



St David's Prep

**NEWSLETTER**

**SPRING TERM 1**





Dear Parents,

It may continue to be grey outside, but I am delighted to report that the mood in school is anything but! This morning the whole school gathered to celebrate our latest 'stars of the class'. Class teachers invited the pupil chosen for this term up to the front and celebrated what makes them unique and special in the classroom. A theme this time seemed to be consistency; these awards are not presented for one off success but for demonstrating elements of our Language of Learning, day in, day out. Being a presence in the class, showing kindness, helpfulness and being reliable were all mentioned as the things staff notice. So, well done to everyone celebrated today, each one a worthy recipient of the star badge to be worn proudly on blazers.

For the first time today, Mr Wood presented a Sports Star certificate to one person from each year group and warned Year 6 to watch out as there are some great sportspeople waiting in the wings, ready to oust them from their team positions! Read on to see all those recognised today.

It has been a busy half term with staff continuing to arrange a whole range of trips, activities and events to enhance the curriculum and expose the children to new opportunities and learn new skills.

Many of Year 6 passed their Bikeability, every class took part in NSPCC Number Day, six pupils entered round 2 of the Primary Maths Challenge, pupils from Years 1 and 2 travelled by coach for an away Cross-Country fixture, a team of Year 4 and 5 pupils attended a swimming gala at Royal Russell, Year 2 experienced a day in a Victorian classroom, there have been trips to The National Gallery (Yr 4), the Sealife Centre (Yr 3), over 50 children sang at The O2 as part of the Young Voices concert and our newly appointed Digital Leaders accompanied Mrs Dixon and Mrs Campbell to the BETT exhibition. In addition, there have been many other sports fixtures where our teams are becoming increasingly successful; the highlight being our Netball team qualifying for the ISA National Finals to be held in March – just brilliant!

I am fortunate to witness and share in so much of all that happens each week and leave happy on a Friday knowing that every member of staff has given their all, consistently, day in, day out. The children also work hard, love to please and show us their very best. I therefore hope that everyone in our St David's community can take some time out next week, relax and refresh because Monday week it all starts again! Plenty more coming up.

Have a lovely break,

Kind regards,

**Julia Foulger**



## Staff News



### Mrs Handy

Having thought long and hard, Mrs Handy has finally decided to retire at the end of this school year. She had intended to do a little bit longer than me, however, an upcoming family event has led her to have a change of heart! She is expecting to gain a new title in the next few months as her son and daughter-in-law are due to make her a grandmother!

As you might imagine, she is extremely excited, but her situation is complicated by the fact that they live in New York! Therefore, she wishes to be available to travel freely back and forth throughout the year.

It is hard to put into words how she will be missed and I am sure many of you will be saddened by this news. However, as she keeps saying herself, she is not going far (apart from the trips across the pond) and will certainly be around and keep in touch.

We have both met with the new Head (a morning in a coffee shop!) and cannot commend her enough to you all. In the coming months she will have more interactions with our leadership team and the wider staff as she seeks to become more familiar with St David's and the wider community.

Meanwhile we are working with Sam Antrobus and the Wishford team to restructure our admin and marketing support to ensure the continuing success of the school and fill the huge shoes of the legend that is Mrs Handy!

Meanwhile, we're off to practise our Tess and Claudia routine...



# Cars and Parking

## Drop Off/ Parking Reminder

Since September drop off and pick up times have become more civilised as we now operate the new entrance for the older pupils, and we would like to thank all those of you who bring your children to the correct place at the correct time! We have been firm about late entry into the early morning clubs and this has certainly helped maintain the safety for all and enabled clubs to run on time and give the children the best experience.

I spend many early mornings welcoming the children in years 4 to 6 into school, something I very much enjoy doing. What is less enjoyable and frequently a cause of stress is witnessing the many 'near misses' I see on the road outside. Please may I request that you consider everyone's safety and treat other road users and residents with respect. Beckenham Road is an extremely busy road, particularly at peak times and stopping the traffic to perform a u turn is perhaps not the smartest move. Parking for however short a time on the zig-zag markings outside school is never permissible; they are there for a reason.

When considering our neighbours, please ensure that you are not even a fraction over their driveways, several of the households opposite the school frequently try to get out when cars are parked too close, compromising their safety. Finally, I would ask that you do not drop children off blocking the entrance to our car park, our pupils are all very fit and I believe able to walk a few steps up the road!

I apologise for the rant. However, I dread the day when an accident occurs - is that extra few seconds or minutes saved worth the risk?

