



**ST KATHARINE'S
C of E
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

**Friday 17th April 2026
NEWSLETTER No: 13**

Our Value This Term Is...



Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a very Happy Easter and some rest and relaxation with your families. I know that is not always possible and so whatever your Easter brought you I hope it was a change from the normal. There is always something a bit special about the return to school for the beginning of the Summer Terms, not least because there is the 'promise' of warmer weather. I am sure it is on the way!

Thank you to everyone that joined us in church for the Easter Service and the Easter Bonnet Parade that followed. The judging was certainly not easy. We took part in two sporting tournaments in the penultimate week of Term 4. Chestnut Class were involved in a small school's cricket tournament here at St Katharine's. The ten children that took part played really well coming a proud 2nd overall. Sycamore Class were involved in the Marlborough school's rugby tournament on the penultimate day of term. Thanks to the wonderful coaching of Tom Swift, Lucy Close and Tom Fortune, our teams were well prepared. All three teams played brilliantly and very competitively, all matches had very close score lines; the team that played in the A League were narrowly beaten into 2nd place. Lots of tries were scored, fun

was had and our children, in both tournaments, played with kindness and sportsmanship as always. The summer term is always a busy one. Please do check version 3 of the Key Dates Planner that is attached along with this newsletter and the dates section of each newsletter that includes dates that crop up as the term progresses. We work hard to keep you informed, things do inevitably change at times and we thank you in advance for your patience if or when this happens.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Attendance Update

Current whole school attendance data: 96%

Our end of year attendance target is: 97%

Thankfully the mini-bout of seasonal illness that was upon us before Easter appears to have subsided. Now that Spring is in the air, let's hope we can all stay healthy for the remainder of term 5 and term 6.

Other Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who made the Bunny Bop happen. It was lots of fun and enjoyed by everyone. A special mention to Lee Matthews who managed to meet all the wild and varied song requests that the children presented him with!

When entering the school grounds please take time to admire the beautiful plant and flower displays in the metal trough and concrete planters. Our thanks go to Steph Coates who does an amazing job of creating these displays for us, which brighten the entrance to school.



Milly Fortune's Fundraising Marathon

You will already know that Milly Fortune (mum to Ned and Clemmie) is running this year's London Marathon and hoping to raise funds in support of Pancreatic Cancer research and St Katharine's School. Please click

the link below to find out more about the story behind Milly taking on this challenge.

[Every Mile Matters - Milly's London Marathon for Pancreatic Cancer Research & St Katharine's Primary School - GiveWheel](#)

The marathon is on **Sunday 26th April**. Please join us in wishing Milly all the very best for Sunday!

Thank you for all the competition entries to design the back of Milly's running vest. Lots of very creative and eye-catching designs have been received.

Message on behalf of the PTA

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Tesco Blue Token Scheme

If you shop at Tesco [in Marlborough](#), please look out for the blue tokens and pop them into the St Katharine's slot at the exit. Our school will be included from **28th April**, and it would be fantastic to win the full grant.

Fete

We are also urgently looking for more volunteers for the fete. A huge thank you to everyone who has already offered to help. However, without more support, we may not be able to run the fete this year.

If you have a Year 5 or Year 6 child who could help, or if you are able to spare an hour or more, it would make a real difference to the school.

Please sign up to volunteer via the app or add your name to the clipboard at reception.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

The PTA Team

Message on behalf of the Fun Run Team

Savernake FUN Run, Sat 27th June 2026

Thank you to everyone who has taken a poster and shared the event over the Easter break, your support is much appreciated.

Please don't delay in getting your own entries in, as places are limited and we don't want anyone from our school community to miss out.

It will be a fun filled event with a brass band playing, off road routes with exclusive access to Tottenham House Estate, medals for all finishers and delicious local ice cream & brunch options available.

Fruci Fit has provided a training plan for those who are interested and will be delivering a warmup to get us all moving on the day.

Unable to run but wish to contribute and feel included?

