



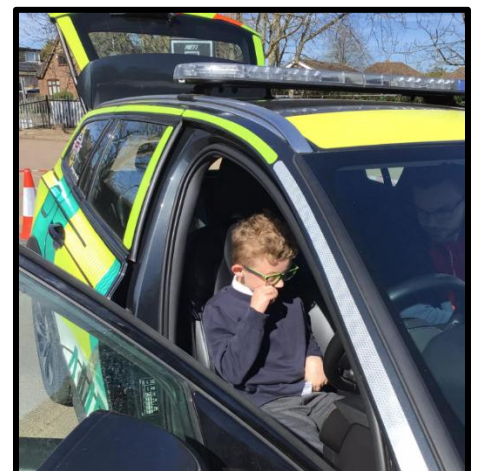
Friday 5th April 2025

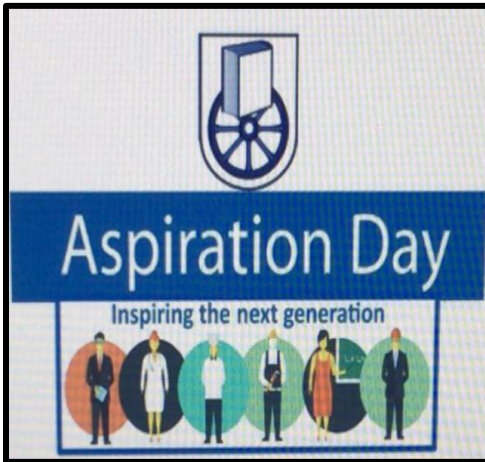
Dear Parents/ Carers,

Monday's Aspiration Day proved to be an absolute hit with the children, who dived into a day full of inspiration and hands-on learning. It was truly heart-warming to see the children's enthusiasm as they participated in a range of workshops, each led by professionals who shared their experiences and expertise.

Our young learners had the opportunity to see beyond Snodland and explore a variety of careers, from the creative world of music, with a talented musician, to the skies with a real-life pilot. They also met an optician, a vet, and two paramedics, all of whom brought their unique insights to the children, sparking curiosity and a range of interesting questions for our guests to respond to. The day was filled with engaging activities and discussions, allowing the children to imagine all the exciting careers they could pursue in the future.

It was wonderful to see the children so excited and motivated, and we hope the event has inspired them to think about their own aspirations. We're looking forward to more opportunities like this in the future!

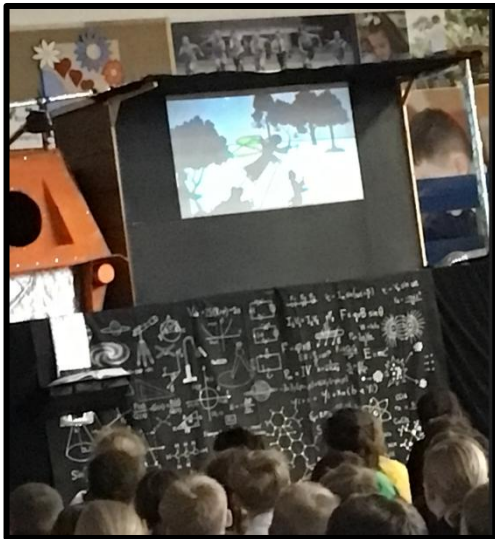




RE Enrichment

It was a pleasure to welcome our friends from CRIBS back to St Katherine's this week. They delivered creative performances of the Easter story through dance, song and puppetry, offering the children a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the true significance of Easter for the Christian community.

Pupil Voice: *"I found it interesting that the team went back in time to save the Lord Saviour. The puppets were cool and provide information about the Easter story." (Robbie – Year 6*



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Miss Aikenhead, our Reading Ambassadors, and all the other members of staff who supported the Scholastic Book Fair last week. It was wonderful to see so many children eagerly browsing through the wide variety of books on offer and getting excited about their new reads.

Thank you for your generous purchases that helped us raise **over £400 for the school!** This money will be used to replenish our beloved library area, ensuring the children continue to have access to a rich selection of books they can enjoy.



We Made the Primary Times!

We are delighted to announce that news of our bronze diversity award has been published in the latest version of The Kent Primary Times, an educational magazine. You can access the online version by clicking on the following [link](#).