Thank you for your consideration.



# SPORTS

## NETBALL

The U11 Netball squad achieved a national final spot after coming 4th in the South Regional Tournament. After coming 2nd in the group with only one loss, the girls were excited to get through the quarter final stage. After going behind in the game early the girls rallied around each other and pulled the game back to win by 1 goal. Little did we know at that time that this win secured us a place at the National Finals. We now look forward to those finals held in Warwick on Wednesday 11th March.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Year 1&2 cross country event and the Year 4 girls football tournament were fantastic events that allowed the sports team to offer new opportunities to students. Summer (year 2) finished in 3rd place in the cross country while there were other notable performances by Olivia, Violet and Oscar.

## FOOTBALL

The Year 4 girls football team made great progress throughout their tournament and improved with every game. Standout performance by Astrid in goal and Rhema in defence showed that there is a bright future for girls football at St David's.



**Mr Wood - Head of Sport**



# SPORTS

## Swimming Event at Royal Russell

St David's was invited to take part in a swimming event at Royal Russell this week for Y4 and Y5. This comprised of individual and team races.

Here is Aaron's account of the event (Y5)

School Swimming Gala

10/2/26

On Tuesday, the majority of years four and five took part in a fun swimming gala at Royal Russell school. We departed from school towards the end of the day, and drove the short journey from school to Royal Russell. We had a little warm up at the start, and everybody got used to the lovely pool. After that, the relays started, with a freestyle race. Everybody did very well and tried their best. I think St David's did very well. There was a kicking relay, a backstroke relay after that and we ended with some eight-person relays where you can do whatever stroke you want. Overall it was very fun, definitely worth going.

by Aaron



# Sports Awards

Mr Wood gave out a new Sports Award for one person in each year group for excellent efforts this term. Please see the recipients below.



Pre-Reception	<b>Selah K</b>
Reception	<b>Lara B-R</b>
Year 1	<b>Meera M</b>
Year 2	<b>Oscar M</b>
Year 3	<b>Elora FF</b>
Year 4	<b>Rhema A</b>
Year 5	<b>Aanya B-R</b>
Year 6	<b>Ella E</b>



Congratulations to all!





## Half Term Special Awards

<b>Pre- Reception</b>	<b>Hudson V</b>	Hudson has been such a resilient rabbit this term and has made amazing progress! He has made great friendships and has been working hard to listen and join in during small group time. He has become very independent and regulates his emotions well, running into school with the biggest smile. We love having him in Owl's class!
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Ramel G</b>	We are so proud of how much your confidence has grown this term. You have worked really hard, kept trying even when things felt tricky, and been a resilient rabbit every day. You make us all laugh, and your kind and caring nature towards your friends really makes you stand out from the rest. Your happy grin always makes us smile and brings so much joy to our classroom.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Nathaniel O</b>	Nathaniel is a curious little learner who loves asking questions and discovering new things. He's a real busy bee during choosing time, often writing and practising his maths, and he takes great care with his work. Nathaniel keeps us laughing every day, and we love having him in Squirrels Class





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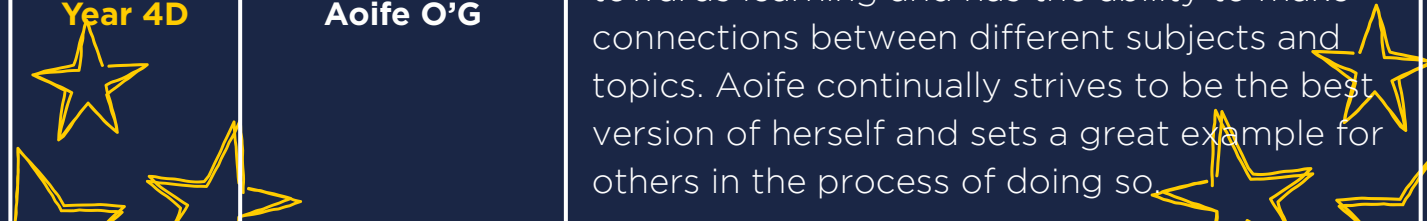
<b>Year 1</b> <b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Nicholas F-P</b>	For making outstanding progress this half term, particularly in writing. You approach tasks with a wonderful creative flair, thinking deeply about your ideas and expressing them with care and imagination. You always show such kindness and good intentions towards others. You are growing in confidence every day, and your hard work and enthusiasm is wonderful. Keep being uniquely you, Nico!
<b>Year 1</b> <b>Hazel</b>	<b>Ffion C</b>	For her commitment to learning and always working hard in every lesson, which has led to amazing progress since starting with us at the beginning of Year 1. She has blossomed in our classroom, which has been a joy to see. Ffion is a kind friend to all around her, and a highly trustworthy and reliable member of the class.
<b>Year 2</b> <b>May</b>	<b>Harriet D</b>	For her fantastic commitment to learning, consistently working hard and diligently while listening to others and showing real independence.
<b>Year 2</b> <b>Ivy</b>	<b>Freddie H</b>	For always being such a well-mannered child who works diligently and tries his best. Freddie is always supportive of his classmates and is a valued member of the class.





