



St David's Prep

**NEWSLETTER**

**AUTUMN TERM 2**





Dear St David's families,

We made it! The longest term completed and what a term it has been. It seems incredible that it was only at the start of the Autumn term that classes moved into their new spaces; everyone is so at home and the sense of calmness and tranquillity so evident in the early days has been largely maintained – long may it last!

Last week was an absolute joy, probably my favourite week of the year. Our early years and KS1 pupils all sparkled and shone in each of their nativity performances enjoyed by the whole school and then to our hall filled with parents, grandparents and other supporters. The school carol service is always a highlight for me and this year surpassed my expectations. Year 4 in their song, sang about 'something extra special' and they were not wrong! The confidence and joy that was evident in the faces of every child from Year 3 right through to our Year 6s who read and sang from their hearts, was a privilege to witness. Thank you to the staff teams who inspired and encouraged all our children to perform with such panache – memories to treasure...

This term also saw the introduction of our Personalised Learning Programmes (PLPs). Feedback from pupils, parents and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. We have seen some real progress being made and new skills learnt. The brass group and choir that we heard at the carol service were the result of PLP sessions, demonstrating the difference just 10 weeks of targeted practice can make. Here's to next term!

We have been enjoying the newly introduced Celebration assemblies led by the prefects under the direction of Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Bishop each Tuesday. Linked to our positive behaviour initiative, the children love being presented with their '5 point postcards', Head Teacher awards and other certificates each week. In addition, we enjoy celebrating other events and activities that take place out of school and the whole range of medals, shields and cups awarded across a raft of disciplines – keep them coming!

This Christmas may we be united in our desire for peace and in our efforts to bring joy, hope and kindness into our families, our school and our wider communities. As we pack away the glitter and eat the last mince pie, may I, on behalf of all the staff, wish you all, and those you hold dear, the happiest and most joyful of Christmases.

Season's greetings,

**Julia Foulger**





# SPORTS

The second half of the Autumn term has been a busy one for our sports team and the children. 21 fixtures will have taken place by the end of the half term, across years 3 to 6, and in a range of sports.

The outstanding performances of Aaron, Adriana and Saskia in the **ISA National Swimming** finals is one of our top moments of the term. Aaron went onto win two gold medals in the backstroke and freestyle events. Congratulations Aaron!

Students from Year 3-6 endured a tough **Cross Country** run at Rosemead earlier in the term with the year 3 girls team the standout group on the day. We also welcomed local schools for the first **St David's Dash** of the year which saw Elora pick up a medal in the Year 3 girls race.

A new course awaited the Year 5&6 cross country team at **Crystal Palace Park** this year which tested our athletes throughout. Anna (9th), Edie (21st) and Isla (40th) had a fantastic team run and came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 32 competing Bromley schools.

Our **Netball** teams have performed well this term and I am particularly proud of the Year 4 girls team for competing in their first game against Farringtons in late November. The u11 team have produced some great netball with standout wins against Blackheath Prep and Oak Lodge.

We are still waiting patiently for the Bromley netball finals to be released and are also looking ahead to the **ISA London South Finals** at the end of January.





Football has continued to be popular amongst the children and is shown with the numbers of boys and girls that attend football club on a Friday morning. Both boys and girls teams across year 4 to 6 have performed well in a number of matches.

The u11 girls team has performed very well and has by far the best winning record within the school currently. It was great to see so many Year 3 boys step up to play for the Year 4 team and the experience will be invaluable for their development.

The Sports Team would like to take this opportunity to **thank you** for all your support this term and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Mr Wood - Head of Sport**



Eco Committee has got off to a flying start!

First, we needed to choose our three focus areas for the year ahead. These are: Biodiversity, School Grounds and Global Citizenship.

We have also been very busy helping out in High Broom Woods with an extensive amount of litter picking and then checking on the trees we planted last year.

We will continue our tree planting with the team from idVerde in the Spring and have lots of other things to get organised.

The children are very excited and keen to be part of the Eco team this year!

### **Mrs Hills - Head of Eco Committee**





Year 4SC's assembly was on the theme of "Emotional Intelligence." Mrs Campbell emphasised how -unlike AI which is artificial - emotional intelligence (explained as feelings in their many forms) provides us with a human superpower!

Feelings can be expressed and made positive through a number of means including drama and music. Children demonstrated this by singing, playing instruments and performing as different Shakespeare characters.

