



## Term Dates

### Last Day of Term

Wednesday 19th  
December  
(**NO STAY & PLAY**)

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### Christmas Holidays

Thursday 20th December

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Friday 4th January

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### First Day of Spring Term

Monday 7th January

## Diary Dates

### Carols around Tree

Tuesday 18th December  
at 2.30—School Hall

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### FINAL WEEK OF TERM

17th/18th/19th Dec

Christmas/Winter  
jumpers can be worn  
instead of school  
sweatshirts  
(please note this is not a  
Wear What you like day)

#### TWITTER

Most school events are featured  
on our twitter fed  
@StDavidsCofE. Follow us so you  
don't miss anything exciting!

### REMEMBER

Book School Meals by  
**3.30PM ON  
WEDNESDAYS!**  
Please **CLEAR DEBTS**  
**AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE**

ParentPay

14th December 2018

# Friday F

## Reminder

**Last Day of Term—Wed 19th December**

**First Day back—Mon 7th January 2019**

## Christmas Fair

What a fantastic event the  
Christmas Fair was this year.  
We raised over £800 for the PTFA,  
thanks to all of the hard work and  
volunteering leading up to the  
event and of course all of your  
support on the evening.

### KS1 Christmas Performance

A HUGE Well done to everyone who took part in the KS1  
Christmas Performance. All the children did amazingly  
and I am sure you were all as proud of the children as we  
were!

Thank you also to everyone who donated to Domenica.  
You raised £47.20, which will be forwarded to  
Plan International.

## Christmas/Winter Jumper Days

Christmas or Winter Jumpers may be  
worn during the last week of term—  
as follows:-

**Monday 17th December**

**Tuesday 18th December**

**Wednesday 19th December**

These are NOT

non-uniform days so please ensure  
normal school trousers and skirts and  
footwear are worn on these days.

*What have we been  
doing this week?...*

**Ruby Class—** have enjoyed  
performing in our school nativity-  
The Hopeless Camel. They also  
engaged in a visit from the Devon  
wildlife trust and experienced the  
fun filled pantomime Aladdin- it  
was Fabulous!

**Emerald Class** -thoroughly enjoyed  
performing 'The Hopeless Camel!'  
We are so very proud of them all  
and it was brilliant to see their  
confidence flourish as they sang,  
danced and played their parts.  
They have worked extremely hard  
this term and it has been lovely to  
see how each child has progressed  
during each rehearsal .

**Sapphire Class** - have been  
designing and explaining TREEO's  
HQ's layout. They have been  
thinking about what a  
conservationist group consider as  
an important element of their  
business' overall operation, to  
maximise their effectiveness and  
meet the TREEO's agents' needs.

**Diamond Class—** have been  
helping to raise money for the  
proposed new Oakville park by  
using persuasive features to  
advertise Christmas shopping  
nights in the town.

St David's Church are having a Christingle/Crib  
service on Christmas eve at 4.00pm.. They will also  
be incorporating a children's choir and are inviting  
KS2 children (7-11yrs) from local schools to join. If  
your child would like to participate they must be  
available to attend rehearsals on Tues 11th & Tues  
20th Dec at 4.30pm—5.30pm and also be present on  
the day from 3.15pm to warm up before the service.  
Please return the slip from the letter sent out today  
if your child would like to participate.

### Consideration Requested

We have had several reports of parents driving  
without care and consideration during school pick  
up . Can we please remind you to drive with caution  
around the school area . We also request that you  
have consideration for the local residents when you  
are parking so that you do not obstruct their access.

our Christian Values

Forgiveness

Friendship

Trust

Respect

Compassion

Justice





# STAR AWARDS

## Reading Certificates



### Ruby Class

### Emerald Class

### Sapphire Class

### Diamond Class

Taseen—25  
Kayden—75

Holly—25  
Olivia—50  
Cole—50  
Stephi—50  
Alfred—125  
Alfie—125  
Jack—125

Jake—60  
Gracie B—60  
Ruby—80  
Clara—80  
Charlie—80  
Mary—90  
Jessica—90  
Kara—90  
Jackie—100  
Grace H—100  
Isabelle—110  
Sara—110  
Noor—120  
Zuzia—160  
Ruby—160