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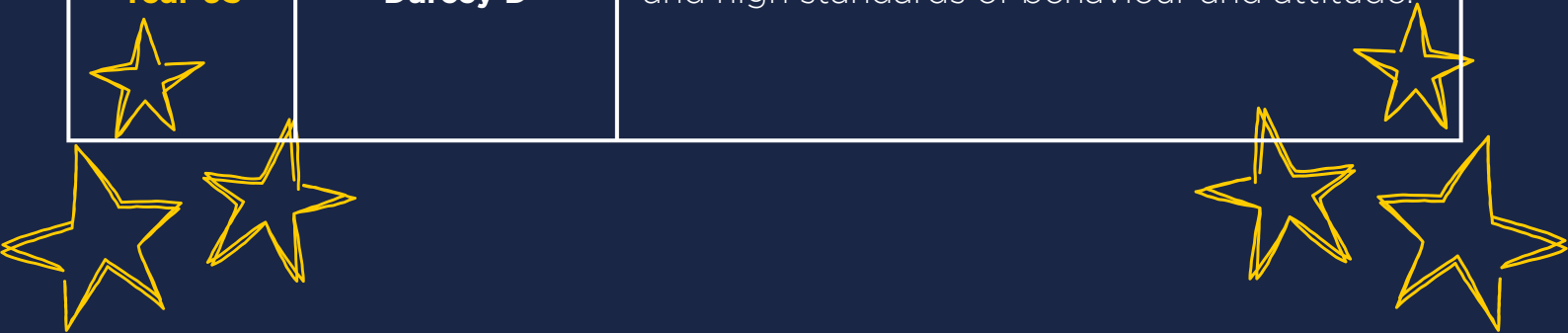
<b>Year 3M</b>	<b>Otilie O</b>	Otilie has been a wonderful member of the class this term. She always gets started with her learning straight away and produces work she can be really proud of. When she is unsure about something, she shows confidence by asking for help, and she takes an active part in lessons by joining in and putting her hand up. Otilie is consistently respectful and kind to both adults and other children, and she brings a positive attitude to everything she does.
<b>Year 3B</b>	<b>Annabelle M</b>	For her determination and perseverance in the classroom. She approaches all activities with a positive attitude and a big smile, and she shows great resilience when she is faced with a challenge. Annabelle you are a superstar!
<b>Year 4SC</b>	<b>Annabel C</b>	For increased positivity as well as your helpfulness, politeness and kindness to everyone!
<b>Year 4D</b>	<b>Aoife O'G</b>	For outstanding effort and participation in lessons across the curriculum. Aoife demonstrates a wonderful enthusiasm towards learning and has the ability to make connections between different subjects and topics. Aoife continually strives to be the best version of herself and sets a great example for others in the process of doing so.

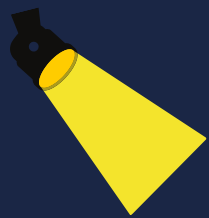




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<b>Year 5H</b>	<b>Alex B</b>	For his constant hard work across all subjects. He has a great enthusiasm for all that he does and he always wants the best for himself and those around him
<b>Year 5F</b>	<b>Owen PG</b>	For his positive attitude to all aspects of school life. He enjoys school wholeheartedly and does his absolute best in every lesson. Cheerful, helpful and kind, he sets a superb example to everyone at St David's. Congratulations Owen, your award is well deserved!
<b>Year 6A</b>	<b>Gözde C</b>	Gözde has become hugely more confident this term, consistently offering her ideas in discussions and responding to the thoughts of others. She has also increased her confidence hugely in Maths, where she is approaching new problems and concepts enthusiastically and linking them to prior learning. Well done!
<b>Year 6S</b>	<b>Darcey D</b>	For consistently high expectations of herself and high standards of behaviour and attitude.





