



NEWSLETTER
SUMMER TERM 2
2026





My final newsletter. After eleven years as Head of St David's, it is with a heavy heart that I write this final message. Leading this amazing school has been the greatest privilege and I am hugely proud of all we have achieved together over the past years.

Celebrating 100 years of St David's just last weekend was a powerful reminder of the school's enduring spirit. Marking a century of learning, laughter and community has personally felt especially meaningful as I finally retire. The incredible event held on our school field on Saturday was a memorable time of celebrating well together; pupils, parents, friends and staff representing the past, the present and even the future. Wonderful - the day truly encapsulated all that is good about St David's. It also served to remind us all that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves; our individual stories feed into the story that is still being written. The story of a school built on strong values, meaningful relationships, and academic excellence.

My thanks go to everyone involved over the months of planning and preparation; your efforts paid off, and some! For Mrs Handy and myself, the day will be forever etched in our memories and held in our hearts. Watching and listening to the children perform songs for us both was very special as were the heartfelt words from Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Bishop. I now realise that my recent absences due to my wrist injury proved very timely, providing the perfect opportunities to practise - every cloud....



As the end of term approaches and retirement looms, I have been reflecting on key moments of the past years and the many moments that have shaped my time at St David's. One of my proudest days was September 5th, 2025, when I was presented with the keys to our new buildings. Seeing the children enter both the new and the refurbished spaces just three days later was magical. These calm and tranquil buildings will serve generations to come, and I am proud to have played a part in shaping the future of St David's.

Over the twenty-three years I have spent at our school, I have worked with exceptional colleagues whose dedication, care and professionalism have shaped the school's character. None more so than the team I now leave behind; you are in safe hands.

Parents, thank you for your support, your honesty, your challenge and your conversations; educating your children has to be a partnership and I thank you for trusting them to us.

It is though, all about the children themselves; they are the heart of the school. Children, your creativity, curiosity, resilience and kindness inspires me every day - how I shall miss those random chats in corridors, those totally off-topic questions and frequent moments of awe and wonder. Keep being amazing, keep writing your own stories, and most of all,
be kind!

As I retire, I do so with immense gratitude for those who believed in me and a deep affection for the whole St David's community. St David's will always hold a special place in my heart.

I will sign off now with the words I was taught to say as a child, 'thank you for having me'. (It's been a blast!)

Kindest regards,
Julia Foulger

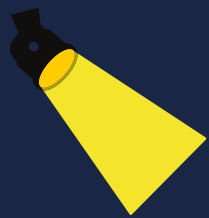




Staff Highlights for 2025/2026

- School Trips with Y3 to Chislehurst Caves. They turned all the lanterns out and it was so dark! We couldn't see anything. Slightly scary but fun too. Also going to the Globe Theatre with Y4 and Y3 to see A Midsummer Nights dream when we had been looking at the book in English. Children connecting the book to the theatre and acting it out themselves. Great watching the children's version (Mrs Tickle)
- My highlight (other than measuring the circumference of each other's heads in maths!) has to be the Year 4 trip to the National Gallery. The children were immersed in the myths depicted and listened intently to the guide talking us through the different symbols and creatures. The sketches drawn by the children allowed them to interpret the paintings in their own unique way and would have given the more famous artists a run for their money... (Mrs Skelton)
- Reading George's Marvellous Medicine then recreating our own potions using food colouring, leaves and sticks! "Oh Grandma if only you knew, what I have got in store for you" (Mrs McInerney)
- Forest School has been the absolute highlight of my year with Squirrels and Hedgehogs. The shift I've seen in them has been incredible - they listen so carefully now and their independence has grown so much that I feel completely confident letting them lead their own activities - the level of imagination they bring to the woods is just brilliant. Their confidence has sky rocketed. PS. I'm still not sure what was in that mud-pie soup but the look of concentration on their faces was priceless! (Mrs Burden)
- As with many of the children, one of my main highlights of the year has to be our early year trip to Carrot Wood. It's a really good opportunity for the children and staff to get to know each other, outside of the usual formalities of school. Because of this, it always fills me with a huge sense of pride to wave the children off at the end of term, to think about the journey they have been on since those early days. The confidence and personalities that develop over the course of the year will always be a highlight, and one of the many reasons why I love my job (Mr House)





