

## Dear Parents

I am sure the terms are going more quickly at St David's as each week is packed full of interesting and varied activities which help stimulate, encourage and develop our children both academically and emotionally. So far this term, we have had a Da Vinci Technology Day, the PTA Junior Movie Night, the Early Years 'drop-in morning' at the field, Form 5's visit to Tilgate Park and the exciting Sports Week, which included the school Sports Day. Form 6 have just returned from a fabulous week on the Isle of Wight and earlier this term they had a super afternoon at the Apollo Victoria Theatre seeing *Wicked*. I hope you enjoy reading about these and the other events our children have participated in this half-term.

I hope you all have a good half-term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June (after the INSET day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June).

Miss Cressida Mardell, Head Teacher



## Isle of Wight Trip

Form 6 arrived in school full of excitement on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, ready for their trip to the **Isle of Wight**. Following a long drive to Lymington Ferry Port, they made the crossing and began a busy week of visits and activities. The first stop was Alum Bay, where they witnessed glass being made, explored The Needles Old Battery and made sand shapes using multi-coloured sand – all this in windy and rainy conditions!

On Tuesday, whilst enjoying better weather, Form 6 took on the waves with body boarding before visiting Monkey Haven in the afternoon. On Wednesday, they explored Carisbrooke Castle, before heading to Ryde for tree-climbing in the blazing sunshine, and finishing their day at Sky Nets. Thursday saw them visit Godshill Model Village, the Donkey Sanctuary and Dinosaur Isle; a very busy day! Friday, the final day on the IOW, saw Form 6 pack their bags before enjoying their last breakfast and heading out to play Dino Golf. Later, the ferry brought the class safely to Portsmouth and their coach journey home – it certainly was a quieter journey than the one they had made on Monday!





# Key Diary Dates

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Inset Day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
U11 Cricket vs. Royal Russell, 3.45pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
Teams & Leavers Photos, am

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
Form 6 Trip to Horton Kirby

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
Forms 3 & 4 Trip to Leeds Castle

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
PTA Mufti Day (bottle tombola)

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
PTA Summer Fair, 1pm - 4pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Bag2School Collection, am  
PTA New Parents' Drinks, 6.30pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
Informal Concert, 4pm

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Staff vs. Form 6 Rounders, 3.45pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Form 6 Play, 6pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
Infants Trip to Godstone Farm  
Form 6 Play, 6pm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Winning House Trip to Oaks Park, am

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
Nursery Assembly & Work Share,  
8.45am  
Moving Up Morning

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Form 6 Leavers' Assembly, 8.45am

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Infants – normal school, am  
Forms 3-6 Rehearsal at St Mark's, am  
End-of-Year Celebration, St Mark's, 4pm

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**  
Last Day of Term



## Early Years Drop-In Morning

Our Early Years first '**Drop-In**' morning at the school field was a great success! It was fantastic to see so many parents enthusiastically participating alongside their children in a myriad of engaging activities. The morning was filled with excitement and creativity, from the thrilling obstacle courses, where children and parents challenged each other's speed, to the enchanting potion station at the mud kitchen, where little ones concocted magical potions and perfumes.

The butterfly painting station enhanced their maths skills as children doubled patterns on wings, while the flower frames adorned with sticky-back plastic flowers showcased their artistic flair. Chalk drawings on the floor, and the junk modelling station witnessed some truly impressive creations. Snakes and Ladders and den building were big hits, fostering teamwork and problem-solving skills. The addition of dominoes added to the fun-filled atmosphere. Thank you to all who participated; your presence and enthusiasm made the event really special for the children!







## Form 1 Assembly

Form 1 presented their **African-themed assembly** on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The class recited poems that they had written about the "Big Five" animals, showed the beautiful savannah paintings that they had created in Art, recited an African chant and performed a lively dance to Waka Waka at the end. Well done Form 1!



## Tilgate Park Trip

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Form 5 had a fantastic day at **Tilgate Park**, where they learnt about animal lifecycles – they met one of the centre's owls and a cockroach and played games such as 'Whose egg?' They also learnt about how the human body changes as it gets older – Viyan played a brilliant old man! Form 5 also enjoyed visiting the other animals at the nature centre such as the meerkats and the snakes. After lunch, they enjoyed an ice-cream and played some games in the park. It was a wonderful day!



## A Wicked Trip!

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Form 6 had a wonderful time going to see **Wicked** at the Apollo Victoria. They experienced the wonders of a huge and popular West End production: the incredible music, scenery, costumes, lighting, sound effects and, of course, the all-important ice cream in the interval!



