

### Term Dates

#### Christmas Holiday

18th December-2nd January

#### Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

#### Half Term

12th-16th February 2024

It was so lovely to see our Ruby and Emerald parents in school this week to watch their children perform in our nativity, Whoops a Daisy Angel. Not only did the children look amazing in their beautiful costumes, they sang, danced, acted and spoke with incredible confidence which delighted us all! I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work in making our nativity so special. Our Humanities Curriculum morning was well attended by parents, some of whom were put to the test on their historical and geographical knowledge!

We are looking forward to the rest of our festivities next week and hope to see you all at our carol services. Have a good weekend! Alison Bourne

### January & February

#### Stay and Play

3.30- 5.15pm

Places for January and February S&P, must be booked using this link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Each Stay and Play session, must be paid for via ParentPay, at time of booking.

### School Meal Bookings

Please ensure all school meals are booked via ParentPay

By 3.30pm on the Wednesday before.

Please ensure you close the school gate when entering or exiting the school playgrounds.

Many thanks

The school gates are locked at 9am prompt. If you arrive at school after 9am. Please buzz at the front gate and your child will be welcomed in via the school office.

Thank you.

### School gate

The gate to the front playground is opened at 8.45am each morning.

### Attendance awards

1st December

Diamond —97.14%

8th December

Emerald—97.69%

## December at St David's

With Christmas just around the corner we are all getting very excited about all the lovely events that are happening at St David's during December.

### Carol Service and Proper Job Award

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Parents are invited to join our Carol Service which is taking place at 9.15am at St Michael's Church

### Wrapping Room

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

I am sure your children will love the idea of being able to buy a surprise present for a loved one, that they are able to choose themselves, wrap, write their own tag and leave under the tree until Christmas day.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, St David's will have their very own 'gift wrapping room' and the children will be offered the unique opportunity To Wrap a Gift. There will be class adults supporting the children, helping them wrap etc and we will send the gift home with them, so please no peeping parents/carers!!!

For this to happen, we are asking for a donation of a bottom draw item e.g., bath products, mugs, (unused) socks, scarves, stationery, toiletries, chocolate which can be given to Mrs Williams in Sapphire Class for her to keep safe until the day.

We are asking for all children that are wishing to take part in this lovely opportunity, to kindly pay. £1 via ParentPay before 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Please ensure you have booked a school meal for your child if you want them to have a Christmas Lunch. ParentPay is yet to be updated, but if you have already booked a school meal for that day, your booking will be secure. Anyone else wishing to have a Christmas Lunch, please book via ParentPay urgently.

### Movie Night

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm-5pm

Children are invited to join their class for a Movie, Hot Chocolate and Biscuits. They are welcome to change into their PJs after school and bring a teddy if they wish.

£3 per child (£5 for two siblings) via ParentPay

### Santa is coming to St David's!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Ho Ho Ho! A real live Santa is coming all the way from the North Pole to visit each class. If you would like your child to visit Santa, please arrange payment of £2 via ParentPay.

### Individual Calendars

Children will be creating an exciting individual piece of work, that will be either, designed by your child, or with your child in mind and will be used as the basis of a lovely calendar.

Children wishing to take their calendar home are asked to pay £1.50 (£1 for any additional sibling) via ParentPay.

### Team Points Winners

01/12— Blue Panthers

08/12— Yellow Lions

Lunchtime  
Star

### 1st December:

**Rosie Crispin** for always using her manners, being a kind friend and always following the school values.

### 8th December:

**Isaac Gifford** for being a lovely friend, being polite and using his manners.

### Star Learners

#### Ruby

##### 1st December

**EYFS: Scarlet** has really been showing off her fantastic maths skills during our carpet learning times! She can confidently identify one more and one less than a given number. Well done Scarlet, you are developing into a wonderful mathematician!

##### 8th December

**EYFS: Harry** has completed some wonderful fine motor skill work this week. Well done Harry you are developing some fantastic skills!

**Year 1: Ayla-Rose** has produced some wonderful art pieces based on Henri Rosseus' work. Well done Ayla-Rose!

#### Emerald

##### 1st December

**Year 1: Maya** is always a super learner! This week Maya has done some fantastic work on adding and subtracting 1 or 2. Maya is trying hard to answer questions in lessons and is always listening attentively. Well done Maya!

**Year 2: Pearl** works hard everyday! She has created some lovely sentences in English this week with our new book 'The Polar Express.' Pearl sets an amazing example to others and manages her distractions well. Keep up the hard work Pearl, well done!

##### 8th December

**Year 2: Aggie A** has been a fantastic performer during our Nativity. Her singing and dancing was amazing. What a star!

#### Sapphire

##### 1st December

**Year 3: Maisie** is always polite to adults, and she is really kind to her peers in the classroom and on the playground. She enjoys learning and she always has a smile on her face. Thank you Maisie!

**Year 4: Charlie** listens well and he especially loves maths and science lessons. Recently, he has been extra fantastic at organising things for himself. Well done Charlie!

