



## The Head Teacher writes...

The hall was alive, with the sound of music ...

This morning Prep school were joined by Year 2 for an hour of musical performances. We are very proud of our strong musical tradition at St David's and would now like to encourage more pupils to learn solo instruments so that we can develop this area even further.

Mr Bryant treated us to the first 'public' performance by our school orchestra who gave an enthusiastic rendering of Abba's Waterloo. However, it was Martino (6) on the drums that stole the show! A letter will be coming home soon with details of all the instruments we try to offer our pupils. If you want to know more, then Mrs Sowter would love to speak to you. Meanwhile, Do Re Mi from me!

### TRAVELLING BOOKS



Due to the number of books you purchased, the school has the grand total of £352.20 to spend in commission. Year 3 will be getting a new class set of dictionaries and Pre-Prep will be enjoying some new picture books to share together.

Thanks for supporting this initiative and happy reading everyone! Look out for our next visit from Travelling Books in June.

### YEAR 5—HISTORY

On Tuesday, Year 5 delivered an informal presentation to their peers along with Mrs Foulger and Mrs Page on the topic of 'the Viking Way of Life'. As part of their history lesson, with Mrs Skelton, pupils working in small groups had worked hard gathering information on a range of topics including Viking clothes, food and drink, gods and goddesses, houses and longboats. Each child contributed and the result was a wonderful display of facts and images. Among the facts shared were:

*'Viking helmets had horns' - Lucy*

*'Children were scarecrows' - James*

*'Children did not go to school. Instead, they learnt through stories' - Hannah*

*'Vikings preserved raw meat in milk to keep it fresh and to make it edible' - Anya*

*'Vikings didn't usually build houses—they raided Saxon houses instead' - Joshua, Oscar and Alex*



One pupil was overheard saying 'Mrs Skelton, I told you I didn't like history. Well I do now'.

**Well done to Year 5!**

## PRE-PREP

In reception we never say 'I can't do ...', we always say 'I will try'. This week we talked about things that we find difficult and how we would try harder to achieve them.



On Monday it was Reception's assembly and the children each stood up and told the school what their target would be for the coming weeks. We were very proud of their lovely loud voices and the confidence they showed. They also recited a poem about trying hard which they had learnt in class.

### UPCOMING DATES

#### NOVEMBER

Friday 25th

PTA 'Own Clothes Day': Bottle Drop  
Year 2 visit to Maritime Museum  
Year 5 & 6 Football v Virgo Fidelis (A)  
ISA London South Swimming Gala  
Year 5 & 6 boys Football  
v Virgo Fidelis (H)  
6.15pm Year 6 Parents to see Archie  
Dobson's War (supper 5.45pm)

Saturday 26th

Monday 28th

Tuesday 29th

#### DECEMBER

Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd

Saturday 3rd

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 girls Football v Virgo Fidelis (H)  
Year 5 & 6 Football v St Olave's (A)  
PTA Christmas Fair  
Flu-Nasal Spray Yrs 1, 2, 3  
Prep School: Flying Pizza Tour—Scrooge  
9.30am Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal  
9.30am Pre-Prep Christmas Play  
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7.00pm Carol Service at St John's Church  
(compulsory Years 3 - 6)  
Years 5 & 6 visit to Focus Group  
Happy Puzzle Day  
Pre Prep Christmas Party  
Prep visit to Greenwich Theatre  
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch  
11.30am Term Ends  
8am—6pm Holiday Club

Monday 12th

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Monday 19th—21st

#### JANUARY

Tuesday 3rd

Thursday 5th

Tuesday 10th

Friday 13th

Tuesday 17th

Friday 20th

Saturday 21st

Monday 23rd

Tuesday 24th

Prep School returns  
Pre-Prep School returns  
PTA Meeting  
9.00am Parent Council  
Sensational Science Yr 1, 2, 3  
2.00pm Year 5 & 6 Football v St Olave's  
ISA Nationals Swimming Gala, QE Park  
ISA London South Cross Country at  
Frewen College  
Sensational Science Yr 4, 5, 6

A number of children in Year 5 & 6 recently took the Primary Maths Challenge. They sat in exam conditions, in the hall and the only sound was the ticking of their brains as they attempted to answer some extremely challenging problems.

All were awarded certificates in assembly today by Mr Antrobus and Mr Carson, our Wishford visitors.



### Gold winners:

Year 5—Neha, Tom, Zoe

Year 6—Martino, Daisy, Oscar