

Weekly communication to Parents/Carers

Friday 3 July 2026



St Katherine's Website



Term dates



Termly newsletters



PE calendar

Message from Mr Humphreys

Dear Parents/Carers

Alan Turing's birthday on 23 June 1912 gave us a meaningful opportunity to reflect on his legacy. As one of our house icons, he represents innovation, courage and the belief that we can *create the impossible*. His story continues to inspire our students to think boldly and push boundaries in their own learning.

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 6 students and families for their induction days on Tuesday and Wednesday. A busy two days helping students build confidence, familiarity and a sense of belonging as they prepare to join us in September. It was wonderful to see them beginning to form relationships, make great sounds and noise with Trailblazers along with exploring life at St Katherine's. The Step into Sixth Form event was for students preparing for post-16 study. It offered a valuable opportunity to explore subjects, understand expectations and begin shaping the next stage of their educational journey.

Y8 students on the Paris trip have had a very hot time in Paris, indulging in French culture, history and food. Some wonderful memories for students and staff and we hope families enjoy the reel on Facebook. Year 7 visited Chepstow Castle, strengthening their understanding of medieval Britain and deepening links to their history curriculum and Year 10 have spent this week on Work Experience, gaining valuable insight into the world beyond school.

We said a fond farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students on their leavers' day last week. Despite the intense weather, the prom and evening celebrations were thoroughly enjoyed. We wish them well for future adventures.

A big well done goes to our Accelerated Readers, who enjoyed their annual pizza celebration. Their commitment to reading continues to enrich our school culture and inspire others across the year groups. Our Duke of Edinburgh programme remains a real strength at St Katherine's, with Bronze expeditions heading out over the last few weeks. Students demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination throughout, reflecting the values at the heart of the award. A huge thank you to staff supporting the many groups across multiple long weekends.

Next week, we look forward to our Celebration Evenings, where we will recognise students' approach to learning and celebrate subject attainment across all year groups. These evenings also give us the chance to highlight tutor awards, acknowledge the achievement of house colours and present our Student of the Year awards. They are a wonderful reminder of the dedication, character and ambition shown by our students throughout the year, and we are excited to come together as a community to celebrate their successes.

We look forward to seeing many families throughout the evenings.

Good luck to the England football team on Sunday.

Best wishes,
Justin Humphreys

Whole School messages

School	Whole school	Mobile devices policy Please find letter here from Mrs Humphries.
School	Whole School	Supporting everyone to attend school on Monday following the England football match. We know many children will be excited to stay up for England v Mexico on Sunday night into Monday morning. Many children have been sharing with us their plans to watch the match. Some say that they are going to bed early, setting an alarm to watch the match and then going back to sleep. Some are avoiding the score and setting a very early alarm to watch the match on catch up. Whereas Thomas Tuchel's advice to parents about school attendance on Monday raised a smile, school will be open as normal on Monday and we want every child to attend. Our school buses cannot be rescheduled, and we know many parents and carers will also be tired but will still be heading to work and soldiering on through the day. To help, we'll make the morning welcoming, offer a calm start including a free breakfast in the canteen for everyone. We will share the highlights on the screens in the canteen and when it is time to head to tutor time, tutors will continue to show the highlights and post match analysis so pupils can enjoy the moment together whatever the score may be. Additionally, children can wear their football shirts to school if they choose. Hopefully this will be in celebration of a resounding win. Please support us by making sure your child attends on time.
School	Whole school	Postponed: Coffee with the Headteacher - 6 July 2026 By way of an update, please see slides here , for reference from the last meeting. For those that signed up, please contact school@skdrive.org if there is anything specific you would like to raise.
School	Whole School	Lockers Please remind your child to return their locker key to the School Support Office (SSO) by Friday, 10 July, unless they wish to retain their locker for the 2026/27 academic year.
School	Whole school	Just a quick reminder that we're really looking forward to receiving your book-themed bakes in the Library by Thursday 16th July
School	Whole School	Join NSPCWT for training on supporting your child or young person if they are neurodivergent and identify as LGBTQ+
School	Whole school	Pill Food Hub Small Grants Scheme The Pill Food Hub, with funding from North Somerset Council and Power to Pill, runs a Small Grants Scheme which is available for families who live in Pill, Ham Green, Easton-in-Gordano or Portbury and who are currently experiencing hardship. The grants of up to £100 are available to support health and wellbeing needs by providing items such as bedding, heated clothes dryers, air fryers, electric blankets, disability aids etc. If an application is approved, Pill Food Hub will purchase the requested item(s) up to the value of £100 (including delivery) and will arrange for them to be delivered to the applicant's home address. Application forms (attached here) may be completed electronically or by hand and are available through the Pill Resource Centre, or by contacting the Food Hub by email, pillfoodhub@gmail.com , or by text message: 07359 235479.