# 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)



Olivia  
Year 3

Olivia started Public Speaking in September and worked very hard to earn a merit in her Autumn exams. She wrote and confidently performed her own three-minute speech about her favourite book.

Mum says: 'We are very proud of her, and she is now looking forward to her next exams in the coming weeks'

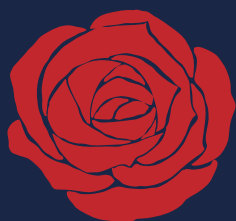
Huge well done Olivia on such a terrific achievement. St David's is extremely proud of you!

Astrid  
Year 4

Astrid took part in a girls Rubgy training event with England Rose, Rosie Gilligan.

Mum says: 'She did very well and got compliments from the England player on her interception of the ball'

Well done Astrid. Watch this space for the next English Rose perhaps.





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Jenna  
Year 5

Jenna took her LAMDA Grade 2 Acting exam in December. She did incredibly well and got a Distinction!

Mum tells us: 'She performed a piece from Alice in Wonderland acting as Alice discovering the looking glass and another piece acting as Veruca Salt from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory when she was interviewed by the reporters explaining how she got her golden ticket'

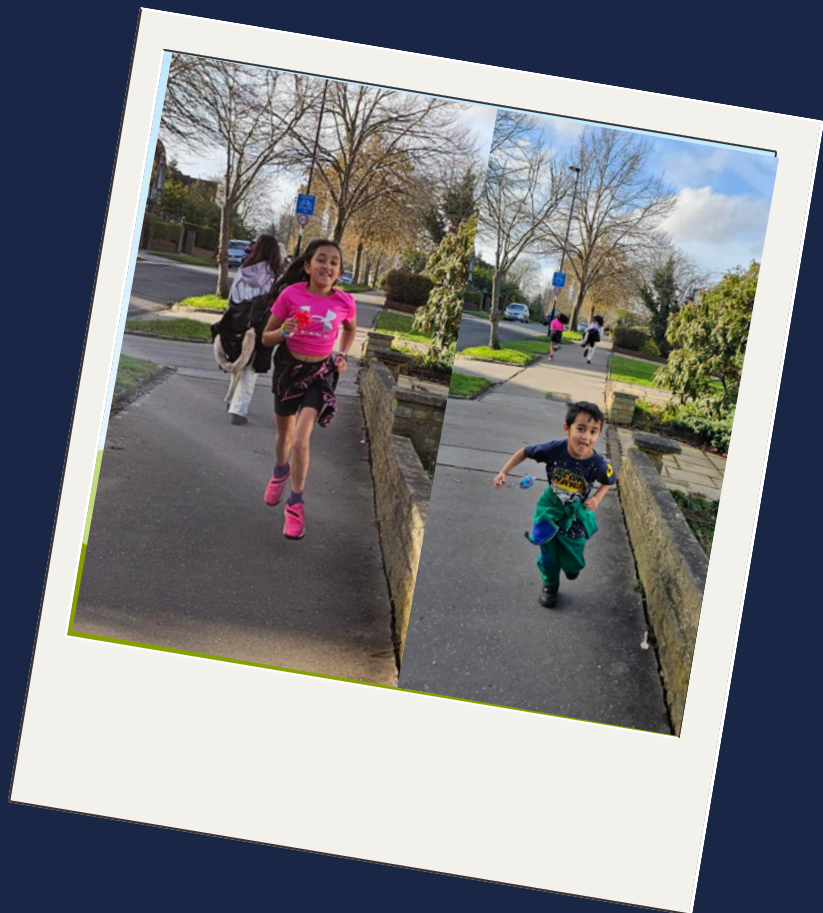
This is a fantastic achievement Jenna. Huge congratulations, St David's is immensely proud of you, as are your family.

Jenna and Nikrouz  
Year 5 & 1

The achievements don't stop there!

Jenna, and her brother Nikrouz, took part in a 5km run in their local community during this half term. That's a long way especially for a 5 year old!

Huge well done to you both, keep up the great work!





# Student Spotlight!

Christian, Thomas H, Kush,  
Max and Oliver  
Year 5

These five boys played their socks off at a hockey tournament for BromBecks against Honor Oak. They all played extremely well and had a whale of a time while doing so. They even scored 14 goals between them!

Well done boys - great to see that St David's team spirit shining through even in your extra curricular activities



# Year 4 Trip: National Gallery

This half term, Year 4 visited the National Gallery.