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Kent Schoolchildren Celebrate Diversity Award

A Kent Primary School is celebrating achieving a Bronze Equalities Award in recognition of its commitment to promoting diversity, inclusion and equality. Assessors noted 'something special emerging' at St Katherine's School and Nursery in Snodland, and encouraged children and staff to work towards becoming a Centre of Excellence.

The Diversity Mark, awarded by Learning Wokz, comes hot on the heels of an Ofsted Inspection judging the school 'Good' with some outstanding aspects.

The report praised the school for showing a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, which is encompassed through the school values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Community,

Compassion and Excellence.

Mr Lang said: "The team at St Katherine's recognise that every child is unique and celebrate this, along with ensuring they have the opportunity to thrive academically, socially and emotionally."

The Diversity Mark assessment focused on four areas: Leadership and Management, Personal Development, Curriculum, and Behaviour and Welfare.

The assessors praised the school for promoting British values alongside those of different cultures and religions through visits, workshops, activities and community events.

The report said: "There was clear evidence that diversity was celebrated through whole school events such as 'Odd Socks Day' and 'Give Racism the



Red Card"

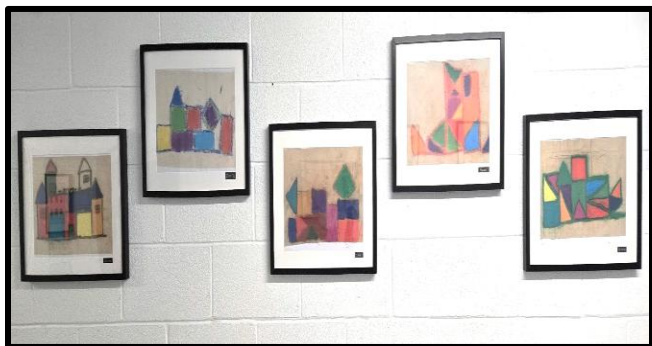
Sarah Aikenhead, Deputy Head and Diversity Lead, at the school, which is part of the Coppice Primary Partnership Academy Trust, said:

"We are already working towards our Silver Award and are all thrilled by their encouragement to become a Centre of Excellence. It's certainly an achievement to strive for."

Curriculum Update

Year 2 have been exploring buildings in their art lessons, drawing inspiration from the work of Paul Klee. As part of their study of perspective, they have learned how to create the illusion of three-dimensionality by using parallel lines. To further their understanding, they studied Bauhaus architecture and applied this inspiration to their own designs. Using rulers and pencils, they carefully drew their buildings before adding bold black outlines to make their artwork stand out and come to life.

Pupil Voice: "I liked the challenge of creating our own perspective art." (Isaiah – Year 2).



Awe and Wonder



Reception have thoroughly enjoyed watching our special visitors hatch and grow over the last few weeks. This experience certainly enriched their learning in the key area of 'Understanding the World', where they explored concepts such as life cycles, growth and change, while developing their communication skills through discussions and observations.

It will be sad to see the chicks go, but they have certainly provided some awe and wonder for our children this term.



Spring Term House Winners

We are delighted to announce that after working tirelessly to collect as many house points as possible for their team, Earth has won this term's house reward. They will now have a non-uniform day on **Thursday 1st May (years 3 & 4)** and **Friday 2nd May for everyone else**.

	= 676 Dojo Points
	= 762 Dojo Points
	= 625 Dojo Points
	= 653 Dojo Points



Sports Update

A Big Congratulations to Our Year 5 & 6 Netball Team!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 & 6 netball team, who played brilliantly in their recent tournament. They won every game on their way to the final and only narrowly lost in the final match, earning silver medals. Well done, team!

More League Success for Our Netball Stars

Following their tournament success, the team faced off against More Park in a league match, winning 15-0. This victory means they remain undefeated in the league and at the top of the standings. Fantastic work!



Year 2 Ball Skills Festival

A big shoutout to our Year 2 students who recently participated in a ball skills festival. They learned essential netball skills and even had the chance to shoot in the same goals used by secondary schools! They were fantastic, and it's clear the future of netball at St Katherine's is looking bright!



