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Friday 5th June 2026

NEWSLETTER No: 16

Our Value This Term Is...



Dear Parents,

Term 6 is upon us and once again I can't quite understand how it has come around once again, quite so quickly. It is always a big term. Everyone in the school community is preparing for transition; a new teacher, year group and in the case of our reception intake and our year six leavers, a brand-new school. It is also a term to really enjoy.

There is a lot happening and it is very busy but it is also a term where some of the most memorable events take place. Our year sixes are off to Wales next week for their residential. It is a true celebration of their seven years at St Katharine's, a chance to experience being away from home for a week and taking part in some fantastic experiences in the outdoors. We will make sure that a few photos are shared on the website when they return. Sycamore Class are preparing for the end of year performance; this year they are taking on 'Pantastic – the Peter Pan Musical'. This week, I have seen many a small group, huddled around a script, trying to memorise lines.

In addition, the Term 6 calendar is full of trips and visits, some close to home such as Stonebridge in Marlborough to learn about the river and its precious habitat and some further afield. Oak Class are going to Oxford to the Natural History Museum and Sycamore venture to Dorset to learn about how the famous coastline of Durdle Dor and Lulworth Cove were created.

All trips are carefully chosen to support classroom learning and to bring to life, where possible, those elements of learning that are better understood first-hand. Our thanks as always to the fundraising efforts of the PTA whose support for trips helps us to reduce the cost of trips to everyone.

Please do check the Key Dates Planners and the dates section of all Newsletters so that you are as prepared as you can be for Term 6 – it can feel like a bit of a whirlwind!

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Attendance Update

Current whole school attendance data: 96.3%

Our end of year attendance target is: 97%

With only 6 (and a bit) weeks of term left we would love to see our attendance figures begin to nudge closer to our target. Please help us to do this by ensuring that children are in school when they should be and that you have completed a request for absence form should you need to take your child out of school for any reason other than illness.

School Lunch Reminder

Please check your Sue Brady orders for the coming term. We will be checking on Monday of each week that the orders match the children expecting a school meal. Whilst we can occasionally find food for children who don't have an ordered lunch, this is not always the case. On these occasions we will call and ask you to bring something in. For your convenience, please check your orders are up to date for the remainder of Term 6 and take action if not.

After School – Staying and Playing – another reminder

The newsletter item below went out in March. Please read carefully as we are still seeing lots of examples of behaviour and use of the equipment that are not in line with our expectations in school.

From Newsletter 11...

We love the fact that the children at St Katharine's can stay and play at the end of the day. I have come to see it as offering a space for our children and families that is a bit like the village green. Without this offer I don't think that our community would be quite the warm and welcoming place that it is. Please know that this is not without its challenges for us. From a health and safety perspective we are relying on you as parents and carers

to be vigilant and **insist** that children play according to the rules that they play by in school. Our recent Ofsted praised behaviour. I also use the word 'exemplary' to describe what we see in school, day in and day out. That said, children are children and they are still learning; they will at times need our support.

Our 3 school rules are very simple. We are: **Respectful, Considerate and Safe**. Please ensure that after school play is safe and respectful and if you are at all uncertain about a playground rule please check with a member of staff.

A few key things to bear in mind:

- ✓ Only come **down** the slide
- ✓ 5 children maximum at the top of the tower
- ✓ Benches are for sitting on, not for climbing
- ✓ The field is out of bounds for after school stay and play (*sorry but it is too hard to supervise properly*)
- ✓ Play fighting/rough play is not allowed in school (it almost always leads to someone getting hurt). We talk to our children about 'kind hands' – if you see that is not happening, please step in.

If you know your child is likely to want to stay and play, **please encourage them to use the toilet at 3:15pm**. We almost always have meetings or are involved in other tasks at the end of the day and as such staff cannot be letting children in to use the loo. With the evenings stretching out, we ask that **everyone has left by 4:00pm** or by the end of clubs if you are waiting for one to finish. We cannot leave until the site is empty.

Finally, we ask that children are not using adult phones or ipads on school premises. You will all have your own agreed household rules for the use of devices. If these are given to children on the playground there is an assumption that everyone is happy with that for their child. We cannot guarantee children's safety if they have access to a device without the filtering technology that we have in place to keep them safe in school. We understand that you might have your phones to hand and occasionally need to check a message or take a call. If at all possible, please keep devices in bags and pockets; think of it as a welcome break for you in our busy device filled lives.

