

Our Christian Values

Respect Forgiveness Compassion Friendship Justice Trust

Term Dates

Christmas Holiday

19th December–2nd January

Half Term

13th February–17th February

Easter Holiday

3rd April–14th April

Bank Holiday

1st May

8th May

Half Term

29th May–2nd June

Non-Pupil Day

Monday 5th June

Summer Holiday

21st July

Stay and Play from 28th November
3.30 - 5.15pm

Places for December 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 BookingsPlease ensure all school meals are booked via [ParentPay](#)

By 3.30pm on the Wednesday before.

Christmas Jumper Day
Hamper Prizes

Diamond-bottle of something

Sapphire-fancy biscuits

Emerald-toiletries & smellies

Ruby-chocolates

With 'Glow in the Dark Dodgeball' and a visit to Narnia, this week has been another busy one! Many of our children enjoyed an evening of dodgeball with a difference and their high standard of behaviour was noted by the team who led it. Diamond Class walked up to St Thomas Baptist Church where we were warmly welcomed for a morning exploring how to make good choices in our lives.

We are sorry to be saying 'good-bye' to Miss Bullock who has been covering Mrs Richard's maternity leave. I would like to thank her for all her hard work for the children and our school during this time and wish her all the very best in her next job. We are, however, looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Richards who will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays from next week. We are also sorry to be saying 'good-bye' to Mr Brooks at the end of next week as he is moving to a job closer to home, working in a different sector. I would like to thank him too for all his hard work and the dedication he has shown to the children in our school and wish him all the very best for his future.

We are very keen to get our PTFA up and running again. If you have some time to spare where you could help organise some small fund-raising events, please contact the school office or catch me on the playground. The children benefit hugely from the extra money raised whether it be towards a school visit, some extra resources etc.

On Christmas Jumper Day, 9th December, we are asking that the children come into school wearing a Christmas jumper and bring in a donation for their class hamper raffle-please see left for details. The children will be selling raffle tickets in the playground before school from 1st December. We would be very appreciative if some of you could spend an hour or two in school preparing the hampers on 14th December. Please let the office know if you are able to support us with this event. The children are also working very hard designing their individual Christmas tea towels which will be available for you to buy at £3. All proceeds will go PTFA funds. Santa will also be visiting school which will cost £2 and the children will receive a present. Have a good weekend! Alison Bourne

Star Learners

Ruby

EYFS: Charlotte S—the grown-ups have been very impressed with Charlotte's writing this week! She has been confidently segmenting the blending when spelling CVC words. She has been also working hard on her letter formation. Well done Charlotte!

Reading Certificates: 25 Reads: Lydia, Raihan, Freya. 50 Reads: Emilia

Emerald

Year 1: Alma for listening to adult feedback to ensure her next piece of work is even better! Alma has focused on her letter formation this term and she has made huge progress. Thank you, Alma!

Year 2: Maisie for her improvements in her spelling this week. Maisie has been able to identify alternative sounds and apply them in her writing. Thank you for all your hard work, Maisie!

Reading Certificates: 50 Reads: Jason, Alma S. 75 Reads: Oscar F, Pearl & Teertha-Sri. 100 Reads: Kit

Sapphire

Year 3: Mackenzie—it has been a joy to see Mackenzie working well with different members of the class this week. He is taking turns when playing a game and he is able to use polite words when talking to adults and his friends. Well done, and keep up the good work Mackenzie!

Year 4: Vrishti—it has been a joy to have Vrishti back with us at St David's. She listens well and joins in with class activities and discussions well. She is enjoying art, exploring colour and tone within her own artwork. Well done and thank you Vrishti.!

Reading Certificates: 25 Reads: Stevie

Diamond

Year 4/5: Ezzy has worked exceptionally hard to improve both the presentation of her work and the accuracy of her punctuation and grammar. Well done and thank you Esmay!

Year 6: Noah has worked extremely hard this week and has been an exceptional role model to both the children in Diamond class and the rest of the school. Well done and thank you Noah!

Reading Certificates: 25 Reads: Oliwier. 75 Reads: Freddie A

100 Reads: Kaddy. 175 Reads: Iowa, Hollie, Nina. 200 Reads: Eva

Lunchtime Star

Ruby-Mae—for great listening, good manners and for always being polite. Ruby-Mae is always kind and friendly and has been helpful this week. Well done Ruby Mae!

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Diamond Class Narnia Trip

"On Thursday, we went to the wonderful, whimsical, whacky world of Narnia. Once we entered the building, we were surrounded with a magical aurora of CS Lewis story telling and we met a bunch of Narnia characters, like a beaver, a fox and Nyad! They all told us stories of Narnia and gave us activities to do. I hope we can go to the Narnia experience again!"

