



St David's Prep  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**SPRING TERM 2**





## St David's Prep

### Words from the Head

28.03.2025

Dear Parents,

Another busy five weeks have flown by as we now enter the Easter break. So many highlights, including trips for many of our pupils, the annual school visit from 'Life Space', all our year 6 pupils competing in the Lego Robotics competition in Canterbury, many sports fixtures and entries into the Bromley Festival of speech and drama.

However, the outstanding event had to be our first ever culture exchange week, culminating on the Friday when the hall was full of parents and children sharing and experiencing such a wide range of cultures and traditions. We loved the whole week and are especially grateful to the parents who gave so generously of their time and were proud to share their stories with our children. Please do get in touch via the school office if this is something you might like to do in the future.

Myself and five other members of staff spent a pleasant evening at our local community Iftar as invited guests of the [Keston Mosque](#). Having fasted during the daylight hours, we broke our fast with them – never has a date tasted so sweet...

As we watch and listen to the new classrooms taking shape before our eyes, excitement is definitely 'building up' (excuse the pun!) Having been fortunate enough to go inside it is easy to get a sense of what amazing spaces are being prepared for our children to learn in.

It was lovely to see so many of you this week at Parent's evening and judging by the smiling faces coming up the stairs, I hope you were encouraged and returned home feeling a sense of pride in your children



They work so hard, as do the staff who I know relish the opportunity to meet and celebrate the children and their achievements and their unique qualities with you.

On this super, sunny afternoon, I can hear the excited voices getting ready to head down to the field for the Easter egg hunt. Thank you to the PTA for organising and providing the eggs – they bring much joy at the end of a busy term!

As we break for Easter, I would like to wish you all a great time relaxing, resting and enjoy celebrating in your own way with your family and friends. More memories to be made and added into each family story.

**My very best wishes,  
Julia Foulger**





# SPORTS

## Cross Country

Radnor House hosted the London South qualifiers in February. This is one of our toughest Cross-Country events of the year as the fastest 10 children on the day, in each race, qualify for the National Finals. We took 16 children from years 4-6 to an extremely muddy course due to the horrific weather. It was quite an honour to watch these children push themselves to their absolute maximum in their races, the training they have been putting in on our school field has most definitely paid off. Five of our children qualified for the Nationals! This is a fantastic achievement, on top of this, many of our children narrowly missed the top 10 in a field of over 80 in nearly all the races.

On the 9th March, the 5 children that qualified for the Nationals travelled up to Leicestershire for what turned out to be quite a tough and hilly race. With over 70 children in each race, consisting of the top runners from ISA schools around the country, this was not an easy challenge. As always, the children were amazing and pushed themselves to the max! All the children were fabulous with 2 of them finishing in the top 20! Well done to Alisa, Chidera, Aaron, Anna and Alex. We are so proud of you all.

24 of our children from years 3 and 4 turned up to Crystal Palace for the Bromley Schools Cross Country. It was bitterly cold, but this didn't seem to stop the children from smiling and challenging themselves as they ran the course. With nearly 500 children in each race, the atmosphere really was lovely. As always, the children were fantastic, and all crossed the line in amazing time. We even received a bronze medal, with Anna in Year 4 coming home 3rd, and the year 4 girls' team coming 2nd. It really was a 'Super Saturday'!

On the penultimate Friday of this term, 14 of our year 5 & 6 children took part in the highly anticipated St David's Dash. We hosted 6 other schools who came and took part in the afternoon. Once again, we were so proud of all the children who ran. St David's achieved some excellent results across all 4 races, and we cannot wait for the next Dash in the Autumn Term. Well done to Parish for winning the overall trophy!

## Netball

This term has seen lots of Netball action. First up, we took a team of year 5 girls to Marian Vian, even the sun came out for the afternoon! The girls all played brilliantly, and it was lovely to see their confidence in their own ability grow during the game. We finished with a 2-2 draw.

We then held our first ever Netball tournament here at St David's; our lovely astro courts certainly came alive! 8 teams in total took part in what turned out to be an interesting afternoon weatherwise - it felt like we experienced all four seasons of weather in the space of a couple of hours! However, the tournament kept going and the smiles and cheering all remained! St David's put in some fantastic netball, eventually gaining them the well-earned Bronze Medal. We couldn't have been prouder of all the year 6 children and Mrs Sowter who, in her role as team manager, help the event run so seamlessly! What an afternoon!