##### 8th December

**Year 3: Oscar** has worked so hard on his writing this week. He has used punctuation, included speech and worked so hard to present his work neatly. Great job!

**Year 4: Samia** listens carefully to everything we talk about in class and works hard to achieve every learning objective we set. She has even set herself and completed extra work at home to help her improve even further. Great commitment to your learning Samia!

**Reading certificates: 50: Teertha-Sri, Maisie, Kuba, Saad, 75: Oscar, 100: Fares, Otto, 125: Theodore, Amelia-Nancy, 150: Isaac, Arthur, 175: Oliver, Isaac, Freddie, 200: Samuel**

#### Diamond

##### 1st December

**Year 5: Jenny** has worked extremely hard in maths and English this week, and is now beginning to answer more questions in class. Well done and thank you, Jenny.

**Year 6: Isabella** is a consistently kind and helpful member of Diamond class, and once again this week she has produced work of a very high standard. Well done and thank you Isabella.

##### 8th December

**Year 5: Oliver S-R** has produced a stunning piece of writing from the point of view of a character in our class text, 'Freedom Bird.' Well done and thank you, Oliver.

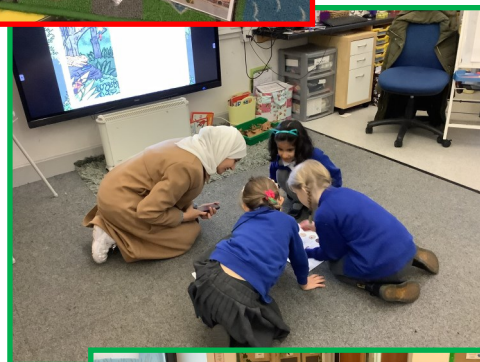
**Year 6: Charlie** has wowed the class regularly over the past few weeks with his greater-depth level written pieces based on 'Freedom Bird.' Well done and thank you, Charlie.

**Reading Certificates: 25: Caleb, 50: Freddie, Betsy, 75: Ruby-Mae, 100: William, 125: Jacey, Hollie, 150: Mayar, 175: Nina, Kaddy, Eva, 200: Iowa**



### Parent drop-in morning

This week we had our Humanities morning. Thank you to all the parents that came to take part in activities with their children. The children thoroughly enjoyed talking about their learning and having the opportunity to share what they have learnt during activities with their families.



## News

On Wednesday 29th November KS1 enjoyed a lovely walk. We explored the signs of Autumn and we identified leaves. The children were fantastic at spotting the deciduous and evergreen trees.



The British sign language club are enjoying learning Christmas songs which we hope to sing in assembly at the end of term.



### Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals and have your say. Our proposed policy is on our admission page [St David's CE Primary School - Home \(stdavidsprimary.devon.sch.uk\)](http://stdavidsprimary.devon.sch.uk) and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>. Further information is here: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and published in the same places by 15 March 2024.

### Family Pride South West Project

The project has 4 components;

**Family Pride Events** – fun family events for families where at least one member is LGBT+.

**Parenting Support** – We will be delivering Group Triple P for LGBT+ parents/carers with children between the ages of 2 and 12. This will be an 8 week course focussing on parenting skills.

**Family Relationship Support** – Our family practitioners can work with families where there is tension or communication problems between parents (together or apart). This can include disagreements on how best to support an LGBT+ child in the family, or where a parent has come out as LGBT+ and they are unsure what this means for their relationship, as well as more general relationship difficulties.

**Couples/co-parent counselling** – We will have counselling available for parents who wish to work through difficulties in a therapeutic setting.

Families can book onto upcoming events via our Eventbrite page -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/intercom-trust-17691399947>. Alternatively they can get in touch with our helpline to join the mailing list to be informed about upcoming events - 0800 612 3010 (9am – 4pm weekdays) or email [helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk).

For parenting support, mediation or counselling, families can be referred, or can self-refer via the referral form on our website - <https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/referral-form/>.

Please share our webpage with parents and families who may be interested in the project - <https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/lgbt-families/>.





## Our Christian Values

Respect Forgiveness Compassion Friendship Justice Trust

## Diary Dates

Date	Autumn Term
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service - all families invited
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Movie Night
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term

2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Spring Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Non-Pupil Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Valentine's Disco
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
w/c: 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening Week: Mon/Tue/Thurs: 3.30pm-4.30pm Wed: 3.30pm - 5.50pm
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> - 9.15am-10.15am: Curriculum Morning - parents invited
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - Theme to be confirmed
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service - all families invited
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Curriculum Morning - parents invited - focus subject TBC
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term

## Term Dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN Term

Finishes on 15th December 2023  
 Non-Pupil Day: 20th October 2023  
 Half Term 23rd – 27th October 2023

Non-Pupil Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

SPRING Term

Starts on 3rd January 2024  
 Finishes on 28th March 2024  
 Half Term 12th – 16th February 2024

SUMMER Term

Starts on 15th April 2024  
 and Finishes on 23rd July 2024  
 Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024  
 Half Term 27th May 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
 Non-Pupil Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
 Non-Pupil Day: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024