



St David's Prep

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 1





Yesterday, the whole school gathered in the hall for our half-termly awards assembly. Always a special occasion, this one I realised would be my last. How I will miss celebrating our pupils' success as class teachers extol the virtues of individuals in such glowing terms.

It struck me how there has been a noticeable shift over the past few years in the language we use when giving our star awards. The emphasis is now much more focused on personal attributes such as kindness, being a great role model for others and a supportive friend, always looking out for others, and making the classroom a better place to be.

Of course, this does not mean that we do not celebrate academic success at St David's; we very much do. However, it is 'just' what we do – it is a given, taken as read. Our Year 6, soon-to-be leavers are testament to that. They have achieved the very best, gaining a number of Grammar places, independent school offers and scholarships, as well as those going to our brilliant local school being fully prepared to go in at the top. All of them are confident with the choices they have made.

This got me thinking about what we mean by success... A quick search gave me this: 'Success – the accomplishment of a desired outcome or purpose. Traditionally measured in terms of wealth, fame and status, it is increasingly defined as a state of personal fulfilment, happiness and inner peace.'

Interesting to see that our St David's shift in focus appears to be very much in line with the wider world view!

This term, I have had the pleasure of leading a PLP group of Year 4 girls for some philosophical discussions. Their thinking and insights blow my mind; they have such deep and passionate views that they are willing to share with me – I love it! If they are our future leaders and change makers, then we are in good hands. They like me to give them a question to consider as we leave. Ahead of our coming break, they are going to ponder on this one:

'What does happiness feel like in your mind and body?'

As we reach for the suncream and cushions for the loungers, it might be something for everyone to reflect upon – and is happiness linked to success??

Have a super week, enjoy the promised weather and do something to make you happy!

Kind regards,
Julia F



Staff News



We are delighted to announce that **Ian French** (father of Christian in Year 5) has been appointed as our new Site Supervisor to replace Mr King as he takes up his new position as School Business Manager. After sifting through around 50 applicants and conducting a thorough interview process, the experience and skills Mr French will bring to the school made him a clear favourite. He will be commencing his role before the end of term, so if you see him around the site, I hope you will give him a warm, St David's welcome!

Meanwhile, I know you will be sorry to hear that St David's will be saying goodbye to two valuable members of staff at the end of the summer term. **Mrs Critten** has, in the short time she has been with us, had a huge impact across the school. Her first love is undoubtedly the children; from Year 6 down to our youngest pupils in Pre-Reception, she has managed to inspire them all and bring out the very best musically from each and every one. The whole of Year 3 navigating p-buzzes through to our marvellous Carol Service will be things that stay in our memories for years to come.

As someone who has always been flexible and willing to go wherever needed, Mrs Critten will be hugely missed for her caring, insightful and fun-loving nature. She has been a great champion of our Year 6 pupils and spent many hours encouraging, listening and supporting children through good times and bad.

She will shortly be taking on a new role; that of a grandmother in the next few weeks. Therefore, she feels the time is right for her step away from teaching and thus enable her to have more time for her growing family. We wish her well.

Thank you Mrs Critten for all you have done and the many happy memories you leave behind.



Staff News



Mrs Sadler-Clark joined us 5 years ago, having stepped away from the nursing profession to try her hand at teaching. From day one we all knew she had made the right decision – although we have called on her many times for her medical knowledge...

Sadly, for us but happily for her, she is moving to Valencia where her husband has been given the opportunity to run his company's new office there. It is a wonderful opportunity for them both and we do wish them all the best – honestly!

Anyone who has had the pleasure of listening in to one of her lessons with Year 1, as I do regularly, has witnessed a master at work. Her tone, delivery, compassion and confidence is evident in every lesson and every interaction she has with every child she teaches. I had the pleasure of guiding her through her ECT (early career teacher) training and every session we had together was a joy and I take a personal delight in seeing how she now sparkles and shines – all the early doubts and crisis of confidence long forgotten. An outstanding practitioner, Mrs S-C!

In more recent times she agreed to take on the challenging role of EDI lead and was responsible for overseeing the wonderful Culture Week we held last year. This was no small undertaking, and it is testament to Mrs Sadler-Clark that she managed to organise and mobilise the whole school community in delivering such a successful event.