Following on from the success of our Netball tournament, our year 6 girls went to Marian Vian. It was so lovely to see them so full of confidence in their approach to the game. The final score ended in a 4 all draw. Great game, girls!



## Football

All the year 4 boys were invited by Farrington's to participate in an exciting football event. The boys had the opportunity to showcase their skills as they played matches against Farrington's and Babbington House. This friendly afternoon was a great chance for the children to bond as a team, develop their skills, and experience the thrill of competing in a supportive and enthusiastic environment. It certainly left our pupils with a strong sense of camaraderie.



## Lacrosse

Last Thursday, 7 children from across years 5 and 6 took part in a Lacrosse tournament. It was a huge event with 21 schools from across Bromley taking part. The children worked very hard, with many of them playing in their first tournament. Unfortunately, this time it was not our day. However, as the matches progressed so did the children's confidence and level of play. We have high hopes for next year!

## Hockey

A group of year 4 children, travelled to Marian Vian school for a hockey fixture, again for many of them it was their first experience of match play. It was a tale of two halves for both teams and very exciting to watch. The children played incredibly well and supported each other with pride. Unfortunately, Marian Vian came away as winners this time. However, we are looking forward to a return fixture in the future.

## Biathlon Nationals

What a wonderful way to finish this incredibly busy half term (and our section of the newsletter!), 5 of our children that took part in the Biathlon in October qualified to take part in a National Championships in Bath held this past weekend. As you can imagine just to qualify for this competition is a huge achievement. The children had to complete a swim followed by a running race on an athletic track against other children of an equally high standard. We couldn't be prouder of Aaron, Anna, Adriana, Saskia and Alisa for representing the school and doing so well. An astonishing 3rd for Aaron!



**And all this in five weeks! It has been an incredibly busy and fun filled half term. We have been so proud of all the children and it has been fantastic to have hosted so many of our fixtures and tournaments here at St David's.**



We have been very busy not only in Eco Club but also the whole school enjoyed Eco Day on 25th March. The Eco Committee also went out to plant more trees in High Broom Wood with iD verde and their fantastic team earlier in the term. We look forward to watching the trees that we planted grow over the forthcoming years.

On Tuesday we had our Eco day and with your help, we were able to raise **£151** for the charity **One Tree Planted** who will use the money to plant trees in places that are without them, globally. We all wore one piece of green and then enjoyed carousel activities in the afternoon. These included bird feeders making, Van Gogh mural making collage and recycling sessions. The day also included the infamous Food Waste Competition of which Wagstaff were the winners by generating the least food waste at lunchtime. Congratulations Wagstaff children and staff!





## Silver Stories

This term Year 6 have been visiting a local residential home, reading and talking to different members of the community. This week some of the children shared the poems they performed at Bromley Festival. We plan for Year 5 to take part again after Easter, partaking in activities alongside the residents such as arts, crafts and puzzles. This is a much loved and valued activity for the children and the residents of Ralph Perring Court in Beckenham.



## Karate News!

There was a Karate Grading held on Saturday, 22nd March 2025. Out of the 25 students who took part, 6 were from St. David's Prep.

I am pleased to let you know that all 6 students passed their grading.

Well done to you all!

~Sensei Sharon~

Grading Results - 22.03.2025	
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu – Orange Stripe	
Naomi. M	3
Holly.R	2
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu – Orange Belt	
Neana.C	2
Avyay.A	2
Grace.W	3
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu -Yellow Stripe	
Mayra.C	5



## **Lego Robotics - Year 6 Win Trophy For Robot Design!**

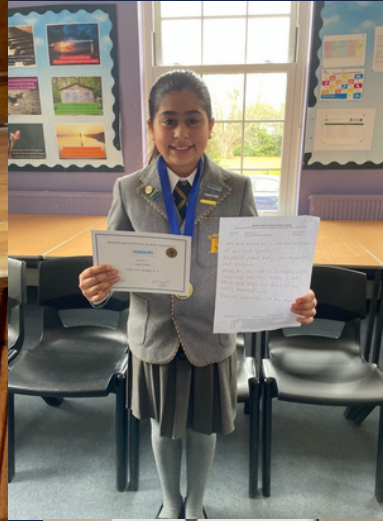
On 28<sup>th</sup> February our Year 6 team entered into the Regional First Lego League Challenge competition at Canterbury Christ Church University. The theme this year was 'Submerged'. They were in competition with 13 other teams and won the trophy for Robot Design. The overall winners were our friends, a team of Year 7 and 8 children, all ex-St David's!

