



**ST KATHARINE'S
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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

**Friday 10th October 2025
NEWSLETTER No: 3**

Our Value This Term Is...

Friendship



Dear Parents,

Here is Newsletter 3 which brings us *nearly* to the end of Term 1! September is always a bit of a whirlwind, settling into new routines, remembering old ones, firing up all of our processes and practices to enable us to roll smoothly until the end of the year. Most of us just about come up for air in October, just in time for Harvest and realise that Term 1 is almost over. School feels settled, there is a happy buzz in classrooms, and we are really pleased with the quality of work that we are seeing, right across the school. I include in that the incredible structure building that I see almost daily in the Hazel Class outdoor area; there have been pirate ships, assault courses, bridges and castles to name just a few! Last week we were visited by Claire Mirams and Liz Ennew, Excalibur director of primary education and school improvement lead for primary schools. The focus of the review was to look at maths teaching, the quality of work in curriculum books and to observe children's behaviour both socially and in terms of their attitudes to learning. Whilst there are always points for growth and continued development, I would like to share with you the first paragraph of the note of visit:

'Thank you to the staff for a really good day. Lots of strong practice to be seen, and the school environment as lovely as ever. Pupil behaviour and attitudes were excellent, and leaders continue to set high aspirations for all.'

We are never complacent and the work is never finished, it is however lovely to have our hard work rubber stamped and recognised by others on the outside, looking in. Thank you to all of you who joined us for our Harvest Service in church on Wednesday morning. It is a truly beautiful time of year (once we have all adjusted to summer being over) and this year particularly the Harvest seems very plentiful. In all the years that I have been here at St Katharine's I don't think I have ever seen quite as many acorns on the field under the large Oak – go and see for yourselves the 'acorn shadow' it has created.

Ms Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Mid-day supervisor role

We are still looking for someone to fulfil this role. If you are thinking this might be something you could do but would prefer to do the role for part of the week or would be interested if we could flex the hours to ensure a smaller gap between finishing and school pick up, please come and talk to us. Equally, if you know someone who might be interested, please encourage them to look at the advert using the link below. I would very much like to fill this role in readiness for Term 2.

[Link to advert for MDSA role](#)

Attendance Update

Current whole school attendance data: 98.9%

Our end of year attendance target is: 97%

Thank you everyone for taking attendance seriously, strong attendance correlates to great achievement. Thank you for your support.

BBC 500 Words

The BBC's 500 Words writing challenge is open for entries! Please follow the link to find out more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/ce5iljmy5ljt>. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. There are [prizes](#) to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

Individual Photographs

We have the school photographer coming in on the morning of **Tuesday 14th October** to take individual photographs of the children. Please remember to send your child/ren in to school looking particularly smart that day. If you have younger siblings which you would like

included in a photograph with your St Katharine's child/ren please bring them in with you at drop off on the morning and get your photograph taken at that point. Oak Class will need to bring their forest school clothes in with them and change after lunch, sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

Open Day

Please see the poster on the notice board below advertising our Open Morning which we are holding on **Thursday 16th October from 9:30 – 11:30am**. This event is primarily for the parents of those children starting school in September 2026. School is open for the morning and parents are invited to tour classrooms (with one of our expert Upper Key Stage 2 tour guides) and to speak to staff, parents and governors. We have advertised the event widely and ask that you continue to spread the word to people that you know with young - soon to be school age – children. You really are the best advertising we could have. Tell everyone to come and see us at work.

School Council Elections – Friday 17th October

Don't forget to support your children to plan their manifestos if they would like to be considered. **This is something that we ask them to do at home.** These will take the form of a short presentation to their class. Children can use things to support them such as PowerPoint a poster or props. They need to answer 3 questions:

- ★ Why I want to be a School Councillor?
- ★ Why I would make a good School Councillor and why you should vote for me?
- ★ What I might try to achieve if I was elected?

We wish all our candidates the very best of luck next Friday!

Odd Socks Day



To mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week we will be taking part in the *nationally celebrated* Odd Socks Day on **Monday 10th November** by asking everyone to wear odd socks to school on that day. The idea behind this day is to celebrate diversity and talk with children about the importance of inclusion and the beauty of difference. The brighter the socks the better! We will be talking to children about bullying, how to recognise when another person's behaviour could be called out as bullying, discussing how to stay safe and get help should this ever happen to you.

Children In Need

On Friday 14th November we are taking part in the Children in Need fundraising campaign by asking children to turn spotty. They might wear a spotty school jumper with the rest of their school uniform, a spotty pair of trousers or skirt or a spotty pair of tights. The theme this year is 'Challenge yourself to 25'. Use your imagination! We are asking for a donation of £1 to come in spotty attire which will be collected in the morning as the children come into school.

Poppy Appeal

We will have poppies for sale and other items such as zip pulls, stickers, fabric wristbands and snap bands, for which we are suggesting a minimum donation of £1. They will be on sale at play times the first week back after half term.