Centenary Celebrations



Saturday 4th July 2026

1pm - 9:30pm

BBQ from Chapter One

Pizza Van

Bouncy Castles*

Circus Skills*

Pupil Performances* Zorbing*

Bushcraft Sessions*

Silent Disco*

Ice Cream Van

Tea and Cake Stall Bar

Musical Performances from Ex

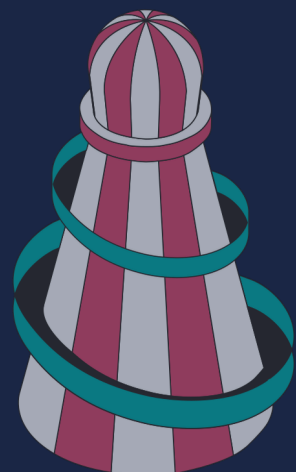
Davidians*

Live Band The Plus Ones*

Special Guest Entertainer*

and more!

*included in ticket price



Join us and help us celebrate 100 Years of St David's. Please note that this is instead of our Summer Fair

Tickets can be purchased here:



Reminders....

Centenary Event:

Ticket sales are going well for our Centenary event on 4th July, and excitement is building! All the children are busy practising for some of the entertainment items that will take place during the afternoon, while enjoying the many exciting activities on offer. We have also planned a visit from a special surprise guest act who is coming along later in the afternoon – the children will not want to miss this!

The PTA are in the process of arranging a 'Silent Auction' and are putting together a list of donated items. They would love more! If you have anything that might be suitable or could obtain something from a business or employer, then please contact the school office. The auction will run from Friday, 19th June and run until the event day. See the message that has been sent via your class WhatsApp group or contact the school office. More details to follow.



Centenary Merchandise:

Orders can still be taken for the centenary t-shirts – contact the office for the form to complete. Branded umbrellas are also available, and commemorative t-towels will be available soon!

Parking:

Good news – mostly!

Thank you to everyone who has taken heed of my numerous posts concerning parking around the school. There is still a little way to go with a few parents, despite Mr King and me patrolling the streets every morning. Please keep it up and keep everyone happy and safe!

Reminders....

Uniform:

Please ensure all children are wearing the correct items of summer uniform and wear their blazer to school each day unless instructed otherwise.

All pupils need a named house cap to be in school – these are worn at break times, on trips and at sports day.

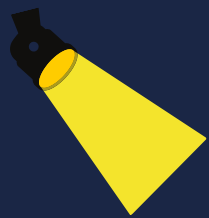
With trips coming up, please make sure you consider the weather and equip your child appropriately. Last week, we had children at the cricket game who were cold as they did not have their school coats and were wearing shorts on a chilly day. All children should wear their school coats or blazers, not their play coats. We often get comments from members of the public who notice how smart (and well-behaved) our pupils are, something we are very keen to maintain.

'Wear Your House Fridays'

In the build-up to July 4th, we would like to encourage every child who has a Centenary house t-shirt to wear it each Friday – they will also earn double house tokens on those days! Let's fill the school with colour every Friday – you may even see staff sporting their own special colour!

It's not too late to order – contact the school office for details.





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



Euan and Dillan
Year 3

Dillan and Euan have just completed their first full season with the Old Wilsonians U8 Hoffman team. They've shown real commitment ever since their debut - training in all weather and backing their teammates through every result.

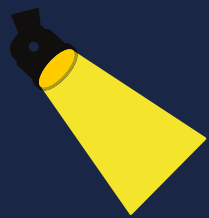
Their recent joint Man of the Match was a great moment to finish on!

Freya
Year 6

Freya took part in the first FIG level qualifier of the year for tumbling up in Telford. It's the first year of her competing in the 11-12 year age category, so she was competing against many girls in the year above.

She did amazing and managed to come 8th overall in Great Britain. A fantastic achievement, especially as this was the first time she's landed her double twisting somersault ending in a competition.





Student Spotlight!

Isla, Saskia and Adrianna
Year 5



“Adriana, Isla and Saskia completed the Royal Russell triathlon, raising funds for Restless Development.

As a team of 3, Adri swam 2 legs, Saskia biked two legs and Isla took on two legs of the run!

They had a fantastic time and are one of the events top fundraisers, raising £1,007! Well done team, we are very proud of you”

Nia and Shreya
Year 5 and Year 1

Two great achievements for these two!

Mum writes: Shreya and Nia proudly completed the Mini Marathon in support of Greenwich Hospice this May. It was Shreya’s very first marathon experience, while Nia has now taken part consecutively for the past four years — showing incredible commitment, determination, and community spirit.

