Chair of St Katharine's Academy Council

### Attendance Update

**Current whole school attendance data: 96.1%**

**Our end of year attendance target is: 97%**

Thank you for your continued support with attendance; our data remains both above national and regional figures. We hope that as winter illnesses subside, we will continue to maintain our attendance percentages and hit our end of year target.

### Celebration Worship Terms 5 and 6

The summer term is always busy, as such please note that there are multiple dates where there is no celebration worship scheduled. Also, please note that class assemblies do not happen in the summer term due to the already very busy calendar. Whilst sharing our work is not a performance, these assemblies do require additional workload and preparation for teachers which is why we do them in the earlier part of the year. Please do keep your eye on SeeSaw as this is a great vehicle for teachers to continue to share the work that is going on in school with you.

#### Celebration Worship Term 5 & 6

Friday Date	What?
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Celebration Worship
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	No Celebration Worship whole school cricket taster day
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> May	No Celebration Worship trips and visits happening
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	No Celebration Worship walk safe sessions
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Worship
13 <sup>th</sup> June	No Celebration Worship Fathers' Day Shop
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Worship
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Worship
4 <sup>th</sup> July	No Celebration Worship
11 <sup>th</sup> July	No Celebration Worship Summer Performance dress rehearsal
18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Final</b> Celebration Worship Year 4 are at Braeside

### Hot Weather

We can never quite predict what weather we are going to get or at what time of year. We are however heading into the warmer months and as such please note the following:

- **Suncream** – ideally children will come to school already wearing a long-lasting 8-hour cream meaning that we don't need to reapply during the school day. Failing that children are able to apply suncream independently.
- **Hats** – Please send children to school with a hat that will protect them from the sun. Given the fluctuations that we can see within a school day, it makes sense for sunhats to be in bags at all times.
- **Water** – please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school. We encourage children to

fill up bottles when empty; they have easy access to a cold water tap on the playground and in all classrooms.

### Swimming

Having received feedback from parents last year and revisited the requirements of the National Curriculum, namely to:

- ✓ *swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres*
- ✓ *use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]*
- ✓ *perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations*

we have made the decision for Year 3 to be our target year group for swimming tuition, this year and moving forwards. Included in that decision making process has been the challenge of meeting the now quite astronomical cost of transport to and from the swimming pool. Quotes from coach companies exceed £250 per session. Changes to the use of the school grant for PE also mean that we are no longer able to supplement these costs to reduce the contributions from parents. We hope that by focussing our attention on Year 3 we will not only be meeting the requirements of the national curriculum but also be able to track children, who need to swim 25m, more closely. Each year we survey the parents of children in years 4-6 to gather data about children who have not yet reached this 25m threshold. Children who are not yet there will be offered swimming lessons alongside year 3 learners. Keeping our offer to a single year group has also meant that we can utilise the Wiltshire Connect bus service who can transport us to and from Marlborough Leisure Centre at a fraction of the cost.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### Glasses Found

A pair of glasses have been found at the church after the Memorial Service yesterday. If you suspect the glasses might belong to you, please get in touch with Hayley in the office.

### Churchyard Tidy Up Morning

Please see below detail about the St Katharine's Church tidy up morning this weekend (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>). Please do pop along if you think you can be of help – I know that will be very much appreciated.

## From the PTA...

### Summer Fete

Date for your diaries - the Summer Fete is on **Saturday 7th June**. If you are cutting and dividing plants or planting seeds, please pot some up or plant a few extra to sell at the plant stall at the fete.

### Treasurers Update

We have had some lovely events and great support from the children and parents alike so far this academic year making a whopping **£4870.53**.

The Mother's Day Shop made **£242.72**. Thanks go to Hannah Taylor for organising and wrapping all the gifts. The Bunny Bop made **£368.96**. Big thanks go to Lee Matthews for DJing and to all the helpers who mucked in on the evening to make it a fun event for the children.

A couple of things that happen in the background and don't often get a mention are: Donation Station – which has made **£849.21** and Easy Fundraising **£518.87**.

Did you know the PTA commit to funding over **£2K** each year to support class trips, Christmas books, the pantomime and leavers gifts? Additional projects we have supported recently include Hazel Classroom equipment from Early Excellence, the mobile speaker system, the interactive whiteboard in the hall, gem day treats and more. None of this happens without your support so a **BIG** thank you to you all!

### What can you do to help?

- Sign up for Easy Fundraising - [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=123431&invite=g0tjgz&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=web-referral](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=123431&invite=g0tjgz&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral)
- See if your company offers Match Funding
- Buy and sell on Donation Station – so easy!
- Join the PTA or volunteer at an event

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.