Christmas Lunches - (*we can't believe we are talking about Christmas yet either!*)

This year our Christmas Lunches will be served on Wednesday 10th December.

Please be aware that these meals need to be booked and ordered in advance. The cut off for ordering the Christmas Meal is **Friday 14th November**. Sue Brady is unable to accept any orders after this date.

There will be no other options other than the Christmas meal from Sue Brady on 10th December. No Option 2's, no Sandwiches. Just a meat or vegetarian option of the Christmas dinner. (A for meat, E for Vegetarian option) If a child doesn't want a Christmas meal they will need to have a packed lunch from home.

All meals that have been ordered for **Wednesday 10th December** will automatically get a Christmas Dinner sent out. You must order option 1 for that day.

If any pupils do not want a SBC Christmas Dinner they can cancel through ScoPay before the 8-day cut off period.

The meal includes the following items for children.

- 1 slice of Turkey
- 2 Roast Potatoes
- 1 Stuffing Ball
- 1 Chipolata
- 3oz of Veg
- Gravy
- +

Vanilla & Chocolate Ice Cream Pot.

Paid meals are £2.80 each.

Secondary School Applications

The national deadline date for applying for secondary school places is 31 October 2025.

It is essential that Year 6 parents submit an application on time to ensure the best possible chance of securing a place at a preferred school.

Applications need to be in **by midnight on 31 October 2025**. Applications can be submitted using the Wiltshire Council Parent Portal using [this link](#).

Message on behalf of the PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM on Wednesday evening. The full reports will be sent out to parents in the coming weeks.

We can confirm that you have a new PTA! Kate Walker is Chair, Sarah Bronson is Vice Chair, Julie Bushnell is Treasurer and Rachel Lashford is Secretary. We wish them well and will continue to support in the year ahead. A big thank you must go to Kate Betts, Hannah Taylor, Pip Blanchard and Tamsyn Kerr for their dedication and hard work on the PTA.

Christmas Cards

We have much going on over the next few weeks. Firstly the PTA will be coming into School next week to help create a design for Christmas cards. Details of how to buy your Christmas cards will be sent out in book bags towards the end of next week. For every Christmas card pack purchased the PTA will receive £1 so please support if you can.

Bonfire Night

Tickets will be on sale for Bonfire Night on Monday 13th October priced at £25 per car - tickets are limited so please purchase your ticket quickly to avoid disappointment.

We need a huge amount of volunteers to run this event and make it run smoothly. We need bonfire pit diggers, bonfire builders, setting up fencing and gazebos, car parking marshalls, on site stewards, on field helpers and lots more jobs!! You can pick a volunteer role when you book your tickets or please contact Tamsyn Kerr if you are able to help.

Pumpkin Picking

Pumpkin Picking is back! On Friday 17th October after school please come and join the PTA for our Pumpkin Picking Event. We shall have plenty of pumpkins to choose from and a Halloween themed cake competition and a spooky picture competition (details and poster to follow). We shall be selling some refreshments and apple Juice - apples picked from the School tree priced at £5 per bottle!

Thank you everyone.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October	
Monday 13 th	KS1 Parent Maths Meeting 3:15pm-4:15pm
Tuesday 14 th	Individual photographs
Thursday 16 th	Open Morning Prospective Parents 2026/27 (9:30am-11:30am)
Friday 17 th	Last school day of Term 1 for children
	School Council elections
Monday 20 th - Wednesday 22 nd	TD Days 3,4 and 5 (children not in school)
Friday 31 st	Deadline for secondary school applications
	Mobile Library visiting
November	
Monday 3 rd	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 4 th	KS2 - Restless Development Schools Triathlon assembly
Thursday 6 th	Year 5/6 Netball Festival Marlborough College
Friday 7 th	Bonfire Night PTA
Sunday 9 th	St Katharine's Church Remembrance Service
Monday 10 th	Odd Socks Day (part of Anti-Bullying Week)
Tuesday 11 th	Year 3/4 Handball Burbage Primary School (small group)
Wednesday 12 th	Remembrance Collective Worship in school – 9.05am – parents welcome
Friday 14 th	Children in Need
	British Museum Ancient Egypt online Chestnut Class
Thursday 20 th	Flu Vaccinations Whole School
	Final KAPLA After-School Club session Oak Class
Friday 21 st	Sharing our Learning afternoon – parents invited from 2.30pm until 3.15pm
Tuesday 25 th	Parents Evening 1 – All Classes (3.30pm-7.00pm)

Wednesday 26 th	St. Katharine's Day Service in Church 9.30am
Thursday 27 th	Parents Evening 1 – All Classes 3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Friday 28 th	Mobile library visiting
<i>December</i>	
Monday 1st	Year 6 height and weight check
Wednesday 10th	Christmas Lunch
Sunday 14th	Carol Service in Church 6.00pm
Monday 15th	Reception and KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal 2pm – parents and grandparents welcome
Tuesday 16th	Reception and KS1 Nativity in Church (4.45pm drop) 5.00pm-6.30pm
Thursday 18th	Christmas Party afternoon and Christmas Jumper Day <i>Children will be in Christmas jumpers, no party clothes or food needed</i>
Friday 19th	KS2 Carol Service in Church 9.30am
	Last day of Term 2

Please also refer to the **Key Dates Planner V1**, that includes all the dates that we know of for the academic year 2025/26 (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 Planners V2 and V3 which are resent at the beginning of Terms 3 and 5.