We are so proud of both girls for giving their time and energy to such a meaningful cause. 💜

In the Japanese Jujitsu world, Nia recently achieved Purple Belt — standing just two belts away from junior Black Belt!

Meanwhile, Shreya has proudly earned her very first belt, marking the beginning of her own Jujitsu journey.

We are incredibly proud of both girls for their ability to persevere in a challenging combat sport.





Student Spotlight!

Tom
Year 4

Dad writes: 'Tom was awarded the Cyril Elliot Award for the U9s in the 2025-26 Rugby season. The award, named after a late stalwart of the Club is for the player with the best all round attitude, spirit, and awareness and is closely associated with the RFU's TREDs (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Respect)

We are so proud of him'

Aggie and Ottie
Year 5 and Year 3

Aggie and Ottie have written their own piece about their experience singing in the choir for a special recording in front of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"On Monday 11th of May, we went on the train to Waterloo East, and we got on a bus to Lambeth Palace. We went in with our choir and quickly changed into our Cassocks and had to put ourself in height order.

Then we had a picture with the Archbishop of Canterbury Dame Sarah Mullally.

She was really kind and she asked if we liked singing (obviously we did!). After that we did lots of practice of 'She Sits Like a Bird' and 'Spirit of God', until we did one recording of each song for a website for people who can't go to church. We also got a biscuit at the end!
It was a brilliant afternoon"





Half-Term Special Awards

Pre-Reception	Mason N	Mason has made amazing progress this year, he has been working hard to follow the school rules and focus during small group time. He always wants to do the right thing and is always so proud of his achievements. We love how eager he always is to come to school and learn, he runs into school with the biggest smile.
Reception	Tahlia W	Tahlia has a very big personality in our class and uses it in the very best way! Bringing joy, confidence and enthusiasm to our classroom every day. Her love for reading stories has become infectious in our classroom and has inspired others to enjoy books and storytelling too. She is now happy to take on new challenges with a positive attitude and always shows resilience and determination. Tahlia is always kind, caring and thoughtful towards her friends, and she has truly grown into a lovely, confident young girl who should be very proud of herself.
Reception	Migara D.S	Migara has grown in confidence and shown courage trying new activities. He always follows the class rules and is a true super squirrel. Well done, Migara!





Half-Term Special Awards

Year 1	Charlie R	For your much improved attitude to learning and love of a challenge! You are always showing pride in your work and wanting to stretch yourself to achieve any goal that you set your mind to in the classroom.
Year 1	Matilda R	You have shown wonderful growth in confidence and a clear commitment to focusing and trying your very best in your work. Your cheerful attitude brightens our classroom each day. Keep believing in yourself and continuing to shine - we are so proud of you!
Year 2	Skyla W	For her unwavering effort and determination to always do her best, and for the admirable progress she has shown in growing in both confidence and independence over time.
Year 2	Alev A	For her conscientious approach to learning. She consistently contributes thoughtfully to class discussions and is always a positive, supportive member of the form.



Half-Term Special Awards

Year 3	Alex O	For showing increased focus and resilience in the classroom and with his work at home. You have really taken responsibility for your own learning this term - you are constantly pushing yourself in the classroom and have worked incredibly hard to improve your handwriting. You should be very proud of yourself Alex, well done!
Year 3	Amara N	For showing steady progress in all areas, particularly in writing and maths; for always being eager to share in the classroom; and for demonstrating growing confidence, perseverance, independence, and self-motivation.
Year 4	Eliza H	For her positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. Eliza continually strives to be the best version of herself. She has made excellent progress in increasing the pace of her work this term, showing real determination and pride in her learning. Cheerful, helpful and kind, Eliza sets a superb example to everyone at St David's.
Year 4	Jayrishan J	This award is to congratulate you on all your hard work in Year 4, showing super focus and a determination to complete each activity to the best of your ability. You have been a good friend to others as well as showing kindness, enthusiasm and a willingness to help in class. Very well done



Half-Term Special Awards

Year 5	Tuyanji F	For consistently displaying the qualities required to learn well: self- motivation, curiosity and independence. She is an exceptionally kind and thoughtful member of the class who is truly liked and respected by everyone who knows her, including her teachers! Congratulations Tuyanji!
Year 5	Adam Y	Adam is a constant role model to others. This is through his attitude to work, his organisation and also his sportsmanship. What a great example to set as we move in to Year 6.
Year 6	Anastasiia H	You have an amazing love of life and learning. You are super inquisitive and grab every experience and opportunity with both hands. You really brighten up our days in school
Year 6	Jude H.C	Jude has shown superb maturity over the course of this term, particularly when given roles of responsibility as a role model for younger pupils. He has worked hard to be focused in lessons and makes valuable contributions and insights for the benefit of everyone