All children were involved- whether through their creativity or technical support (special mention to Aris on the computer).

The class have invested hours singing/dancing on the field and/or practising their music and monologues at home.

For this, Mrs Skelton and Mrs Campbell (and those lucky enough to watch the assembly) give thanks.

### Mrs Skelton - Year 4





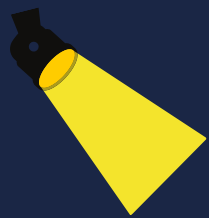
# MUSIC



## Carol Concert at St John's

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert at St John's Church, Eden Park, was a truly memorable evening. The children sang their hearts out and performed beautifully. Children in Years 3 to 6 put aside their fears and gave readings and performed solos with such confidence. We could not have been prouder. The evening was led by Mrs Sowter and Mrs Critten who we thank wholeheartedly for their hard work and such dedication. A recording of the evening is available and will be uploaded to Teams in due course.





# Student Spotlight!

Your children do amazing things everyday not just in school but outside of school too. This is your chance to shout about their achievements, big or small. If you'd like share something in the next Newsletter just contact [isi.king@stdavidsprep.com](mailto:isi.king@stdavidsprep.com)



Owen  
Pre-Reception

Owen has developed a strong interest in learning Mandarin. His Parents say: 'He gets excited each time he recognises a character.

He can now read over 100 Mandarin characters, a milestone which makes us so proud! We're delighted to see his curiosity and enthusiasm for the language continue to grow'

Amazing achievement. Keep learning Owen!

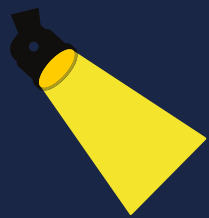
Adriana  
Year 5

Adriana in Year 5 was proud to represent the school at the cross country final of the London Youth Games in early November.

Bromley Girls team came first overall, which is an excellent achievement.

Well done Adri! We are so proud of you!





# Student Spotlight!



Saskia  
Year 5

Saskia had an amazing but very full on weekend at Liverpool Ministrada festival. back in November.

Her team, AllStarz Juniors, placed second overall in the Junior category! They also won the Innovation & Creativity Award. ✨

Her whole club got a special mention for being the only club to support and cheer for every other team - very St David's!

Well Done Saskia and lovely to hear of that team spirit shining through.

Aggie and Ottie  
Year 4 & 3

Ottie and Aggie recorded three carols for Classic FM with their choir - Junior Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields on Monday 24th November.

Mum says: 'The girls have worked so hard, with both also successfully auditioning for solos in a Christmas concert on the 20th December. I am hugely proud of them, and grateful to their grandparents who have made the opportunity for them to participate in the choir possible!'

Well done girls! What a wonderful opportunity for you both. Ottie and Aggie's recording was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on the 18th December at 9.45am as part of the Daily Service.





# Student Spotlight!



Anaiya and Ajani  
Year 2 and Pre-Reception

Lights, Camera, Action!

Over the October half term Ajani and Anaiya featured in a fundraising film for a charity called Frontline.

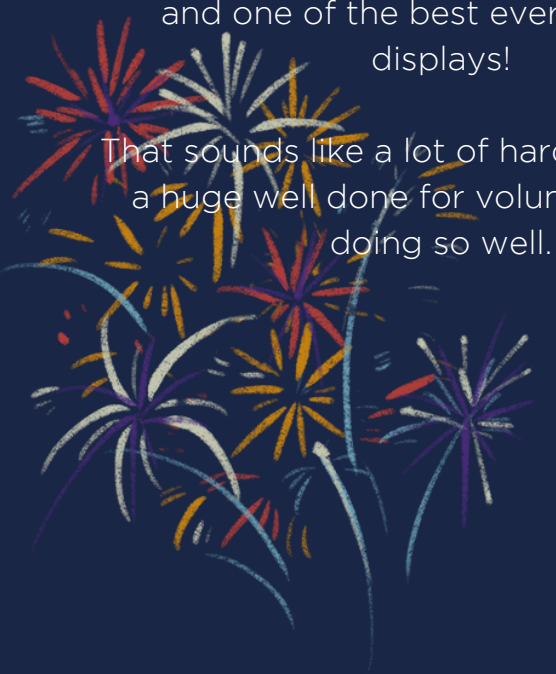
Mum says: 'They did excellently on set, making great relationships with the cast and crew, and followed direction really well! We are very proud of them 😊'

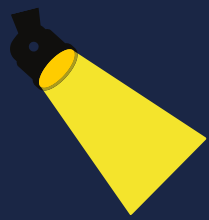
Some stars in the making! Well done guys.