### Ruby

Rec— Oliver  
Y1— Theo

## Writer

## of the week

### Emerald

Y2— Taseen

### Sapphire

Y3— Alfie  
Y4— Olivia

### Diamond

Y5— Kara  
Y6— Noor

## Star Learners

Ruby	<p><b>Reception: Amber</b> — because during our nativity she always tried her best to perform her part and each song with enthusiasm and panache! She has also been a very helpful, respectful and sensible member of the team whilst out walking to Church and the pantomime. Well done Amber!</p> <p><b>Year 1: Marcus</b> — because he has been a very responsible and helpful team member this week. He's supported his younger classmates whilst out walking to the Church and on our trip to the pantomime. He has displayed excellent behaviour and has been a fantastic role model. Thank you Marcus!</p>
Emerald	<p><b>Year 2: Tosia</b> — because of her wonderful performance as The Very Hopeless Camel in our 2018 Nativity. Tosia took to her role very responsibly and worked extremely hard during rehearsals to learn her lines and deliver them confidently. What a star! Well done Tosia!</p>
Sapphire	<p><b>Year 3: Jack</b> — is coming to school every day with a great attitude towards learning. He has been working more independently in both English and Maths. He is also participating more in our carpet discussions and he is listening intently to others' opinions and ideas.</p> <p><b>Year 4: Annie</b> — has made an amazing progress in all areas of learning. Her better understanding of the English language and her resilience in class has led her to produce great pieces of work in English and solve reasoning questions in Maths. She has also made great friendships and bonded with many people from every year group.</p>
Diamond	<p><b>Year 5: Jessica</b> — has grown in confidence when calculating area and perimeter this week and has produced some excellent work. Well done Jessica!</p> <p><b>Year 6: Mary</b> — The presentation of Mary's work this term has been consistently excellent and she should be very proud of herself. Well done Mary!</p>



## Lunch Time Star

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Have you applied for your child's Primary School Place?

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you can apply for your child's primary school place online

**([https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE%2F](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F))**

before 15th January 2019. You can enter up to three preferences if you wish.

So don't be late; save time and apply online!

### **Internet Safety**

#### **Musical.ly has a new name - TikTok**

The social network app Musical.ly has often given cause for concern, because of the way that children use it to generate and share their own short videos and lip sync to popular audio clips. The app has a new name and new features, and now includes live streaming. Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, in practice there will be younger children using it, and the content may not be suitable.

Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content you post can be seen by anyone within the app. There is also a Restricted Mode which can help to filter out inappropriate content and prevent the user from being able to start their own live streams.

You can find out more here: [TikTok](#)

#### **Free School Meals/Pupil Premium**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'Pupil Premium' funding to support learning.

Please register if you are eligible, even if your child does not want a school dinner.

Children with Pupil Premium funding are eligible for subsidies for certain trips/visits and residential.

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

How to apply: Use the online application form at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/schoolinformation/school-meals> which you can email to [freeshoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeshoolmeals@devon.gov.uk) or print out and post to FSM Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD.

Alternatively, a paper copy of the form can be collected from the school office.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

As always, if you have any worries or concerns then class teachers are always happy to help, just pop in for a chat. Alternatively I am at the front of the school most mornings, so just have a chat or share good news with me about you and your family. For more confidential matters, please speak to Sara or Jackie in the office to make an appointment.

#### **School Meals and Packed Lunches**

At St David's our school meals meet the Educational Nutritional Standards and Requirements for School Food (Department for Education legislation) and we also promote healthy eating at other times in the school day. However, we have increasingly found that some children's packed lunches include considerable amounts of salty and sugary items and very few items with any significant nutritional value. For this reason, we are having a strong focus on healthy food and would appreciate your support in ensuring that packed lunches contain a balance of foods and also include fruit and vegetables.

A child's packed lunch should include:

- A portion of starchy food e.g. bap/bread, plain crackers, pasta or rice salad
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- A portion of milk or dairy food, e.g. cheese, plain/fruit yoghurt
- Portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, e.g. Quorn, cheese, tuna, egg
- A drink: fruit juice (not fizzy or energy drinks), plain water and or milk

Savoury crackers or breadsticks – occasionally crisps

A child's school packed lunch must not contain any of the following:

- Salted or flavoured nuts (Instead, include nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit – with no added salt, sugar or fat – savoury crackers or breadsticks – occasionally crisps.)
- Confectionery such as chocolate bars, and sweets. Fizzy or sugary drinks. Water is always available for children at lunchtime