The focus was on the topic of myths and legends to inspire our writing, history and art all at once! Despite being a very overcast day, the weather did not dampen our spirits as we took in the sights (gasps at the London Eye!) from the train and a pause at Trafalgar Square to admire the view of the Houses of Parliament in the distance and Nelson's Column.

Once the obligatory "group shot" was taken outside the Gallery, we were able to meet our superb tour guide who shared her expertise in an immersive way, encouraging the children to "sway like the wind" in one of the paintings and to share their (extensive) knowledge as we studied Titian's masterpiece "Bacchus and Ariadne", the expert highlighting symbols (some hidden!) and references to other mythical characters and stories.

Several paintings later, we had lunch before each group chose a painting to sit before and sketch. Whether it was Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" or van Dyck's "Equestrian Charles I", everyone gave it their best attempts at copying the work of the Grand Masters (perhaps we'll follow in their footsteps...)





# 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.





# Dates For Your Diary



RAINBOW CLUB DATES			
<b>MARCH/APRIL</b>			
MON 30TH	TUES 31ST	WED 1ST	THUR 2ND
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	TUES 7TH	WED 8TH	THUR 9TH
MON 13TH	TUES 14TH	WED 15TH	THUR 16TH
<b>JULY/AUGUST</b>			
MON 20TH	TUES 21ST	WED 22ND	THUR 23RD
MON 27TH	TUES 28TH	WED 29TH	THUR 30TH
MON 3RD	TUES 4TH	WED 5TH	THUR 6TH
MON 10TH	TUES 11TH	WED 12TH	THUR 13TH
MON 17TH	TUES 18TH	WED 19TH	THUR 20TH
MON 24TH	TUES 25TH	WED 26TH	THUR 27TH

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## FEBRUARY

Monday 23rd	TERM RESUMES (Whole School)
Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th	Life Space
Tuesday 24th	ISA Junior Cross Country Radnor House (A)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Netball Farringtons (H)
Thursday 26th	Y4 - Y6 St David's Interhouse Swimming Gala @Beckenham Spa 1pm -3pm
Friday 27th	Y6 LEGO League Competition Canterbury

## MARCH

Tuesday 3rd	Y2 Trip Science Museum U11 Netball V Oak Lodge (H)
Wednesday 4th	Y3-Y6 Lacrosse @ St Olaves (A)
Thursday 5th	World Book Day Y6 Trip: Rochester Cathedral/Gurdwara Gravesend
Monday 9th	Empathy Week
Tuesday 10th	Y1 Trip Tower of London
Wednesday 11th	ISA Nationals Netball FINALS Parents Evening 4pm - 8pm**
Thursday 12th	London Youth Games Lacrosse Qualifier (A)
Friday 13th	OPEN MORNING 9:00am - 11:00am
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bromley Literary Festival
Friday 20th	St David's Dash Y5&6
Saturday 21st	Y3 & Y4 Crystal Palace Cross Country and Bromley Literary Festival
Tuesday 24th	Y5 Trip: Sheppards College, Bromley Y6 Girls Netball Bromley High (A)

- (H) = Home Game
- (A) = Away Game

\*\*This does not include Class 3B (separate email to follow)

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# Dates For Your Diary



## MARCH

Thursday 26th	Interhouse Music
Friday 27th	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 27th	<b>END OF TERM (12:30pm)</b>

## APRIL

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st	TERM BEGINS (Whole School)

## MAY

Thursday 7th	Y5 Trip Tower Bridge
Friday 8th	PTA Prep Disco
Monday 18th	Y1 & Y2 St David's Dash
Friday 22nd	Informal Summer Music Concerts
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>END OF TERM - 4pm</b>

## JUNE

Monday 1st	TERM RESUMES (Whole School)
Tuesday 2nd	Wishford Athletics Day
Wednesday 10th	Whole School Photo
Tuesday 23rd	Y2 & Y4 Trip: Leeds Castle
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 & Y5 Production (Evening)

## JULY

Saturday 4th	CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS DAY 
Monday 6th	Y6 Prizegiving Evening
Tuesday 7th	Beach Day
Thursday 9th	<b>END OF TERM (12pm Y6 12:30pm Pre-Reception - Y5)</b>

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# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

<b>Chickenpox</b>	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
<b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)</b>	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
<b>Impetigo</b>	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scabies</b>	they've had their first treatment
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	<b>Glandular fever</b>
<b>Head lice</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>
<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Slapped cheek</b>



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.