By Sam Newton-Cross—Diamond Class

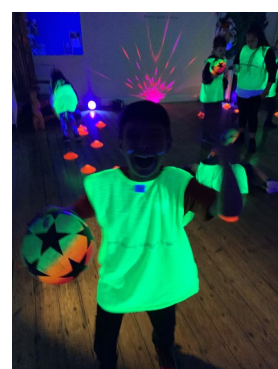
"On Thursday we went to the Narnia experience in a church! We were seeing magical things. We got to go to the train station, listen to stories and much more fun! It was amazing. I am sure everybody loved it! We all had an amazing time in Narnia!"

By Jacey—Diamond Class



Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

On Wednesday evening, 53 children attended the Sporty Stars Glow in the Dark Dodgeball. An evening full of bright lights, face paint, flying balls and huge smiles. We played lots of different dodgeball games in such great spirits and it was mentioned by the Sporty Stars team that St David's were the best behaved school they have attended in months. Well done to all on such an incredible evening and a huge well done to all those children that targeted Mr Brooks throughout the night!



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Mental Health Ambassadors

This week Mrs Wilkins brought 6 children together to create a Mental Health Ambassador Team. All these children had shown interest in becoming an Ambassador and their names were drawn fairly from a hat. Our Ambassadors are Theodore R, Freddie A, Kaddy, Jacey, Maya and Esmay. The team are going to be responsible for promoting good mental health and supporting all children in school.

Our first task is to make an advent calendar for the school. Each day, on the calendar, will have a mental health task. Teach class will have a calendar to try and complete. We hope this will inspire all children at St David's to think about how they can look after their Mental Health and know that there are people to help.

By Kaddy—Diamond Class



Our Wonderful Wellbeing Advent Calendar!

1 Do fifteen star jumps with a Christmas pose between each one. How quickly can you do them?	2 Do something kind for someone in your family or in your class.	3 Make paper snowflake decorations of all different sizes (fold the paper into a small triangle, then cut little pieces out of the edges).	4 Tell someone three good things that have happened this year. Think about how each thing made you feel at the time and why.	5 Go for a walk around the neighbourhood or somewhere close by to see some Christmas lights.	6 Need to relax? Try square breathing! Breathe in for 4 counts; hold for 4; breathe out for 4; rest for 4. Repeat.
7 Stay hydrated. It's just as important to drink water during cold weather as it is in hot.	8 Stroke a pet or hold a cuddly toy.	9 Write down three things that you are grateful for.	10 Share a giggle. Ask your class teacher if some of you can share a funny story or joke.	11 Christmas baking! Bake snowman biscuits: www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/snowman-biscuits	12 Go on a winter walk and collect natural materials to use to make decorations to hang on your tree or display around your house.
13 Play some calming music, close your eyes and focus on your breathing. Tip: Music from Christmas films works well: Home Alone, Nativity.	14 Exercise your mind: try a free online Christmas puzzle or game. Maybe start with https://www.games.co.uk/games/christmas	15 Write a list of people you would like to say thank you to, and why. If any of them are in the school, set yourself the task of saying thank you to them by the end of the day.	16 Time to stretch! We love Cosmic Kids Yoga – Google it and find your favourite.	17 Invite your family to watch a Christmas film together.	18 Take a mindful moment. Step outside and name 4 things you can see, 4 things you can hear and 4 things you can smell.
19 Read a Christmas story with your family.	20 Sing a Christmas carol in the shower!	21 Play a board game.	22 Phone or message a grandparent or family friend and wish them Happy Christmas.	23 Organise a Christmas karaoke with a friend, on your own or with your parents. Maybe have a singing challenge!	24 Sing Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer as loudly as you can.



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Diary Dates

Date	Autumn Term
8 th December	2.15pm Foundation/KS1 Nativity St David's Church
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day -children bring in hamper gifts
14 th December	School Christmas Dinner
15 th December	Carol Service in church - parents invited
15 th December	Christmas Movie Night
16 th December	Last day of term
3 rd January	Spring Term
9 th Feb	Valentine's Disco
13 th -17 th Feb	Half Term
3 rd March	World Book Day
w/c: 6 th March	Parents' Evening Week
17 th March	Red Nose Day - Theme to be confirmed
30 th March	Easter Service - parents invited
31 st March	Last Day of Term
17 th April	Summer Term
1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
8 th May	ADDITIONAL Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
8 th -11 th May	Y6 SATS Week
29 th May - 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June	Non Pupil Day
20 th June	Sports Day
4 th July	Reserved Sports Day
20 th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly in church Y6 parents invited Y6 Leavers BBQ
21 st July	Last day of term for children
24 th July	Non Pupil Day

Term Dates 2023-2024

Non-Pupil Day: 4th September 2023
AUTUMN Term Commences on 5th September 2023 and Finishes on 15th December 2023
 Non-Pupil Day: 20th October 2023
 Half Term 23rd - 27th October 2023

Non-Pupil Day: 2nd January 2024
SPRING Term Commences on 3rd January 2024 and Finishes on 28th March 2024
 Half Term 12th - 16th February 2024

SUMMER Term Commences on 15th April 2024 and Finishes on 23rd July 2024
 Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024
 Half Term 27th May 2024 - 31st May 2024
 Non-Pupil Day: 3rd June 2024
 Non-Pupil Day: 24th July 2024