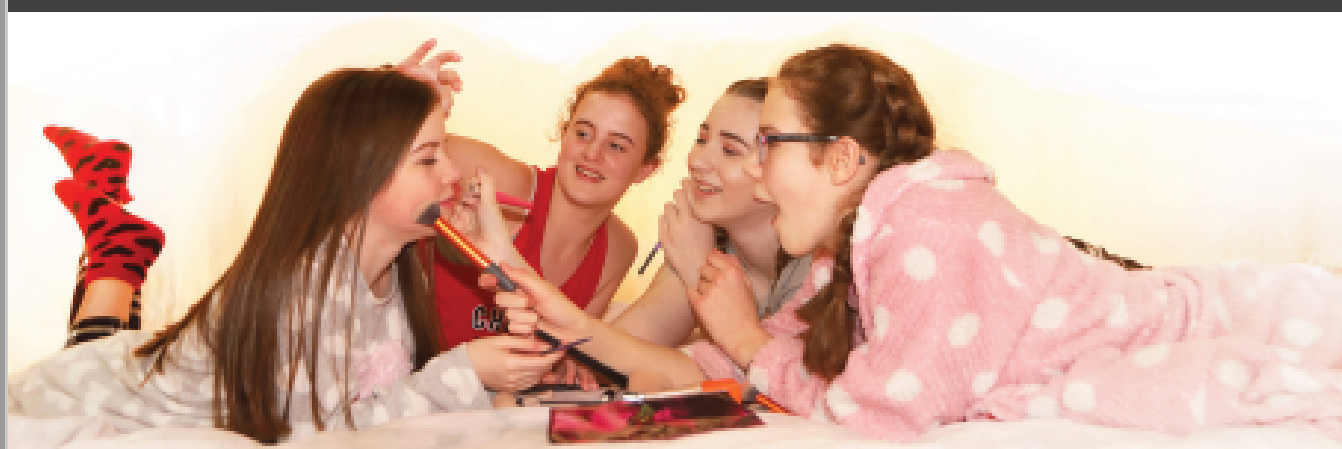
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# SLEEPOVER



If your child is invited to a sleepover you will want them to be safe - both in general and in the event of a fire. So before you agree here are some things that might help.

Check that your child:

- Is normally woken by and recognises the sound of a smoke alarm  
*If they don't, or they have a hearing impairment or other disability, tell the sleepover parents so that someone must wake them and/or help them in an emergency*
- Knows what to do if they hear a smoke alarm go off
- Knows not to hide from fire
- Knows how to raise the alarm
- Is happy to ask about the escape plan of the place they are going to
- Will tell you if they don't feel safe



If you are in any doubt:

- Reverse the sleepover and invite the friend to your home instead

And remember to:

- Go through your fire plan with any guests you have staying

## CHECK THAT:

- There will be a responsible adult present at all times in the property.
- There is a working smoke alarm.



Some of these questions may be uncomfortable to ask but why not look at it this way; you wouldn't dream of travelling in a car without seatbelts - they are lifesavers if there is an accident.

Working smoke alarms and escape plans are like seatbelts for sleepovers - you hope never to need them - but they must be there just in case ...

For further home fire safety information please see our website –

[www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety)

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# GENERAL NOTICES AND REMINDERS

## Stay and Play Bookings

We are experiencing a lot of late bookings and late cancellations. As places are very limited, please ensure you give the office as much notice as possible if your child requires a place at Stay and Play. Whilst we appreciate late cancellation can sometimes not be avoided, please try and give us at least 24 hours notice as this will free up a place.

## Absences

Could all absences please be reported to the school office before 9am. If the school has not been informed, your child will be marked as having an unauthorised absence. Please also ensure you phone each day your child is absent.

Please either telephone 01392 255569 or email [stdavids@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:stdavids@ventrus.org.uk)  
NB St David's have a strict 48 hour

## Administration of Medicines in School

A reminder that we can only accept PRESCRIBED medication that is in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and includes instructions for administration, dosage & storage. A parental agreement must also be completed. No over the counter medicines (non-prescribed) will be accepted. We will of course endeavour to administer medicines at the required times, although this cannot always be guaranteed.

## Mobile/Internet Safety

As your children become more and more reliant on the Internet for both school work and entertainment, we must all, as a community, be more aware for the need to monitor the sites your child visits. In school, through classroom activities and discussion, we highlight positive uses of technology, but also ways in which we can all keep safe through responsible use of the internet, our mobile phones and social media (e.g. WhatsApp, Snapchat Instagram etc...). At home you can ensure the security systems on your computers, tablets and mobiles are up to date and also, please talk to your child about the dangers of accessing unfamiliar sites, or giving parents' e-mail/SC/Insta etc... details to strangers.

**REMEMBER**  
Book School Meals by  
**3.30PM ON**  
**WEDNESDAYS!**

All meals to be ordered  
using Lunch Time drop down!!

**PLEASE**  
**CLEAR YOUR DEBTS**  
**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

## Packed Lunches

A reminder that no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks are included in lunch boxes.

## THE SCHOOL DAY

All children should be in class & seated ready for registration before 9am.  
We are required to record anyone arriving after 9am  
**AS LATE**

**THE RAMP DOOR WILL BE LOCKED**  
**AT 9AM SHARP.**