		Completed applications must be submitted to Jo Burt, Food Hub Treasurer either by email: pillfoodhub@gmail.com , or by delivering the form to the Resource Centre for Food Hub to collect.
School	Whole school	Free School Meals is changing From September Free School Meals are being expanded to all families on Universal Credit. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals for September, please apply in the summer holidays at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals If you have any queries or require any help please email FSM@n-somerset.gov.uk or call the school on 01275 373737. You can find our letter to all parents with more details here
School	Ms Jefferson	2026 BOOK BONANZA! Please send in any and all pre-loved books for our annual summer giveaway! We accept books for all ages. Around 10% of children in England do not own a book of their own: please help us to ensure all of our young people have their own books. Bring all donations to the English Office or drop them off in Reception.
School	Whole school	A little end-of-term treat from Kellogg's Keep the Sports Week energy going all summer long - please see here for details.
Year 7		
Mr Fey	Year 7	A reminder that Race to the Line day has been rescheduled for Wednesday 15th July . Each student will be off timetable for an hour during the day (they will be told by their tutor which period) to work in groups to make a Co2 powered vehicle. During period 5 they will then all be off timetable to race their vehicles on the bottom court. Please be mindful of hot weather conditions and prepare your child appropriately.
Food and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 7	Please ensure all ingredients are weighed before the lesson. Friday 10th July - 7L Breakfast muffins
Year 10		
Art Ms Tallis	Year 10	Y10 GCSE art students are continuing to work hard on their artist research for their Personal Projects (second coursework project). They must spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: - Every Tue after school - Every Thu after school - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their art GCSE results. Deadline for the artist research for the Personal Project = Thurs 16 July
Textiles Miss Everard	Year 10	From now until the end of term students are continuing with their Sustained project - Architectural Forms and Features - students will be completing their garments and sketchbooks. It is important that they keep referring to the Assessment Objectives (AO1-4), which they have copies of and it has been explained to them. Each student also has an up-to-date personalised checklist of work they should try to complete.

		At the end of term I will be collecting in ALL coursework, this will mark the end of these two projects. They should be spending at least an hour on homework each week, and they can attend catch-up sessions at lunch times and after school in the Art/Textiles Dept. Your child may work in the Art Dept at the following times: - Every Tue after school - Every Thu after school - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did so last year had the most success with their GCSE results.
Food preparation and Nutrition Mrs Jenkins	Year 10	Year 10 FP&N students are currently working towards a mock NEA 2 coursework which includes a practical exam. The students will have 3 hours to prepare, cook and serve 3 dishes and accompaniments (if appropriate), which will be held on the 7th and 8th of July. Your child's allocated day is set on Classcharts as homework. Students will have decided on their 3 dishes and I would really appreciate your support to ensure they are prepared for the exam. Ingredients can be weighed at home and brought into school. Any questions, please let me know.
Photography Mr Frullo	Year 10	Y10 GCSE Photography students are working hard on their Personal Projects (second coursework project). They must spend a minimum of one hour on homework every week. Your child may work in Room 18 at lunchtime and Room 36 after school at the following times: - Every Tue after school - Every Thu after school - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu lunchtimes Please support your child to attend one of these sessions regularly; those who did this last year had the most success with their GCSE results.

PE & SPORT - sign up for Spond (our communication platform)

Spond



We're using Spond to communicate with students & parents

If you are looking for information about extra-curricular activities, school sports teams, fixtures, events, competitions, clubs and practices then you need to be on Spond!

Students

bit.ly/skpe_spondstudent



Parents

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We are using a new platform called Spond to manage selection for and communication around extra-curricular PE fixtures and events. We hope that using Spond will improve our communication with students & parents.

Spond is available as a freely downloadable app and as a web app which allows organisations like clubs & schools to set up groups, publish details about events and collect responses for availability. Students and parents can sign up for Spond accounts using the links above. Parents will be linked to their child's account as a guardian.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 6

4-5 Jul

Bronze DofE Exp 3 (Sun/Mon 29)

RESPECT | RESILIENCE | RESPONSIBILITY

6 Jul	0835-0900 Y8 SGS College talk LT (180 students)
6 Jul	0835-1505 Y10 Future Brunel WECA Activity Day (3 students)
6 Jul	Sports week
6-9 Jul	House Celebration Evenings
7 Jul	0835-0900 Y12 Bowerman and Kirkland construction talk (50 students)
8 Jul	0835-1505 Y12 & Y13 Bristol Crown Court Trip (7 students)
8 Jul	1400-1505 Y12 Biological Sciences talk from Bristol Uni, Disease defence strategies in social insects - Dr Nathalie Stroeymeyt (50 students)
12 Jul	Malala Yousafzai Birthday - 12 July 1997
14 Jul	0835-1505 Y10 Geography Trip (half year group)
14 Jul	0835-0900 Y12 KPMG Assembly (50 students)
15 Jul	Emmeline Pankhurst Birthday (W) - 15 July 1858
15 Jul	0835-1505 Y8 Airbus Trip (32 students)
15 Jul	1400-1505 Y10 WEX Celebration Assembly (180 students)
17 Jul	0835-1505 Geography Trip (half year group)
21 Jul	0835-0900 Y12 Bristol Robins Post 18 Assembly (50 students)
22 Jul	END OF TERM 6 at 1230