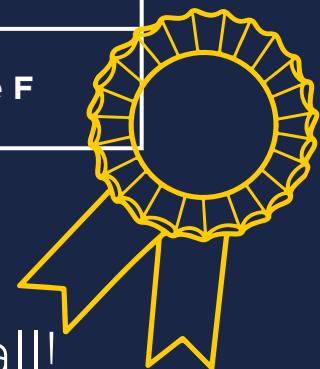


Sports Awards

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



Pre-Reception	Jack H
Reception	Kavali G
Year 1	Francesca M
Year 2	Summer B
Year 3	Euan R
Year 4	Florence R.N
Year 5	Owen P.G
Year 6	Adeline F



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Dates For Your Diary



JUNE

Monday 1st	TERM RESUMES (Whole School)
Tuesday 2nd	Wishford Athletics Day (A)
Thursday 4 th	Y3 and Y4 Trip: The Globe Y1 Trip: West Wickham Library
Friday 5th	Y5 and Y6 Athletics @ Farringtons (A)
Tuesday 9th	Lacrosse Regional Finals
Wednesday 10th	Whole School Photo
Thursday 11th	Small Schools Athletics, Norman Park (A)
Friday 12th	Wear Yellow Day
Wednesday 17th	Y1 and Y6 Trip: London Zoo
Thursday 18th	EYS Trip: Crystal Palace Park
Friday 19th	8am - Spotlights Show
Monday 22nd	2pm - Teddy Bears Picnic (New Pre-Reception Parents)
Tuesday 23rd	2pm - Reception (New Parents) Mini Sports

Wednesday 24th

Whole School Photo

Friday 26th

Sports Day

Friday 26th

Junior Duke Tea Party (4pm)

Tuesday 30th
and Wednesday
1st July

Y6 & Y5 Production (Evening)

JULY

Saturday 4th

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
DAY*
*This is in lieu of our usual
Summer Fair

Monday 6th

Y6 Prizegiving Evening

Tuesday 7th

Beach Day

Wednesday 8th

7pm - 10pm Year 6 Leavers
Party

Thursday 9th

**END OF TERM (12pm Y6
12:30pm Pre-Reception - Y5)**

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

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Dates For Your Diary



SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd	INSET
Thursday 3 rd	TERM BEGINS (Reception - Y6)
Friday 4 th	TERM BEGINS (Pre-Reception)
Wednesday 9 th - Friday 11 th	Y5 Residential: Carrot Wood
Tuesday 22 nd	Class and Individual Photos
Friday 25 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning and Fun Run

OCTOBER

Wednesday 7 th	Harvest Festival
Saturday 10 th	OPEN MORNING 09:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 15 th	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 27 th	08:50am Parent Forum

DECEMBER

Tuesday 8 th	9.30 am Y1/Y2 Nativity 2.00 pm Reception Nativity
Wednesday 9 th	9.30 am Reception Nativity 2.00 pm Y1/Y2 Nativity
Thursday 10 th	6.30 pm Carol Service at St John's Church, Eden Park Y3 -Y6 Compulsory
Thursday 17 th	END OF TERM 12:30pm

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- (A) = Away Game

Whatever you do,
do it in

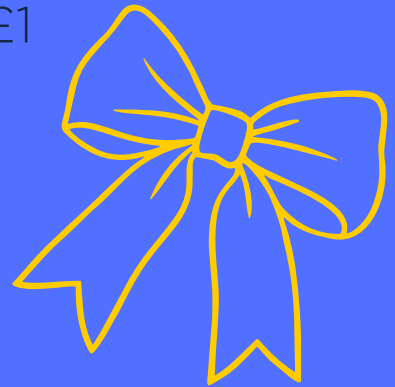
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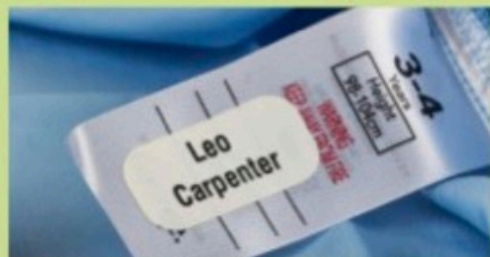
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