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**Friday 15th May 2026
NEWSLETTER No: 15**

Our Value This Term Is...



Dear Parents,

As SATs week draws to a close, it feels completely appropriate that today should be GEM Day; always a special day here at St. Katharine's, where we take time to celebrate the children's hard work and superb learning behaviours witnessed across the year to date. The Year 6s have enjoyed their bacon sandwiches each morning and have conducted themselves impeccably throughout the exam period this week as we have grown to expect from our children here at St.

Katharine's.

Our Hazel Class children had a wonderful day wandering through Bowood's walled garden on Tuesday, exploring textures and smells and finding the secrets of plant life. They were truly 'hands on with nature' including planting their own peas which they took home with them.

As we progress into the final week of Term 5, I feel like taking a breath to consider where the time has gone. It has been a busy term with no let up into the final week. We are hoping the weather will be kind to us this weekend, not only to enable us all time to get outside but for the activities our families are involved in across

the 2 days. I am sure the fete on Saturday will be a fun day for all involved; our thanks to the PTA for all their hard work in making this happen. We are looking forward to hearing about the Triathlon event in which we have 8 teams competing across the day on Sunday. I know a few staff members are intending to pop in to support our children on the day, but in case they miss each other we wish the children all the very best. As we approach the final term of the academic year, please take time to reflect on all the hard work the children have, and continue to, put into their learning here at St. Katharine's. It seems appropriate, on this day more than others, to refer to our children as the little GEMS that they truly are!

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Attendance Update

Current whole school attendance data: 96.1%

Our end of year attendance target is: 97%

Attendance this week has been extremely high, with 100% almost every day! Thank you for your continued support with attendance.

Product Recall

We want to reassure you that we are aware of a national product recall relating to play sand products and the potential presence of asbestos. We are taking precautionary measures while following guidance from public health authorities. The safety and well-being of children and staff is our top priority. Current advice indicates that the risk to health is very low and that these measures are a strong precaution while national investigations are underway.

Teepee Opening

As I shared last time, and as you will have seen, the teepee voted for by School Council and paid for by the PTA is now on the field. On Friday last week, we had an opening ceremony and cut a ribbon and School Council were able to share the rules for using it. The children have loved being able to use it this week and it will make a wonderful addition to lunchtimes on the field throughout the summer months.

Thank You

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the team of parents that signed up to help cook the bacon for our SATs breakfasts this week. The sandwiches, tea, juice and multiple rounds of toast put smiles on faces and we hope provided a little boost of brain energy to the children facing these statutory tests.



Our thanks also to the team of parents and governors who came in to support some of the individual arrangements we had for children during SATs testing week.

Thank you also to the parents who help by supporting us on our class visits. Without parents volunteering we would not be able to enrich the children's learning in this way.

Residential

We hope our Year 4 children have a good time at their residential at Braeside next week, where they will spend 3 action packed days taking part in activities such as: climbing, parallel poles, team-building games, lifeline walk, zipline, archery, canoeing to name a few.

We also look forward to waving goodbye to our Year sixes soon after half term, on Monday 8th June, as they head off to Redridge, a residential outdoor activity centre in mid-Wales. The Year 6 children will enjoy a whole host of outdoor activities during the 5 days that they are away.

Whole School Photo

Please make a note that we are having the whole school and Year 6 group photos taken on the second day back after half term (Tuesday 2nd June). Smartest uniform that day please!

Message on behalf of the PTA

A short one this week!

We hope you are all looking forward to the fete tomorrow. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather and blue skies!

There is still time to volunteer if you haven't signed up already. Alternatively, if you would like to offer some time on the day, please come and find a member of the PTA team and we can point you in the direction of a stall.

Please do come along, bring friends and family, and enjoy the day. Hopefully we can raise as much money as possible for our wonderful school.

Thank you for your continued support.

The PTA Team

Message on behalf of the Fun Run Team

The Savernake Fun Run is just 6 weeks away! Don't forget to sign up at www.savernake10k.co.uk.

Have you pre ordered your t-shirts?

This year they are PURPLE & available to order online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stkatharines/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110146>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May	
Friday 15 th	Mobile Library visiting GEM day
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

<i>June</i>	
Monday 1 st	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 2 nd	Whole school photograph and Year 6
Monday 1 st (fortnight beginning)	Year 4 Multiplication check
Monday 1 st (week beginning)	Nursery visits for 2026 intake begin this week
Friday 5 th	Hazel Class Stonebridge, Marlborough visit
Monday 8 th (week beginning)	Year 1 Phonics screening check week
	Red Ridge Residential – Year 6
Tuesday 9 th	Farmer time class assemblies
Friday 12 th	Mobile Library visiting
Monday 15 th	Year 6 out of catchment transition visit at St John's
Tuesday 16 th	New Reception parent information evening 6pm - 7.30pm
	Whole school - Emergency Awareness Training, Wiltshire Air Ambulance
Thursday 18 th	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 19 th	Chestnut Class – Anglo Saxon Day at school
	PTA Father's Day shop (1:30pm-3:00pm)
Monday 22 nd	Year 6 Uniform Fitting Evening at St. John's
	Bikeability – Year 6 (day 1)
Tuesday 23 rd	Bikeability – Year 6 (day 2)
	Oak Class visit to Natural History Museum, Oxford
Thursday 25 th	Sycamore Class trip to Lulworth Cove
Saturday 27 th	Savernake 3K & 10K Fun Run
Tuesday 30 th	Year 5/6 Rounders at St Katharine's School (small group)

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

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 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...



**SAVERNAKE
3k & 10k
FUN RUN**

Saturday 27th June 2026

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

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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!



AUGUST 2026

"YOUNG STARS"

PROPOSED....

**AMATEUR DRAMATIC
WORKSHOPS:
AT BURBAGE VILLAGE HALL**

The sessions would run on
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS 2-4PM
for children aged 8-16 years.

The theme for the workshops will be **"STAGE FUN"** with some insights and practical exercises which suit AmDram participation. There will be a cost to cover expenses.

The workshops would run through August, culminating in a small show by the children, to show off their skills to parents and friends.

TOPICS FOR INCLUSION WOULD BE:

- ★ Stage work
- ★ Prop making
- ★ Acting
- ★ Song, dance/marching (coordination)
- ★ Stage make up
- ★ and other activities which can motivate and stimulate both the imagination and talents.

DO YOU THINK YOUR CHILD WOULD BE INTERESTED?
Please get in touch if you think your child would enjoy this adventure or/and if you would like to help.

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How does it work?

- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

How do I join?

- Register online: <https://bagssoftaste.org/students>
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