# School Notices

## Inset Day Reminder

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 is an additional INSET day this year and the school will be closed to pupils.

## Uniform Reminder

Please can you ensure that your children have named cagoules, sun hats and water bottles in school each day.

## Swimming

Form 4 will be swimming from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and are reminded to bring in their kit.

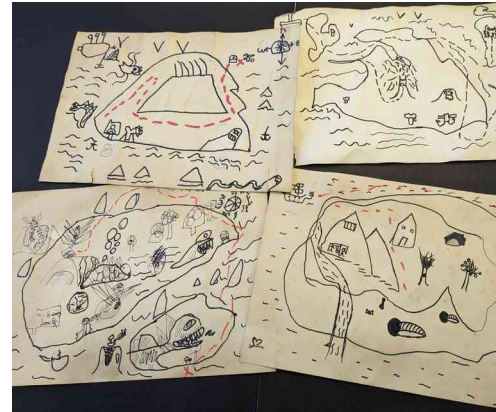
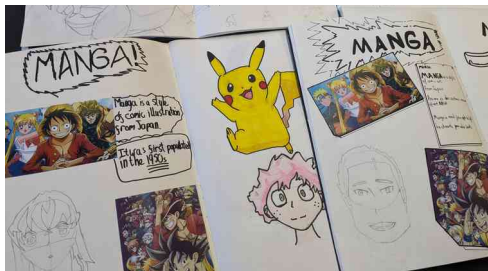
## Booster Groups

Form 5 will have booster classes at 8am on the following days:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June



## Summer Term Artwork

In the **Art Department**, this half-term:

- Form 1 have been creating striking safari sunset paintings
- Form 2 have been creating ancient treasure maps - they even aged the paper using tea and coffee
- Form 3 have designed and started building Greek pots using clay
- Form 4 have been learning about artwork from lots of different cultures around the world
- Form 5 have been working on their photography skills
- Form 6 have been studying Manga, a Japanese comic book illustration style.



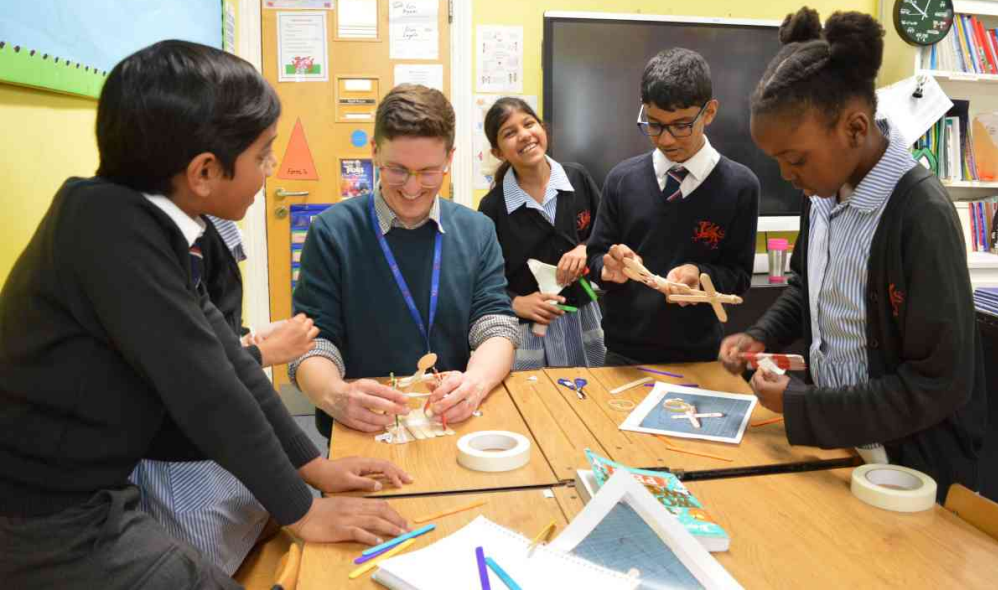
## Eco-Day for Bees

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding an Eco Day in celebration of World Bee Day. Children can dress up as a bee or wear something green. As payment for wearing mufti, we are asking children to do something positive for the environment, which they can take photos of or bring in to share with their class. They could plant a wildflower garden, make a bee or bug hotel, go litter-picking, make a bird feeder or any other idea they research.

**IMPORTANT:** Please plan your idea over half-term and ensure photos/items are brought in by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June to be shared with your class on Eco Day.







