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'Love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12:31)

Dear Parents and Friends,

Our Year 5 pupils recently returned from their overnight stay at Skreens, which forms part of our graduated residential programme. This carefully structured approach means that our pupils build their confidence and independence gradually, preparing them for the longer residential experience in Year 6. The children had an absolutely brilliant time, and it was wonderful to hear about all the activities they enjoyed throughout their stay. Kayaking proved to be a particular favourite! I must extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Brown, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Yeo and Miss Oakley, who generously gave up their time to support this trip. The impact these experiences have on our pupils is immeasurable, and we are truly grateful for their dedication.

We also recently welcomed parents into school for our Reception parent lunch. It was lovely to see families enjoying time together in school and sharing a meal with their children. Thank you to Mrs Barker and Miss Garland for organising such a special occasion.

One of the highlights of this week was the visit from the girl group 'label' on Wednesday. This talented group of 12-14 year olds are passionate about music and performance, and they visited us as part of their national tour. Our Year 4 pupils originally saw them perform at the Palace Theatre during their Dance Festival, so it was wonderful to welcome them to St Katherine's. Experiences like this are so valuable for our children, as they can see first hand what can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

As we move into next week, I wanted to remind you about a few important things. Messy Church is taking place tomorrow, with two sessions available: 10.30am to 12pm and 1pm to 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking part in the Speed Awareness project with the Community Policing team at the end of next week. This is a project that our children always thoroughly enjoy, and it's a valuable opportunity for them to learn about road safety and community responsibility.

Finally, we also have a three-day weekend coming up, as school will be closed for Bank Holiday Monday. I do hope you all have a lovely long weekend and the chance to spend time together as families.

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SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK



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USEFUL INFORMATION:

Online safety

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

CEOP

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Childline

Information for parents / families: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/home-families/>

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CHECK

Should your financial circumstances have changed recently, you may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your child. Should you feel you may be eligible, please complete the form which can be found on the following link <https://www.stkatherinesprimary.com/free-school-meals/>. If you would like the school to complete the check on your behalf or you have any questions, please contact Mrs Dilliway, our Pupil Administrator.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

WEEK BEGINNING 01.05.26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Bar	Katsu Curry	Roast Sausages	Pasta Bolognaise	Fish Fingers
	Vegetarian Curry	Vegetarian Sausages	Vegetarian Bolognaise	Omelette
Fresh Bread Salad Bar	Rice	Potatoes Yorkshire Puddings Seasonal Vegetables	Saute Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Chips Beans
Jacket Potato check Eduspot for availability	Jacket Potato check Eduspot for availability	Jacket Potato check Eduspot for availability	Jacket Potato check Eduspot for availability	Jacket Potato check Eduspot for availability
	Ham Baguette Or Cheese Baguette		Tuna Baguette Or Cheese Baguette	
Fruit pots	Summer Berry cupcakes	Yoghurts Or Cheese & Crackers	Jelly & Cream	Real fruit ice lollies

CALENDAR

29th Apr LABEL performing to KS2
 2nd May Messy Church
 4th May Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed
 8th May David Attenborough's 100th birthday!
 8th May Year 6 Speed Awareness session with
 Community Police Officers
 11th May KS2 SATs
 14th May Joe Wicks Big School Workout

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

24th April – 30th April

Reception	88.82%
Year 1	95.71%
Year 2	92.69%
Year 3	99.68%
Year 4	97.24%
Year 5	98.13%
Year 6	99.06%
Total for the school	96.51%

I wish you all a lovely long weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Anne-Marie Taylor