Reception Intake – September 2026

We are looking forward to meeting our incoming Reception parents on **Tuesday 16th June** (that includes those of you that know us already). As is usual, we are holding an evening information session, on the 16th, to brief parents on everything they need to know about joining the St. Katharine's community. Thanks to our PTA who are providing refreshments and running a pre-loved uniform stall on the evening.

End of Year Reports and Parent Consultations

Reports go out to parents on the afternoon of **Friday July 3rd**. You will then be able to book a parent consultation for the following week. We title this round of parent consultations 'optional'. Many of you will feel that the report gives you comprehensive information about your child's progress and attainment that doesn't require any follow up. If, however, you would like to book a consultation to follow up on anything in the report or because you have other questions, the invitation to book an appointment will go live on the evening of Friday 3rd July. You will receive an email from Hayley inviting you to book an appointment.

Emergency Awareness training – Wiltshire Air Ambulance

On Tuesday 16th June the whole school will take part in Emergency Awareness Training at some point in the day. The session will deliver vital lifesaving skills and will include the following elements (dependent on age):

- How to make a 999 call
- Recovery position
- CPR
- Choking
- Common injuries
- How to use a defibrillator

This session has been provided in the previous three academic years and has been a great success, so we are repeating it again this year. Thanks go to the PTA who are funding this event again.

Medicines Reminder

It is the time of year when allergies start playing up and we typically see an increase in the amount of administration of medication requests. School is a very busy place and so only essential medicines should be administered at school. Where possible we ask that short term medications, typically anti-biotics (prescribed by the doctor/pharmacist), that need to be administered three times daily should be administered before school, after school and at bedtime. If your child is unwell enough to require medication, please consider keeping them at home. We do not administer non-prescription medicines such as paracetamol unless there is a specific reason that has been discussed and agreed by the school. In circumstances where non-prescribed medication is requested, it may be the case that it is necessary for a parent to administer during the school day.

We are happy to hold, short or long term, prescribed medications (in their original container) at school if required, with the necessary paperwork in place. Please remember that, if medication is needed at home at the end of the day, it is the responsibility of the parent to arrange collection.

Children should not, under any circumstances bring medication into school in their bags/on their person which has not been agreed with the school. If your child requires medication and administration of this has been agreed, please remember that, in all cases, you will need to complete an 'Administration of Medicines/Treatment' form at the point of handing over the medication. This process also applies to any medication provided for a school trip (e.g. travel sickness medication). If you get in touch with Hayley, she will be happy to email a form to you, or alternatively, a form can be collected from the school office.

Action for River Kennet Fundraiser

On the 26th of June at 3:20pm - 4pm the School Council will hold a fundraiser in support of ARK - Action for the River Kennet. Every other year in Chestnut class we spend a day at Stonebridge learning about the river and completing river studies linked to our Geography block of learning about rivers. This trip is free but we always run a fund raiser in support of this charitable organisation which undertakes such amazing action in our community. Some of the money raised will also go towards resources for the forest school or buying the base for the teepee.

The school will be making 'Gods Eyes' and Mrs Speed has also made 'acorn worry stones' to sell on the day. On the day of the sale the school council are asking for a minimum donation of £2 for either the 'Gods Eyes' or the acorn worry stones. Thank you in advance for your support.



The school council will be running 'Gods Eye' weaving workshops in the teepee. If your child would like to make a 'Gods Eye' weaving, we are asking for a minimum donation of £2. Please send the money into school in a labelled envelope if your child would like to take part. Once the money is collected, your child will have a designated day and time to make the

artwork - which they can then take home. The school council will be visiting classes to remind children of this event and to ensure that everyone can take part. Thank you for the support.

Best wishes,

Vicky Ellaby & The School Council

Edward's Summer of Sport

As part of our PSHE curriculum and through our drive as a church school to develop children's courageous advocacy, we are always keen to support students who decide to take on a challenge, in support of a cause, all by themselves. Edward in Year 5 has decided to dedicate time this summer to raising funds for Cancer Research UK, a cause very close to his heart. Please read on and support him if you can.