Piper  
Year 3

Piper volunteers as a member of the Newick bonfire society with her Grandparents and this year she helped as a torch bearer. She marched for miles, dressed in traditional 'smuggler' costume! It finished with an exploding Guy Fawkes and one of the best ever fireworks displays!

That sounds like a lot of hard work Piper - a huge well done for volunteering and doing so well.





# Student Spotlight!



Eloise and Sophie  
Year 3

Eloise and Sophie played in their first hockey tournament of the season for Bromley & Beckenham Hockey club,

They enjoyed playing, making new friends and scoring 10 goals between them!

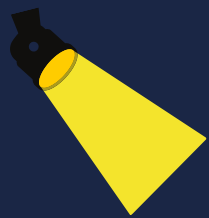
Wow! Well done girls - keep up the great work.

## Five Point Postcard Winners



And finally we have two more five point postcard winners from a few weeks ago. Congratulations girls!





# Student Spotlight!

Samuel  
Year 5

And last but not least we have a special report from Samuel in Year 5 who starred in a production of ZOOM the Musical outside of school. He has sent in his report about the whole experience.

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“I was part of an award-winning drama group called GLOW, and I starred as the villain in the production of ZOOM the musical. The show was very fun and lots of my school friends came watch me at the Barn Theatre in Oxted and they said it was very fun and exciting.

At St David’s prep we had a drama class in year 3 and that really helped me to go to GLOW with confidence and at the end have a show that blew the roof off.

ZOOM is a reimaging of the Tortoise and the Hare but with a comedy and newer twist to it. Harvey Hare is the villain and he is a millionaire business tycoon who wants to become Mayor and steels a sunflower and plants it on his lowly office worker Henry Hedgehog so he doesn’t become Mayor”

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Thank you for that wonderful account. St David’s are so proud of you Sam and so pleased you enjoyed it which is the most important thing of all.





# St David's Santa Dash

A huge thank you to all the Parents and Carers who came and took part in our Santa Dash this year. The event was a huge success and we can't wait to see you all again next year!





# Computing



## Bebras News!

As usual, some great teamwork and problem-solving in this computing challenge.

So lovely to see every single child Year 2 up involved. We hope they enjoy their certificates!

Special mention to the following pupils:

Year 6 'Juniors'

Best in School

Emily M

Distinction

Gul C  
Mayra C  
Aria P  
Ella E  
Aisha C  
Roma O  
Zachary S

Year 5 and 4 'Castors'

Best in School and in UK! 🎉

Kush K & Samuel S  
Nathan C & Thomas H

Distinction

Anna E & Aaron D  
Jenna K & Alex F  
Arthur A & Max H  
Isla B & Tuyenji F  
Owen P & Adriana A

Year 3 and 2 'Kits'

Best in School

Sienna K & Veer S

Distinction

Summer B & Lawrence M  
Ottillie O & Avyay A  
Frederick L & Partho B  
Mia Y & Rosa M  
Holly R & Amyra K  
Euan R & Hari A

**Mrs Campbell - IT and STEAM Co-ordinator**



I am delighted to inform you that, following additional training at one of our Bromley Clubs, Samuel Barker (Yr.2), was awarded 8th Kyu red stripe belt on Saturday 13th December at our Club Grading.

Congratulations to Samuel.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas break.

**~Sensei Sharon**





# Centenary Celebrations



We would love for you to join us to celebrate 100 years of St David's on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026**. A day of fun with food, music and faces old and new, all coming together to remember times gone by.

If you know anyone who was involved with the school from previous years, please help us spread the word and encourage them to complete the form here: [Centenary Celebrations](#) (or scan the QR code below) so we can keep you, and them, in the loop. All are welcome.





# CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

WE RAISED OVER £3300

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS



# Dates For Your Diary



<b>RAINBOW CLUB DATES</b>			
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
MON 16TH	TUES 17TH	WED 18TH	THUR 19TH
<b>MARCH/APRIL</b>			
MON 30TH	TUES 31ST	WED 1ST	THUR 2ND
MON 6TH	TUES 7TH	WED 8TH	THUR 9TH
MON 13TH	TUES 14TH	WED 15TH	THUR 16TH

Future Dates for your diary will follow in the New Year