Remaining TD Days 2025/26

20st, 21st, 22nd October 2025 and 20th April 2026

Please Note

We will close at 1:15pm on the following end of term dates:

- **Friday 19th December**
- **Friday 27th March**
- **Wednesday 22nd July**

Children will be ready to be collected from the playground at 1:15pm. *On these days we ask that children do not stay to play so that end of term clear-up and organisation can be planned to include any grounds maintenance that might be needed.*

Thank you

Other things you might want to know...

★ Friends of St Katharines PTA ★

Pumpkin Picking

Please come and join us on Friday 18th October from 3.15pm on the School Field for Pumpkin Picking

Bake Sale



Hol Chocolate

Culinary Competition £1 per entry
(collect sheets in playground next week)

Baking Competition £1 per entry
(4 Halloween cupcakes on a plate)

All entries to be handed in on Friday morning at drop please
Cupcakes will be sold as part of bake sale

Is your child due to start school in **September 2026?**

St Katharine's Primary School, Savernake are holding an open morning on Thursday 16th October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Drop in and see our wonderful learners at work.

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Autumnal days in TreeHouse

Come and join us for glorious days at our Holiday Club, packed with adventures and experiences to remember



October Holiday Club

Opening Times: 8:30am - 5.00pm
£41.75 + activity supplements *

Special Visitors:

Kim Wakeham - Landscape Archaeologist and Young Archaeologist Club member
Natalie Neal Ceramics
Yvette Wigglesworth - Waffle & Whisk

MON 27
TreeHouse at Burbage

Fun, Games and Adventures

TUE 28
TreeHouse at Burbage

Young Archaeologists
Exploring the history of Burbage with Kim

WED 29
TreeHouse at Burbage

Easton Farm Pumpkin Patch

Halloween - Traditional Games & Crafts

* £3.00

THU 30
TreeHouse at Burbage

Pottery Painting with Natalie

Cooking with Yvette

* £3.00

FRI 24

Closed for TreeHouse

FRI 31

Closed for TreeHouse

Location:
Out & About - Sunflowers at Grafton, The Green, East Grafton, SN8 3DB
TreeHouse at Burbage - Burbage Primary School, Blackman's Ln, Burbage SN8 3TP

To book places, or for more information, email treehouse@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk



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Time: 9am - 3pm Cost: £28.00 (early bird price of £26 until 17/09) Clothing: Sports clothes & trainers

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

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



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FOOTBALL & GOALKEEPERS
30th & 31st OCTOBER 2025
9am to 3pm

£45 - 2 DAYS
£25 - 1 DAY

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BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15
FOOTBALL & GOALKEEPERS
27th to 29th OCTOBER 2025
9am to 3pm

£60 - 3 DAYS
£45 - 2 DAYS
£25 - 1 DAY

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STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND
STANLEY LANE
CHIPPENHAM
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- 10AM - 3PM
- ONLY £40

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- 28th - 30th OCTOBER
- 9:30AM - 3PM
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9am to 3pm

£80 - 5 DAYS
£45 - 4 DAYS
£50 - 3 DAYS
£38 - 2 DAYS
£20 - 1 DAY

GIRLS FOOTBALL

GIRLS - 4 TO 15
28th & 29th OCTOBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY: £20
2 DAYS: £38

GOALKEEPER DAYS

BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15
29th & 30th OCTOBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY: £20
2 DAYS: £38

5 DAY MULTI SPORTS

BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15
27th to 31st OCTOBER 2025
9am to 3pm

£80 - 5 DAYS
£45 - 4 DAYS
£50 - 3 DAYS
£38 - 2 DAYS
£20 - 1 DAY

NETBALL

BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 11
31st OCTOBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY: £20

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MARLBOROUGH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

2025-26 TERM DATES WEDNESDAYS 5-6pm

TERM 1: 3rd SEPT - 22nd OCT 2025 (8 WEEKS) = £56
TERM 2: 5th NOV - 17th DEC 2025 (7 WEEKS) = £49
TERM 3: 7th JAN - 11th FEB 2026 (5 WEEKS) = £42
TERM 4: 25th FEB - 25th MAR 2026 (5 WEEKS) = £35
TERM 5: 15th APR - 20th MAY 2026 (6 WEEKS) = £42
TERM 6: 3rd JUNE - 22nd JULY 2026 (8 WEEKS) = £56

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