This summer, Edward is taking on a big personal challenge to raise money for Cancer Research UK, in memory of his Grandad ❤️ and for other family members, wonderful teachers and friends that have been impacted by cancer.

From now until September, he's aiming to reach 500+ points by staying active across:

Running & cycling (1 point per km)

Swimming (1 point per 250m)

Football & cricket (1 point per 30 mins)

This is a huge commitment over the summer - this would equate to a week of running 10km, swimming 2km and over 4 hours of cricket!

*He's off to an incredible start and after a very busy few weeks and a **very** active half term he's already made a bit dent in his target.*

If you'd like to support Edward, he would be incredibly grateful for any donation—big or small.

There is a link to his JustGiving page below...

https://www.justgiving.com/page/kim-swift-10?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

School Photograph

The whole school photograph taken on Tuesday is now online and ready to view. QR cards were sent home with the children yesterday to enable you to access it. There will be **free delivery to the school if you get your order in before 21st June.**

Calling all Year 3 Footballers!

Pewsey Vale Youth Football Club are looking for new players to join their new U9 team for the season beginning in September 2026. Your child must be a current Year 3 student (Year 4 from September 2026). Due to increased demand within this age group, and with the success they have already had with their current team, they've decided to start a second team to

open up space for new children to join. Please see the new players recruitment poster on the noticeboard page. If your child is interested, or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the team manager; Dan Johnson on 07584 253332. They look forward to hearing from you.

Crofton Beam Engines Colouring Competition

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust, the children are invited to take part in a colouring competition. The colour sheets are being sent home with the children today.

The prize is a family pass for a steaming weekend (up to 2 adults, children are always free).

Winners will be entered into a trust-wide contest, with the winner receiving a boat trip for the whole family on the Kennet & Avon Canal.

All entries to be returned to Hayley in the school office by 17th June.

Message on behalf of Sue Brady Catering

We hope you and your children are having a happy and successful school year.

As your school's catering provider, we wanted to share an important update about school meal funding that could benefit many families, and ask for your help so we can be fully prepared for September.

What is changing?

From September, Free School Meals will be available to families receiving Universal Credit whose children are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). This means more children will be able to enjoy a healthy school meal each day at no cost to their family.

How you can help us prepare

Each day, we prepare fresh, nutritious meals for children across 19 primary schools, and we want to make sure every child who is eligible can be catered for from the very start of term. To do that, we need to plan ahead for ingredients, equipment and staffing, and your reply will make a real difference in helping us prepare properly. If your family receives Universal Credit and your child will be in KS2 this September, **please let us know by Monday 22 June whether you expect to use these free school meals**. Even if you are not completely sure yet, an early indication from you will help us plan and make sure enough meals are available in September.

Email: schools@suebradycatering.com

Reply by: Monday 22 June

Please include: your child's school, their year group in September, and whether they are likely to be ordering meals.

Please note: Any information you share will be treated in strict confidence. It will only be used by our kitchen team for planning purposes, so we can make sure every child who would like a meal can be catered for in September.

Thank you for taking a moment to reply. Your response will help us make sure we are ready to provide meals for every child who may need one in September.

With thanks and best wishes,

The SBC Schools Team

schools@suebradycatering.com

Message on behalf of the PTA

Hello Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the school fete. Despite the chilly weather, it was a fantastic event and we are delighted to share that we raised an amazing £1,500 profit for the school.

A reminder that the Tesco Blue Token Scheme is still running in Marlborough. Please continue to support us by adding your blue tokens whenever you shop. We're hoping to climb into the lead!

Father's Day is fast approaching, and we will once again be running our popular Father's Day Shop on **Friday 19th June**. Pre-payment will be available until Wednesday 17th June. After this date, children will need to bring £5 cash into school to take part. Further details will be sent out next week.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Church Fete on **Saturday 18th July**, as well as parents who would be willing to help sell refreshments on Sports Day. If you are able to spare some time and would like to get involved, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

The PTA Team

Message on behalf of the Fun Run Team

With three weeks to go until the Savernake Fun Run we are counting down to a highlight in the school calendar, when we will be welcoming runners from far & wide to experience something special at our school.

We have a new 10k route planned, with kind permission from Tottenham House Estate and promise you a scenic off road fun run :)

Don't forget deadline for t-shirt orders is 12th June and raffle tickets are available at school reception.

