



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

St Katherine's has truly stepped into Christmas over the past two weeks, and what a joyful journey it has been. From "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" at our bustling Christmas Fair, to the heartfelt harmonies of "Away in a Manger" at our church services, the season has been filled with music, tradition and community.



### It's Christmasss!

#### **Reception Rock!**

Our Reception children brought festive joy to the residents of Pilgrim's Way, delighting everyone with a heart-warming carol performance. Their singing, actions and enthusiasm captured the spirit of Christmas beautifully. The residents were thrilled by their visit, and the children's kindness and cheer truly brightened the afternoon.



**Pupil Voice:** *"I loved singing to the older people because it made them happy."* (Phoebe – Reception)

#### **Year 1 & 2 Nativity: Lights, Camel, Action!**

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils dazzled the school community with their spectacular performance of *Lights, Camel, Action!* - a contemporary retelling of the birth of Christ.

With sparkling costumes, lively music and plenty of energy, the children brought the nativity story to life in a memorable way. Their confidence on stage, combined with the humour and creativity of the production, made for an unforgettable celebration of the Christmas message.

Thank you to everyone involved - from the children who performed so brilliantly, to the staff who guided and supported them, and to the families who joined us to celebrate. Together, you made this nativity a truly special occasion.



### **Christmas Services at Christ Church and All Saints**

Our Christmas services at Christ Church and All Saints were truly amazing, bringing together the whole school community in festive celebration. The children shone in every aspect - from thoughtful readings and expressive acting, to lively percussion accompanying The Nutcracker. Recorders and dancers added sparkle and rhythm, creating a joyful atmosphere that filled both churches with energy and delight.

The highlight, as always, was our superb choir, whose voices grow stronger and more confident each year. Their harmonies lifted the spirit of the season and reminded us of the power of music to unite and inspire.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed - pupils, staff, families and our church partners - for making these services such a memorable and meaningful part of our Christmas celebrations. Please click on the [link](#) to view a short video of our Christ Church service.



## A Wonderful Christmas Fair

Our school community came together to enjoy a truly wonderful Christmas fair, filled with festive cheer and creativity. The hall was alive with excitement as families browsed stalls - many of which were proudly run by our own children, showcasing their enthusiasm and enterprise.

It was a joyful occasion that brought everyone together, reminding us of the strength of our community spirit. From games and crafts to seasonal treats, there was something for everyone to enjoy. We also raised over **£1800** for school development!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the PTA, parents and staff who gave their time and energy to support the day. Your commitment and generosity made the event possible, and we deeply value the contribution you bring to our school family.



## Christmas Dinner

The hall was transformed into a festive wonderland as our children gathered for Christmas dinner. Tables were beautifully decorated, and every child received a cracker thanks to the generosity of the PTA. With Christmas tunes blaring across the hall, the atmosphere was merry, joyful and full of laughter.

A huge well done to our kitchen staff, who worked with military precision, alongside Midday Meal Supervisors and staff, to serve hundreds of meals seamlessly - ensuring that every plate was filled and every child felt part of the celebration. Their hard work and organisation made the event run like clockwork, allowing everyone to simply enjoy the festive feast together.



## A Joyful Visit from CRIBS

We were delighted to welcome our friends from CRIBS into school this week, as they brought the Christmas story to life through music, dance and puppetry.

The performance was full of energy, creativity, and joy - engaging our pupils in a way that was both entertaining and deeply meaningful. Through song, movement and storytelling, CRIBS reminded us of the true spirit of Christmas and the importance of sharing stories that bring communities together.



**Pupil Voice:** *"I enjoyed the puppets as they told me all about Jesus and when he was born."*  
(Roseanna – Year 2)

## St Katherine's Got Talent

Our St Katherine's Talent Show was a perfect celebration of everything that makes our children shine. The event gave pupils a platform to showcase their interests and passions, building confidence, courage and a real sense of togetherness across the school. From comedians and dancers to singers, musicians, performers and even pogoists, the range of talent on display was extraordinary. It was a genuine pleasure to watch our children perform, support one another and grow in front of our eyes.



## Community

### **Living Our Values: Community and Responsibility**

This week, our School Ambassadors proudly represented St Katherine's by delivering soft toys, books, and games - generously donated by our families - to the Heart of Kent Hospice family room.



Their visit was more than just a delivery; it was a powerful reminder of how our school community comes together to support others. By sharing comfort and joy with families at the hospice, our pupils showed that responsibility is not only about looking after ourselves, but also about caring for those around us.

Staff at the hospice were deeply impressed by the generosity and spirit shown by our ambassadors and families, and expressed a desire to develop ongoing links with St Katherine's. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community connections and continue living out our values in meaningful ways.



**Pupil Voice:** *"It was important to donate the items as children will enjoy them. I like helping people in the community."* (Max – School Ambassador)

## Teaching and Learning

### **Year 5 Mythical Creatures (English)**

Year 5 have been on an exciting writing journey this term, focusing on crafting non-chronological reports about mythical animals. Along the way, they learnt and practised the key tools needed to structure and refine their writing before inventing their own fantastical creatures to describe. The final twist was a real highlight: pupils pasted their finished texts into AI, which generated an image of what their imagined animal might look like based solely on their writing. It was a brilliant blend of creativity, skill-building and modern technology, and the children were rightly proud of their work.

# FANTASTIC BEASTS

AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

## Appearance

This brilliant beast has the iconic spine of the spinosaurus and the strength of a t-rex and agility of who we don't know - so this creature can curl



## Diet

The Spinosaurus-rex has the guts and strength to challenge a fully grown T-rex, which 98% of the time wins fights, and eat the t-rex, which is an extremely uncommon thing to do.