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



Alex B
Year 5

Alex in Year 5 has been very busy performing at the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End with the Stagecoach Shirley performance troupe. He had to audition and was one of 25 children chosen for the performance troupe. Mum says: 'He was brilliant and was a proud moment watching him perform'

That's not all, Ali has also achieved a distinction in his grade 1 LAMDA acting exam in December.

The future looks very bright for this one!

Freya
Year 6

Freya is flying high after competing at the second FIG level tumbling qualifier up in Telford. Dad says: 'She did brilliantly and finished 10th overall in a high quality field. It means that she has qualified for the national finals in October'

Well done Freya - another successful event for you. We are so proud of you and all you have achieved so far. Good luck for the National Finals!





Student Spotlight!

Lara, Lawrence, Dillan and Partho

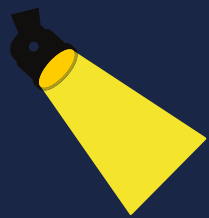
Lara (Reception), Lawrence (Y2), Dillan (Y3) and Partho (Y3) all took part in the Mandala Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Annual Grading ceremony and Tournament in June.

Lara and Partho's Mum writes: 'They all did exceptionally well, each progressing a belt. Lara and Lawrence both won Most Technical Student in their categories (Lara has only been training for 8 weeks and was against children who had been in the club over a year) and Lawrence, Partho and Dillan got extra recognition for being three of only a handful of children who had represented the club in major external competitions

The annual grading is an inspiring day for the children and adults learning about the BJJ mindset of respect, kindness and resilience. We are all really proud of them all and the attitude to a tough sport that all four of them have shown'

Huge well done to all four of you for this dedicated practice!





Student Spotlight!

Natalia
Year 3

Natalia competed in her swimming club Ojays Gala. She came 1st again in 25m Butterfly and knocked 4 seconds off her personal best. She also came 3rd overall in 25m and 50m Freestyle.

There are 17 competitors in her age group within the competition so she is very pleased with herself.

Well done Natalia! You should be so proud of your achievements.



School Newspaper PLP

This term's Newspaper PLP has been a hive of creativity with the children producing some amazing work. Please see a report on the next page written by Saskia in Y5 about the Y6 jobs for September 2026.

Congratulations Year 5!



Y5 to Y6

year 5 to year 6!

year 5 recently got their new jobs and here is what they got!

Heads of school: Anna, Anya and Thomas H

Games captains: Saskia, Adri, Owen and Kush

Buddly: Amber

Digital leaders: Aran M, Alex and Jambie

Games captain

Wugstaff House captain: Alex F and Oliver

Schore House captains: Nia and Tuyenji

Oak House captains: Adam and Christian

Justin House captains: Livia and Arthur



School council: Edie and Thomas C

Travel ambassadors: Kai and Max

Charity rep: Isla and Annabel

by
Saskia Ashmore

Kush, Games Captain

"I feel happy. I do lots of sport and that's one of the key things in my life."