### Savernake Fun Run

We are delighted to announce that **registration is now open** for the Savernake Fun Run, taking place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. We are offering families of St

Katharine's early access to registration. Simply go to the [St Katharine's PTA events booking page](#) where you will find options to register for the 10K and 3K races, and purchase commemorative T-shirts to wear on the day.

You can complete one booking for the whole family by simply selecting the quantities required and clicking 'Add to Basket'. Once you are ready, go to your basket and checkout. You will then be asked to provide details for each runner (name, age, contact details etc.) to complete the registration process. Please ensure that all details are entered correctly. All runners must be registered to compete. As a reminder, the 3K is suitable for adults and children of all ages, we typically have very young children taking part, but children under 8 must be accompanied at all times by an adult. The 10K is also open to children, but those under 16 must have an adult running with them. Every runner will receive a medal on completion.

If running is not for you but you would still like to get involved, **we are in need of people to help** on the day. It is a fun event to get involved with, bringing lots of people who are not from within our school community – it's a great way to show off our fantastic school! We are finished by lunchtime, so it is not a full day commitment, but a great way to support the school. If you can help, please let us know by emailing [run@savernake10k.co.uk](mailto:run@savernake10k.co.uk) or sign up using the [St Katharine's PTA events booking page](#) where there is a complete list of roles – every offer of help is most gratefully received!

For further information about the event, please go to the [website](#), and don't forget to join our [Facebook Group](#) too!

For any queries regarding registration or volunteering to help, email [run@savernake10k.co.uk](mailto:run@savernake10k.co.uk)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>April</i>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	In2Sport Holiday Multi Sport Camp
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Term 5

	Reception Class visit to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Accelerated Maths Day St Johns (small group)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	First After School Running Club Year 2-6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bookmarks and Healthy Cakes and Biscuits Sale After School
	<b>Maypole Dancing Afterschool Club first session Years 3-6</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library visiting
	<b>First Swimming Session Year 3</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Scootability Years 1-6
<i>May</i>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whole School Cricket Taster Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Holiday School Closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs 3/4 Athletics Festival Burbage Primary School (small group)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Class Stone Age morning Oxenwood visiting school
	Mobile Library visiting
	<b>Year 6 visit to RAF Ramsbury Airfield (details to follow)</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Restless Development Triathlon Event
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 pre-residential parents meeting 3.15pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sex and Relationships Information Evening for parents 2.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Walk Safe Sessions Years 1,3 and 6
	Last Day of Term 5
<i>June</i>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Term 6
	<b>Whole School Photo and Year 6 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</b>

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> (fortnight beginning)</b>	<b>Year 4 Multiplication check</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sycamore visit to Parliament (details to follow)</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Accelerated Maths Day St Johns (small group)</b>
	<b>Maypole Dancing Afterschool Club final session Years 3-6</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Summer Fete</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> (week beginning)</b>	<b>Phonics screening check week</b>
	<b>Nursery visits for 2025 intake begin this week</b>
	<b>Red Ridge Residential – Year 6</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braeside Year 4 Pre-residential meeting for parents 3.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yrs 5/6 Athletics at Marlborough College (small group)</b>
	<b>Mobile library visiting</b>
	<b>PTA Fathers’ Day Shop</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> (week beginning)</b>	<b>Nursery visits continue</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New Reception parent information evening 6-7.30pm</b>
	<b>Whole school – Emergency Awareness Training, Wiltshire Air Ambulance</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Parents’ Info Evening at St. John’s</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Bikeability (day 1)</b>
	<b>Year 6 Uniform Fitting Evening at St. John’s</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yrs 5/6 Rounders at St. Katharine’s Primary School (small group)</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Bikeability (day 2)</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Final After School Running Club</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Savernake Fun Run</b>

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 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

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).



# Other things you might want to know...

**in2sport**  
coaching

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

### MARLBOROUGH

@ St Katharine's Primary School, SN8 3BG **Dates:** 7th & 8th April 2025  
@ Burbage Primary School, SN8 3TP **Dates:** 9th, 10th & 11th April 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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## DAY OF DANCE

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

9.30-3PM

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

ACRO

JAZZ

STREET DANCE

CONTEMPORARY

CHOREOGRAPHY

FOR AGES 6-18

SPLIT AGE GROUPS

£30

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**STJOHN'S**  
MARLBOROUGH

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## SCIENCE SHOW

Free Community Event

**Date:** Weds 30th April 2025

**Time:** 5.30-6.30pm

(Doors open 5.15. The show will start at 5.30pm)

**Where:** St John's Theatre



**FREE** Community Show for families.

Packed with experiments, explosions and hands-on participation.