Thank you to our army of volunteers, without whom the event would not be possible.

If you have a gazebo we could borrow or happy to bake something, then please let us know.

Anna, Leah & Tom

run2026@savernake10k.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>June</i>	
Monday 1 st (fortnight beginning)	Year 4 Multiplication check
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
	Year 5 Planetarium visit
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) CANCELLED
Tuesday 23 rd	Bikeability – Year 6 (day 2) CANCELLED
	Oak Class visit to Natural History Museum, Oxford
Thursday 25 th	Sycamore Class trip to Lulworth Cove
Friday 26th	ARK Fundraising event 3.20pm-4pm
Saturday 27 th	Savernake 3K & 10K Fun Run
Tuesday 30 th	Year 5/6 Rounders at St Katharine's School (small group)

<i>July</i>	
Thursday 2nd	Year 6 SEN Transition Day at St. John's
Friday 3rd	Reports to parents
	Move Up Morning and new Reception transition visits
	Year 6 Transition Day at St. John's
Monday 6th	Final swimming session Year 3 (block of 10)
Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th	Optional Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Friday 10th	Summer Performance - dress rehearsal
	Chestnut Class visit to Stonebridge
	Mobile library visiting
Tuesday 14th	Summer Performance 1 Sycamore Class 7pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 15th	Summer Performance 2 Sycamore Class 7pm-8.30pm
Friday 17th	Sports Day 9:30am – 12:15pm
Saturday 18th	St. Katharine's Church Fete
Monday 20th	Back up Sports Day 9:30am – 12:15pm
Tuesday 21st	Gem Day <i>NO Sue Brady Lunches to be ordered</i>
Wednesday 22nd	Leaver's Service in Church 9:30am <i>followed by refreshments</i>
	End of Term 6 early close 1.15pm

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

**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)

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ST. KATHARINE'S
SAVERNAKE



**PEWSEY
VALE
YOUTH FC**

**IS LOOKING FOR
NEW PLAYERS
FOR NEXT SEASON!**

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

U9s TEAM
(YOUR CHILD MUST BE
SCHOOL YEAR 4
FROM SEPTEMBER 2026)

IF INTERESTED
CONTACT
DAN JOHNSON
07584 253332

**MAKE
FRIENDS!
HAVE FUN!
PLAY FOOTBALL!**

PEWSEY VALE
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**Join
Wildlife
Watch** at **Bay
Meadows**

The Wildlife Trusts Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

**Fun wildlife activities for primary-aged children and
accompanying adults**

We will be exploring the wonderful world of
invertebrates with minibeast searches and crafts.

WHEN & WHERE?
Saturday 6th June, 10am - 12noon
Bay Meadows, Marlborough

BOOKING & COST
Booking required
Suggested donation
£2.50 per child, adults free

Email
marlboroughwildlifewatch@wiltshirewildlife.org
to find out more and book.

Registered Charity Number: 266202
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JOIN US FOR CIDER SATURDAYS at White Barrow Farm Lockeridge

TIME:
16.30-20.30

FREE ENTRY

White Barrow Farm



Craft Cider

EVERYONE WELCOME

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS!

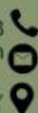
Meet our pig, alpacas,
horses and ducks.
Beautiful views.
Space to play.
Buy yummy food from,
Chopping Block By George.
Buy Craft Cider made onsite.

DATES:
13.06.26
25.07.26
22.08.26
26.09.26



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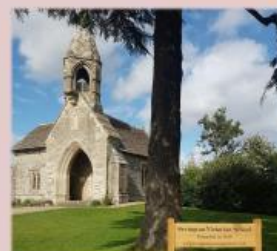


Summer Sunday Open Days at Sevington Victorian School

2.00 – 5.00pm

Sevington School is a beautifully preserved Victorian village school set in the heart of the Wiltshire countryside, 4 miles from J17 on the M4, close to Chippenham, Castle Combe and Malmesbury.

Experience and tour the authentic Victorian school room, school mistress's house and level access gardens. Enjoy our children's activities and home made teas.



2026 dates

June 7th Victorian garden display

July 5th Lace making demonstration

Admission: adults £4, children £2, families £10

September 13th Heritage Weekend free entry

Lace making and Penny-farthing demonstrations

sevingtonvictorianschool.co.uk

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