Nia - House Captain

"Since it's always been my dream to be House captain"

St. David's Prep.
Students
Karate Grading
Results 27/06/26



9th Kyu - Orange stripe

Oscar M - Yr.2
Freya F - Yr.1
Francesca M - Yr.1
Sienna P-G - Yr.1
Matilda R- Yr.1
Mikail Y -Yr.1

I am delighted to inform you, that following a grading on Saturday 27th June, the following students passed their grading with the following results

9th Kyu - Orange Belt

Frederick L - Yr.3
Sophia B - Yr.2
Veer S - Yr.2

8th Kyu - Red stripe

Zacharias C - Yr.4
Aris S - Yr.4
Isabella C - Yr.3
Silas D - Yr.3
Amyra K - Yr.3
Siya P - Yr.3

8th Kyu - Red Belt

Alexie F - Yr.4
Samuel B - Yr.2

7th Kyu - Yellow stripe

Hari A -Yr.3



Primary Maths Challenge

In June, the children in Years 3 and 4 took part in the First Mathematics Challenge. The challenge is a highly engaging problem-solving competition that offers questions significantly more challenging than typical classroom work, requiring creativity, logic and perseverance.

The children performed exceptionally well and worked incredibly hard to tackle some very demanding questions.

In Year 4, we were delighted to achieve six Gold Awards, with Rohan P and Alexie F jointly achieving the highest score with an impressive 18 out of 20.

In Year 3, we received five Gold Awards, with Dillan J achieving the highest score in the year group with 17 out of 20.

These outstanding results are a testament to the children's enthusiasm, resilience and mathematical talent. We are extremely proud of all the pupils who took part and congratulate them on their fantastic achievements.

Fundraising for...

**Cystic
Fibrosis Trust**

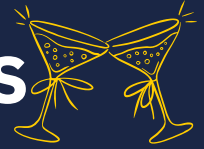
A huge well done to everyone who wore something yellow on Friday 12th June. We managed to raise **£195.45** for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust which is incredible!

Thank you!





Centenary Celebrations



Saturday 4th July 2026 is a date we will remember hopefully forever! It was such a wonderful day for families and friends of the school to come together to mark 100 years of St David's Prep.

It was a fantastic example of pure team work and great collaboration between staff, families and the PTA. Huge thanks go in particular to **Mr Barker** for, well, everything! **Mrs Hardy-King** for organising the Silent Auction raising over **£4000!!** and a very special thank you to **Mrs Ward** for securing our special guest entertainer **McGrammar**, who was such a highlight for the kids AND the grown ups.

The children put their heart and soul into every performance and it truly was a brilliant day that will live on in St David's history.

Thank you everyone!





Dates For Your Diary



DISCOVERY ACTIVITY CLUB DATES				
JULY				
MON 20TH	TUES 21ST	WED 22ND	THUR 23RD	FRI 24TH
MON 27TH	TUES 28TH	WED 29TH	THUR 30TH	FRI 31ST
AUGUST				
MON 3RD	TUES 4TH	WED 5TH	THUR 6TH	FRI 7TH
MON 10TH	TUES 11TH	WED 12TH	THUR 13TH	FRI 14TH
MON 17TH	TUES 18TH	WED 19TH	THUR 20TH	FRI 15TH



Dates For Your Diary



SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd	TERM BEGINS (Reception to Year 6)
Thursday 3rd	Parent Information Evening 7pm
Friday 4th	TERM BEGINS (Pre-Reception)
Wednesday 9 th - Friday 11 th	Year 5 Residential Trip Carroty Wood
Tuesday 22nd	Photo Day - Individual and Class
Friday 25th	Macmillan Coffee Morning and Fun Run

OCTOBER

Monday 5th	Flu Vaccination Day Reception, Y1-Y6
Wednesday 7th	Harvest Festival
Thursday 15th	Parents Evening
Friday 16 th	END OF TERM (4pm)
Monday 19 th - Friday 30th	HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd	TERM RESUMES
Wednesday 11th	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 27th	Parent Forum 8:50am
Saturday 28th	PTA Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Tuesday 8th	9:30am - KS1 Nativity 2pm - EYS Nativity
Wednesday 9th	9:30am - EYS Nativity 2pm - KS1 Nativity
Friday 11th	Carol Service @ St Johns Church, Eden Park 6:30pm Y3-Y6
Thursday 17th	TERM ENDS (12:30pm)

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