Book your free tickets here



Please note that this will feature the same experiments as last year's show.

## WICKED WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 17 APRIL

9.30-3PM

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

DANCE

SING

ACT

£30

FOR AGES 5-18

SPLIT AGE GROUPS

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ST KATHARINE'S CHURCH

# Churchyard Tidy Up Morning

Can you spare some time?

**Saturday 5th April**

Please come along to help us tidy up the churchyard.  
Join us any time from **10am** and stay as long as you can.

Plenty of jobs for all ages and abilities.

Please bring your own tools.

Refreshments provided in Thanks!



**PEWSEY VALE**

# Easter Football camp

**WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 10-1**

PEWSEY VALE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB  
WILCOT ROAD PEWSEY SN9 5NL

£15 PER PLAYER  
AGES 6-13

**Booking essential**

**PLEASE EMAIL  
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YOUR PLACE  
07717758224**

## HUGS - Help Ukraine Group Support

in association with  
The Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP); Stanislaw Induchny;  
Dragon Oxford Aid to Ukraine

### COLLECTION OF AID FOR UKRAINE

**Tuesday 29th April 2025 9.00am-2.00pm**  
**Hungerford Town Football Club**  
**Bulpit Lane, Hungerford, Berks, RG17 0AY**

**Please help supply these essential items to frontline communities:**

<b>ELECTRONICS (in working order)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- unlocked tablets, laptops, smart phones &amp; older working mobiles (all with chargers if possible); batteries (AA/AAA)</li><li>- LED hand/head torches (rechargeable, battery or solar <b>preferably with red light option</b>)</li><li>- power banks; chargers (mains or solar)</li></ul>	<b>OPTICS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- sunglasses, binoculars &amp; monoculars</li></ul>
<b>TOOLS (only as listed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- generators &amp; power tools</li><li>- new &amp; good used spanner &amp; socket sets <u>only</u></li><li>- car accessories: battery chargers, tyre inflators, jump leads, tow ropes, winches</li><li>- mechanics general purpose Gloves (L &amp; XL)</li><li>- <u>new</u> tenon hand saws; <u>new</u> hand axes</li><li>- duct tape</li></ul>	<b>MEDICAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>IN DATE</b> medications including painkillers, multivitamins, <b>diarrhoea &amp; constipation remedies, haemorrhoid cream/suppositories</b></li><li>- Dressings &amp; bandages</li><li>- medical &amp; surgical supplies &amp; first aid kits including foot sprays &amp; creams</li><li>- <b>insect repellent &amp; sunscreen</b></li><li>- crutches, wheelchairs &amp; mobility aids</li><li>- gym/rehab equipment</li></ul>
<b>CLOTHES &amp; FOOTWEAR (only as listed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- premature, baby &amp; children's clothes</li><li>- men's shorts</li><li>- <b>clean</b> hiking boots, <b>good condition</b> trainers</li><li>- insoles, warm socks, light weight socks</li><li>- dark colour fleeces, plain dark t-shirts</li><li>- <b>military grade</b> camo kit (adult sizes)</li><li>- dark colour adult waterproofs</li><li>- <b>new</b> dark underwear (M/F)</li></ul>	<b>SANITARY &amp; (unopened) TOILETRIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>wet wipes</b> &amp; personal hygiene products</li><li>- hard soap, shampoo, toothbrushes/paste</li><li>- unscented anti-chafe talc</li><li>- lip balm, disposable razors, shaving gel/foam</li><li>- hair trimmers (corded or cordless)</li><li>- nappies, tampons, sanitary &amp; incontinence pads</li><li>- washing powder, washing-up liquid, loo rolls</li></ul>
<b>FOOD (dry &amp; non-perishable; no jars)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- rice, pasta, porridge, tins (esp with meat)</li><li>- coffee, tea</li><li>- energy bars, trail mix, wrapped sweets</li></ul>	<b>OUTDOOR LIVING (no tents at this time)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- groundsheets, roll mats, sleeping bags</li><li>- camp beds, camping stoves, matches</li><li>- Thermos flasks for cold water</li><li>- <b>water purification tablets</b></li></ul>
<b>PETS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- dog/cat food, animal meds &amp; other pet products</li></ul>	<b>BEDDING (clean &amp; unstained)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- bedding and good condition towels</li><li>- blankets (cellular &amp; fleece only)</li><li>- duvets/pillows (synthetic <u>only</u>)</li></ul>

**All items CLEAN and ready to use please and NO OTHER ADULT CLOTHING at this time.**  
Sorry, no donations can be accepted before the day.  
Please get in touch for more details or to volunteer help  
Enquiries: Tony: 07999 693399 / Mandy: 07762 935804

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