# Da Vinci Day

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Mr MacGregor organised a fantastic **technology day**, which involved designing, creating and testing. He challenged the children in Forms 1 to 5 to make either a catapult or a glider using lollipop sticks, rubber bands and various other craft items. The children looked at different designs, but ultimately they came up with their own ideas, which they experimented with and improved upon as they tested.



The children worked individually or in pairs and were ably assisted by staff and Form 6 pupils (who had been trained up previously). After a busy morning of designing, building and refining ideas, each class tested their designs together to see whose flew/fired the furthest. Then, after lunch, the best (or most interesting) contraptions from each class were brought to an assembly where they demonstrated them to the whole school.



Meanwhile, the Early Years children set off to the field with their junk-modelling equipment to build boats. They built some fantastic looking vessels, some of which they shared with the rest of the school in the assembly after lunch.



## Music Exam Success

Congratulations to the following children who have taken music exams recently:

Abigail	Form 5	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Abigail	Form 5	Singing	Grade 1	Distinction
Arjunan	Form 4	Piano	Grade 1	Pass
Elena	Form 4	Clarinet	Grade 1	Distinction
Eve	Form 3	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Janvi	Form 3	Piano	Grade 1	Distinction





## Sports Week

We have had a super sporty time at St David's as part of Sports Week, including our annual Sports Day. The children have absolutely loved it and we're very grateful as a school to have welcomed lots of visitors in to deliver some amazing workshops. A full debrief of the week will follow next half-term, but in the meantime, we are pleased to announce:

### KS1 Sports Day Results

Elephants (Gold), Rhinos (Silver), Monkeys (Bronze)

### KS2 Sports Day Results

Leo (1<sup>st</sup>), Cygnus (2<sup>nd</sup>), Aquila (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Finally, we would like to congratulate Emma (Form 6) for being selected for the Surrey Netball Squad – we are all delighted for her and wish her the very best of luck!



## U11 Cricket

On 7<sup>th</sup> May, St David's took two teams to face Royal Russell in some friendly kwik cricket matches. Our 'A' team lost by 15 runs in a hard-fought match, whilst the 'B' team lost by just 5 runs (that's the equivalent of just one wicket!)



## Form 1 Sports Festival

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Forms 1 and 2 welcomed Old Palace School for an athletics **sports festival**. We were very lucky with the weather as the event ended up in glorious sunshine! The children were split into nine groups and competed in nine different athletics-related activities, including hurdles, ladders and sprints, to name a few. It was lovely to see children bonding from different schools and year groups.



## Form 5 Sports Leadership Award

This half-term, our Form 5 children have been taking part in a **Sports Leadership Award** during their PE lessons. It has involved them learning & understanding what a leader is, how to interact with younger children and designing their own creative sports games.

On 14<sup>th</sup> May, Form 5 children delivered their games to Forms 1 and 2. It was a great experience for them and they all did brilliantly (even in the rain!) Most of them now realise how tough it is teaching children - they were exhausted! Well done to all our Form 5s on an excellent achievement.



# PTA Update



The sun is beginning to shine a little more and that can only mean one thing: Summer Fair!! We are eager for this year's Fair and the exciting activities and events we have planned. We have our usual favourites such as the bouncy castles, the ever-competitive bottle tombola and the fun merchandise stall, but this year we wanted to bring some new additions to the already brilliant day. These will include performances from circus professionals, an inflatable dartboard football game and various other fair games to entertain the whole family. A BBQ has been organised with a local restaurant, who will be putting on a delicious spread, as well as every child's (and possibly parents') favourite, the ice cream van! Tickets are now available to purchase on Classlist. In order to make this a fabulous Fair for all, we need volunteers. If you have any time to spare, no matter how little, please reach out to your class reps or a member of the PTA: it is truly appreciated! You will be hearing more about the Summer Fair over the coming weeks! Don't forget your drogens!

The Juniors had been busy coming up with ideas for an event that they would all enjoy, and they decided on (drum roll) a movie night! It was great to see them all enjoying an event of their own choosing and it was a brilliant evening! They enjoyed a Troll's movie, with popcorn and pizza and went home with a yummy sweet cone. It was such a great evening for the Juniors and we can't wait to see what ideas they come up with in the future for events.

As we are in the Summer term now it is coming close to the end of the academic year and that means our Form 6 class will soon be moving onto new adventures in their next schools. With this end in sight, it was my honour to present them with their personalised leavers' hoodies. Their achievements have been amazing and they made us all very proud! And most importantly they received the hoodies in time for their brilliant trip to the Isle of Wight! Well done Form 6!

Finally, all that's left to say is, have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair!

Katy, on behalf of the PTA Committee