Football Success

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team for their 2-0 victory against More Park. It was a hard-fought match, but the boys displayed resilience and determination, pushing through until the final whistle. Having now played all of their league matches in Group C, they have finished in second place and secured a spot in the quarter-finals, alongside the top two teams from the other three leagues. Well done boys!!

The girls have also been enjoying training in the sunshine and demonstrating all of our school values, particularly resilience. They look forward to playing in the upcoming summer tournaments in June.



Charity Work

Supporting a Great Cause: Warren & Reuben's Spring Challenge

Warren and his younger brother, Reuben, have signed up for the *Young Lives vs Cancer* Spring Challenge. Over the course of two weeks, from April 7th to April 20th, they will be running, walking, cycling, swimming, or engaging in any other activity, committing to one mile a day. Their goal is to raise £150 to support this worthy cause.

This initiative perfectly reflects our community and compassion values, demonstrating their commitment to making a positive impact beyond the classroom. If you would like to support Warren and Reuben in their efforts, please follow the link below and donate whatever you can.

<https://fundraise.younglivesvscancer.org.uk/s/21328/21864>



Parent E-Safety Information

This latest parent guide discusses the growing popularity of Bluesky, a public-first microblogging social media platform, and explores what parents and educators can do to ensure children's safety when using the app.

Please click on the [link](#) to access advice on the tools available to keep children safe while using the popular social media platform Bluesky.



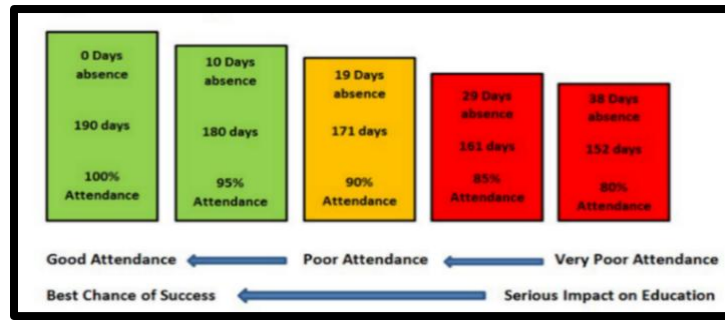
Attendance Pool Party

Our Attendance Pool Party is a termly reward for students who achieve 100% attendance in a week. Each week of perfect attendance earns one entry into our Winner Wheel of Names! If a student maintains 100% attendance every week of the term, they'll earn multiple entries into the Wheel, increasing their chances of winning. The Pool Party takes place every Thursday afternoon, where students enjoy a fun swim with music, pool accessories, and a goody bag to take home at the end of the party.

Pupil Voice: *"I really liked playing with the floats. They were fun!"* (Peaches – Reception)



Attendance Matters!



Weekly

Year	Classes		
N	Acorn 100%		
R	Bramley 92.0%	Gala 98.9%	
1	Peach 92.5%	Pear 94.7%	Plum 99.8%
2	Cherry 94.6%	Quince 91.4%	
3	Hazel 96.1%	Walnut 91.9%	
4	Spruce 94.0%	Pine 93.5%	Fir 97.6%
5	Cedar 95.0%	Teak 96.3%	
6	Ash 94.1%	Oak 97.6%	Elm 93.9%

Attendance



School Target: 95%

Key Dates

EVENT	DATE
Start of term 5	Tuesday 22nd April
Year 6 Residential Meeting	Wednesday 23 rd April – 5.30pm
Achievement Assembly	Thursday 24 th April – 9.15am
Year 6 SATS drop-in session for parents	Friday 25 th April – 2.45pm to 3.15pm
SEND Coffee Morning	Tuesday 29 th April – 8.45am
Phonics Screening Parent Workshop	Thursday 1 st May – 9am & 2.45pm
Non-Uniform Day House Reward (Earth)	Thursday 1 st May = Year 3 & 4 Friday 2 nd May = Year R, 1, 2, 5 & 6
Year R trip to the British Wildlife Centre	Tuesday 6 th May

Year 5 Parents Meeting for the Year 6 Residential 2026	Thursday 8 th May – 5.30pm
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May
Year R Community Read	Wednesday 14 th May – 2.45pm
Year 5 trip to Dover Castle	Tuesday 20 th May
End of term 5	Friday 23rd May

Have a lovely Easter break with your families.

Mr Lang