Then please do volunteer, as we have many roles available, to make it a success :)

FAQs

- **10K:** 16yrs+ may run unaccompanied. Under 16s must be accompanied at all times, whilst running alongside an adult who is responsible for them.
- **3K:** 8yrs+ may run unaccompanied. Under 8s may participate but they must be accompanied at all times by an adult.
- **No dogs** are permitted on the school field or the running routes.

The Fun Run Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	
Friday 17 th	Mobile Library visiting
Monday 20 th	TD Day 6 (children not in school) Excalibur wide
Tuesday 21 st	Farmer Time class assemblies
Tuesday 28 th	Year 3/4 Athletics Festival at Burbage School (small group)
May	
Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday School Closed
Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 Red Ridge Pre-residential parents meeting 3.15pm
Monday 11 th – 14 th	KS2 SATs week
Friday 15 th	Mobile Library visiting
Saturday 16 th	PTA Mayday Fete
Sunday 17 th	Triathlon event at Marlborough College
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd	Year 4 Braeside Residential
Friday 22 nd	Walk Safe road safety training Years 1,3 and 6
	Last day of Term 5
June	
Monday 1 st	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 2 nd	Whole school photograph and Year 6

Monday 1st (fortnight beginning)	Year 4 Multiplication check
Monday 1st (week beginning)	Nursery visits for 2026 intake begin this week
Monday 8th (week beginning)	Year 1 Phonics screening check week
	Red Ridge Residential – Year 6
Tuesday 9th	Farmer time class assemblies
Monday 15th	Year 6 out of catchment transition visit at St John’s
Tuesday 16th	New Reception parent information evening 6pm - 7.30pm
	Whole school - Emergency Awareness Training, Wiltshire Air Ambulance
Thursday 18th	Year 6 Parents’ Info Evening at St. John’s
	Year 5/6 Quad Kids at Marlborough College
	Final Running Club (after school) session (Years 2-6)
Friday 19th	Chestnut Class – Anglo Saxon Day at school
	PTA Father’s Day shop (1:30pm-3:00pm)
Monday 22nd	Year 6 Uniform Fitting Evening at St. John’s
	Bikeability – Year 6 (day 1)
Tuesday 23rd	Bikeability – Year 6 (day 2)
	Oak Class visit to Natural History Museum, Oxford
Thursday 25th	Sycamore Class trip to Lulworth Cove
Saturday 27th	Savernake 3K & 10K Fun Run
Tuesday 30th	Year 5/6 Rounders at St Katharine’s School (small group)

Newsletter. Key Dates Planners V3 is the final version this academic year.

Remaining TD Days 2025/26

20th April 2026

Please Note

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

- **Wednesday 22nd July**

Children will be ready to be collected from the playground at 1:15pm. *On this date 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

Please also refer to the **Key Dates Planner V3**, 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

Other things you might want to know...



SUPPORTING
**PANCREATIC
CANCER RESEARCH**



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**LONDON
MARATHON**



Milly Fortune is running the London Marathon to raise money for St. Katharine's Primary School & pancreatic cancer research at the University of Birmingham.

SUNDAY
▶ 26 APRIL, 2026

Website:
<https://givewheel.com/fundraising/13817/millysmarathon2026/>



**SAVERNAKE
3K & 10K
FUN RUN**

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026

Arrive: From 8.30am
10k: Starts 9.30am
3k: Starts 11.00am

**ADULTS
&
CHILDREN
WELCOME**

**Medals
FOR ALL
FINISHERS**

**ALL RACES START AND END ON OUR SCHOOL FIELD,
WITH BBQ AND FUN FOR ALL!**

Places are LIMITED, please pre-register
🌐 www.savernake10k.co.uk
✉ run@savernake10k.co.uk
📘 Find us on Facebook (Savernake 10k & 3k)



Charity number: 1004082



St Katharine's School

FÊTE

Saturday 16th May
12-4pm
Free Entry

Inflatable Fun - Tombolas - BBQ - Bar
Ice-cream from The Milk Yard
Face Painting - Glitter Tattoos

Plus Second Hand Toys, Clothes & Books,
Competitions, Activities & Games

Special visits from the Marlborough Town
Crier & Marlborough Police & Fire Services

Join the St Katharine's
Family for Fun for
Everyone!