## Habitat

This dangerous beast's territory can stretch 5 miles. It lives in badlands - or it will live near rivers to hunt t-rex coming for a drink.

## THE SPINOSAURUS-REX

Despite being one of Earth's deadliest most terrifying creatures it can be found almost everywhere near certain places.



## Abilities

It has two amazing abilities, the first is being able to swim at 50 miles per hour! The second ability is that if it gets injured it has healing blood so the wound will heal quicker and only leave a scar.

## Conclusion

we still don't know what group it's in we think it's a spinosaur but we don't have evidence.

-MASON

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This deadly creature who barely is over a million has been the most wanted creature for many years. Nobody will want to see him, but even if you do want to see him, his amazing abilities won't let you see him. He is a type of a menacing panther, also it looks like a mighty powerful panther. I bet detectives haven't even find the panther.

This dangerous-looking creature, which looks like a curse, is actually silly when fighting his opponent. His fierce, glowing orange eyes make this creature one of the most deadliest creature and he has lots of scary features. Such as, his venomous, bloody and spiky teeth that can make a hole wherever he bites into. His mighty silver necklace which contains lots of his main power.

This creature normally lives in his domain. To make his domain, he just needs to say domain expansion infinite spikes. His domain, which is very quiet, contains into a water, land and lava biome. If someone steps foot in his domain they will get dissolved (opra)

## The bloodthirsty panther

Even tho he lives by himself, he can summon other people in his domain then he would quickly eat them before they dissolve into ash. Because if he is or let, the blood will turn into ash. Even tho he can make his own ash.

This creature has lots of abilities one of being immortal if someone hits him, those would be a bonus in between then. The second one being telepathy this one everyone already knows about. He can manipulate other people power but for it to work he needs to touch for then.

## Conclusion

To add up, this demon is a menacing, dangerous creature that know should ever see you probably won't ever see him.



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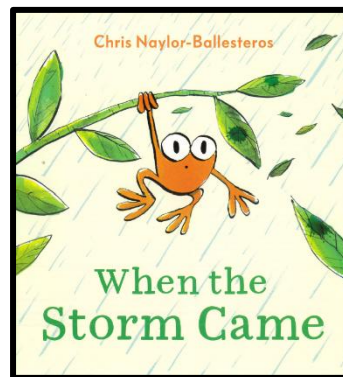
## Year 6 Waistcoats

After a lot of hard work in DT, our Year 6 pupils finally had the joy of presenting their personalised waistcoats to their Year R buddies. To celebrate, they held their very own St Katherine's fashion show, giving the children a chance to showcase their creations with pride in front of their friends. It was a wonderful moment of creativity, collaboration and confidence, and we hope Year R love wearing their new waistcoats as much as Year 6 loved making them.



## Assembly

For my recent assembly, I used the charming 'When the Storm Came' to discuss the concept of diversity, first impressions and how our differences become our strengths within our community. To access the assembly, please click on the following [link](#).

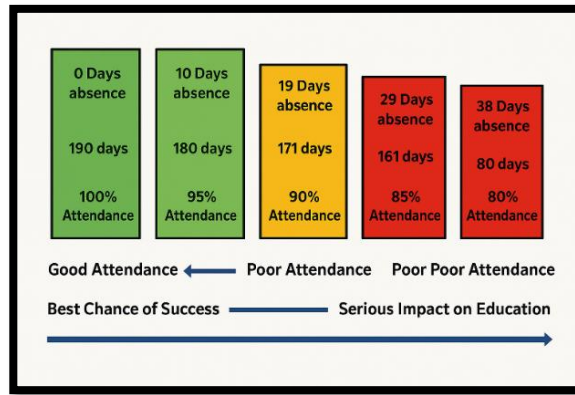


## Online Safety - Parent Support

This week's safety advice incorporates online safety, amongst other tips for safety over the Christmas festive season. Please click on the [link](#) to access the short guide.



## Attendance Matters!



## Termly Attendance

Year	Classes		
N	Acorn 100%		
R	Bramley 96.5%	Gala 99.8%	
1	Peach 85.2%	Pear 91.5%	
2	Cherry 95.9%	Quince 95.1%	Damson 84.7%
3	Hazel 99.3%	Walnut 93%	
4	Spruce 95.3%	Fir 93.1%	
5	Cedar 92.1%	Teak 98.4%	Mahogany 98.3%
6	Ash 92.8%	Oak 90.8%	

School Target: 95%

## Key Dates



EVENT	DATE
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Bramley Class Meeting Regarding Swimming - Hall</b>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm
<b>Achievement Assembly</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am
<b>Young Voices O2</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
<b>Year 6 Restore, Reform, Respect Workshop</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>Year 5 Visit to Rochester Synagogue – Teak Class</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>PTA FRY YAY – Doughnut Sale on Lower Playground</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 3:20pm
<b>Children’s Mental Health Week</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Happy Shoes Day</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Jewish Speaker in school for Year 1 linked to RE Learning</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February

<b>Urban Activities – Assembly and Workshops Linked to Children’s Mental Health Week- Whole School Assembly &amp; Workshops</b>	<i>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>Year 5 Visit to Rochester Synagogue – Cedar Class</b>	<i>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>PTA Movie Night – More details to follow soon</b>	<i>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>Safer Internet Day</b>	<i>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>KS1 Stranger Danger Online Safety Assembly Year R &amp; Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>	<i>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>Year 5 Visit to Rochester Synagogue – Mahogany Class</b>	<i>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>St Kath’s Top Tots Session 2</b>	<i>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>KS2 Digital Skills Assembly (Year 3,4 &amp; 5) Workshops (Year 5)</b>	<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Mr. Lang  
Headteacher