After months of preparation, it was a busy, brilliant day where they competed at the robot table, presented their innovation project and talked to judges about their design. So proud of them!



## **Bromley Schools' Prom Massed Choir**

KS2 children from Bromley schools were invited to take part in a Prom concert at the Fairfield Halls last Monday night. Accompanied by a professional 9-piece band, the children from St David's joined others to sing a range of songs depicting life in Victorian times. It was a night to remember – albeit a late one! Well done choir.



## Bromley Festival Verse Speaking - St David's Win Ten Medals!

Fifty-nine St David's Prep performers entertained the festival audiences at Farringtons School this year. Out of this number just over one in six won a medal, in Year 4 and above, well over half achieved an 'Honours'\* and all that performed achieved a 'Merit' or above. A fantastic outcome and a wonderful experience for them. Well done all!

\*A convincing or excellent performance, technically and artistically

A special mention to the following:

### Gold

- Y2 Eloise and Natalia
- Y3 Rohan
- Y5 Aoife
- Y6 Naima

### Silver

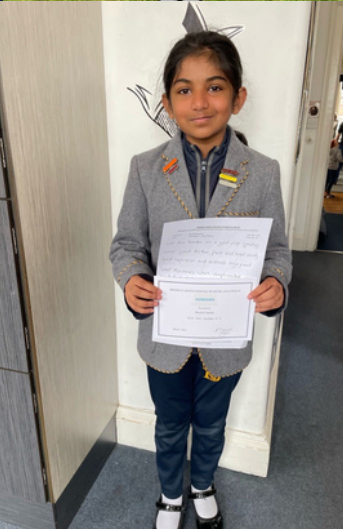
- Y3 Eleana
- Y5 Ziya
- Y6 Nell

### Bronze

- Y4 Kush
- Y6 Wilfred

### Excellent Honours Performances

- Y4 Thomas
- Y4 Samuel.S





## Reception Take Over Beckenham Fire Station

We had an amazing trip to Beckenham Fire Station. The children enjoyed squirting the hoses, sitting in the fire engine and learning about all the equipment the firefighters use. We then saw the Firefighters answer an emergency call and race off leaving us in charge of the Fire Station!





## Cultural Exchange Week

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank all the parents and families involved in the St David's cultural exchange week this term. From music to storytelling, food to outfits, the week was full of joy, celebration and connection. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness that made the week so special.

Thanks to [Earth Song](#), [Book Love](#) and [Freshwater Theatre Company](#) for their collaboration and the PTA for their support.

The EDI Network is excited about what is to come and appreciates the feedback already received. Look out for our EDI newsletter which will include reflections on the event and how you can get involved.

Best wishes and a happy Easter break,

Mrs Sadler






# Head Teachers Award

Well done to all these children who have received Head Teacher Awards this half term. It's always such an honour to present awards to so many pupils and for such varied reasons, including academic, sport and musical achievements

<b>Year 1</b>	Grace F	Olivia B		
<b>Year 2</b>	Ottie O	Maya M		
<b>Year 3</b>	Gianluca M	Rohan P	Annika E	
<b>Year 4</b>	Sam R	Edie G	Alex FF	Thomas C
<b>Year 5</b>	Mayra C	Roma O	Alex W	





# Dates For Your Diary



APRIL		
Tuesday 22nd	INSET DAY (Staff Training Day)	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SUMMER TERM STARTS	
Friday 25th	7:45am Year 6 School Journey Meeting	Run-a-thon for Miss McCaughin

MAY	
Monday 5th	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 9th	PTA Prep Disco
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 School Journey
Wednesday 14th	Y2 Scootsure
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Term No early finish
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> HALF TERM	

JUNE	
Monday 9th	Y3 Trip: Victoria and Albert Museum
Thursday 12th	Y6 Wishford Athletics @ Bracknell
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9am Spotlights Show to Parents and School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 27th	Upper KS2 Production @ 6:30pm

JULY	
Friday 4th	Sports Day
Tuesday 8th	Festival Day
Wednesday 9th	Y6 Prizegiving and Party
Thursday 10th	END OF TERM 12:30pm



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RAINBOW CLUB DATES		
<b>JULY</b>		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>

AUTUMN TERM	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception to Year 6
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Pre-Reception