



The Head Teacher writes ...

In the last few days, in the run up to SATs week for our Year 6 pupils, it was actually my turn to be 'tested' today. Invited by Sam Antrobus, the Chairman of Wishford and Jenny Burrett, the Director of Education, part of what they asked me to do was to give an account of our year at St David's. In preparation, I went back through the diary and surprised myself with the number of events, visits and experiences our pupils had enjoyed. It is no wonder that staff feel happily exhausted by the time the holidays arrive! However, as with most things, it is not just the quantity that counts, but the quality of what is being offered. Thus, I was challenged to explain the purpose of some of the things we had done such as, what pupils gain and what is meaningfully added to their learning journeys?

The conversation went something like this:

'You held a STEM day – so what?' Well, how about, team work, creativity, collaboration, testing, perseverance, resilience, trial and error, imagination, patience, spatial awareness... and so it went on.

'You held an assembly and raised money for Hope4Malawi – so what?' Well, looking at other cultures and what life is like for children in other countries, empathy, understanding, respect, tolerance, thinking of others, an appreciation of all we have, a chance to ask the 'I wonder' questions ... again, I could go on.

I hope you get the idea. Whilst some of the things your children do might appear to be stand-alone events or activities, they all play a part in forming and shaping the future citizens we aim our pupils to be when they move on from St David's. Well-rounded young people who can form their own opinions and who have an understanding of the world, enriched by the range of activities and experiences shared together in school.

I think I passed the test!

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils being tested next week.

INFORMATION EVENING

We hope to see as many of you as possible in the school hall next Tuesday 15th May.

We look forward to welcoming you with drinks and snacks from 6.45pm.

The meeting will start promptly at 7.00pm.

The plan for the evening is to give a brief review of the past year at St David's, staff will then tell you about some of the changes and new initiatives for the coming year before being available to answer any general questions you may have.

Come along to claim your free gift for everyone attending!

Please note: This is a parent/carers only event – there will be no provision for children to attend.

WISHFORD NEWS

We are very excited to announce that Westonbirt Schools in Gloucestershire have joined the Wishford Schools Group. This highly regarded Prep and Senior School, housed in a beautiful building in a stunning location is currently celebrating its 90th birthday.



We at St David's are very much looking forward to visiting and making links with staff and pupils in the coming months.

HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY 2018

We were delighted today to announce in assembly the names of our new Head Girl and Head Boy. We are sure that Lucy and Harrison will be worthy successors to Tom and Hollyann and would like to congratulate them on behalf of all pupils and staff.



A full list of Year 5 jobs and responsibilities will be published next week.

Coming up next week:

Monday ART WEEK
Year 5 visit to Mosque in Keston
Tuesday Yrs 5 & 6 Cricket V Hawes Down (A)
6.45pm for 7pm
Parent Information Evening

MAY

21st – 25th Year 6 School Journey to Swanage
Tues 22nd Yr 5 Cricket v Wickham Common (A)
Wed 23rd School Council

Mon 28th to
Fri 1st June Half Term

JUNE

Tues 5th ISA London South Athletics at Norman Park
Sat 9th 1 – 4pm PTA Summer Fair
Tues 12th Travelling Books for one week
Wed 13th 2pm New Parent Afternoon
Yrs 5 & 6 Cricket v Keston (H)
Fri 15th – 17th Yr 6 Wishford Weekend
Mon 18th-22nd Open Week for prospective parents
9.30am – 12pm
Thurs 21st Whole School Photo
Weds 27th 6.30pm Year 6 production
(NOTE CHANGE)
Friday 29th 6.30pm Year 6 production

CHECK WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR FURTHER DATES AND DETAILS

YEAR 1 VISIT THE LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM



EXPERIMENTING WITH JUNK MUSIC ENSEMBLES



PTA

FRIDAY 18TH MAY: OWN CLOTHES DROP OFF DAY – BRING A BOTTLE
FRIDAY 25TH MAY: TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA

SUMMER FAIR