

OCTOBER '25 NEWSLETTER



ST DAVID'S
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



A WELCOME FROM MRS SYRADD, OUR HEAD TEACHER

This half-term has been a busy one full of excitement with a buzz of learning around the school. We have launched our new values-starting this half-term with a focus on strength. From assemblies on WW2 pilot Douglas Bader to Mother Teresa, the children have developed their understanding of what strength looks like. Alongside, the awarding of Jigsaw Gems has celebrated how our pupils demonstrate strength in everyday life. Our PLT have got off to a great start leading our School Council and they are currently monitoring playtimes to ensure our pupils are respectful of playground equipment and to start to collate ideas for the purchase of more equipment.

As a school, we have been focusing on active learning and really exploring exciting ways that pupils can be fully involved in their learning. This has included visitors and trips. In addition, the use of role play, collaborative research, problem solving, IT, presentations and discussion opportunities have all been evident as ways pupils fully engage in lessons.

Our Open Morning was very busy last Wednesday and there was a wonderful vibrancy in the classroom as prospective new parents were toured by our very able and knowledgeable F5 and F6 tour guides. This is another example of giving our pupils ownership of their school and sharing what they are proud of at St David's with others.

Congratulations to them all, as they made us all very proud in how they presented themselves and many positive comments were made by visiting parents.

It was wonderful to see so many parents as part of our recent parent evenings and provide that opportunity to share valuable information on your child's progress. This continued focus on home-school links ensures consistency in learning and helps us towards our high academic expectations.

I enjoyed a wonderful evening at Woldingham School on Wednesday watching our Chamber Choir sing in the Schools Music Festival. Another reminder of how talented our pupils are and the range of opportunities available to them.

Lastly, a huge thank you for the overwhelming generosity of your Harvest gifts this week. It never fails to astound me just how generous our school community is given how small we are. The PLT were fantastic in delivering the produce to Purley Food Hub and helping to organise the goods ready for families in need.

Wishing you all a great half-term.

Mrs Sarah Syradd

Head Teacher



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," Winston Churchill

EARLY YEARS

START OF AUTUMN TERM

We were so excited to welcome our children back into school. Some graduated from Nursery to Reception and some were starting St David's for the first time. We hope they have all enjoyed their first half term as much as we have.



COLOUR DAYS



EYFS TO PURLEY LIBRARY

Our Nursery and Reception classes had a fantastic time on their first trip of the year to Purley Library. The children enjoyed listening to stories and exploring the various books available. Many of them became new library members and we are sure they will return for more visits in the near future with their friends and family.



Our EYFS weekly Colour Days are back by popular demand this term! 🎨 Every Friday, the children come dressed in the colour of the day and enjoy a range of fun, creative activities linked to it. So far, the celebration has included Red, Blue, Yellow, Green and Orange, with the children loving the chance to explore each colour through art, play and learning. It is a bright and joyful way to end the week.



PEOPLE WHO HELP US

We have been lucky to welcome so many wonderful parents who have shared their professions and inspired the children. From doctors and dentists to an eye doctor, physiotherapist, property developer, interior designer and even a banking investor— each session has brought something new and fascinating.

The children have loved getting hands-on, whether “fixing Bob” the eye model, exploring 3D pictures, practising tooth-brushing skills, learning stretches and exercises, or discovering how homes are designed and built.

A huge thank you to all our amazing visitors for giving up their time to come in and talk to the children. Your enthusiasm and generosity have made learning come alive and inspired the children to dream about all the different ways they might help others in the future. 🧡👏

SPORT

U11 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On the first Saturday of the school year, nine boys from Years 5 and 6 took part in an Under-11 football tournament at Royal Russell. For many of them, it was their first time playing together — and at such a fast-paced level of competition. It was a wonderful morning, and fantastic to see the boys working so well as a team. Our defence was truly put to the test, and even other schools commented on how well the team pulled together. Although we had a few unlucky moments, overall it was an incredibly proud moment watching them play.



U9 FOOTBALL V ROYAL RUSSELL



The Year 4 boys put on an excellent performance in their friendly match against Royal Russell. It was a thrilling encounter from start to finish, with both sides battling hard and creating plenty of scoring opportunities. Our boys showed real teamwork and spirit, rising to every challenge that came their way. A fantastic effort all round!

U11 GIRLS FOOTBALL AT ROYAL RUSSELL



For some of the girls a cross-country tournament was not enough sport for one day!! Eight girls from year 5&6 went back to Royal Russell for a football match. The sun stayed out for us and the girls played fantastically. They read the game well and took their opportunities when they could. Ending the game with a 2-1 Victory! To say we had some big smiles on the way home would be an understatement.

FORM 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, 14th October, Form 2 delivered a wonderful assembly all about The Great Fire of London. The children have been learning about this important event in History, discovering how the fire began, how it spread so quickly, and how London was rebuilt afterwards. They explored the lives of the people who lived through the disaster, including Samuel Pepys and King Charles II. The assembly brought their learning to life through confident performances and engaging storytelling. Well done, Form 2 - what a fantastic effort!



KS2 CROYDON SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

What an incredible day at the Croydon Schools Cross Country tournament! We took 28 energetic runners from Years 3-6 to face a fierce field of over 120 competitors in each race, and the challenge was nothing short of epic. From start to finish, our children gave it their all, pushing themselves to the limit with determination, grit and unstoppable spirit.

We could not have been prouder of every single runner who dug deep, ran their fastest, and crossed the finish line with beaming smiles, cheered on by their friends. The results were fantastic, with some brilliant finishing positions — including an amazing 6th place finish that had everyone on the edge of their seats!



HARVEST ASSEMBLY & PURLEY FOOD HUB

On Thursday 16th October, we celebrated our Harvest Festival. Helen Harris led an Assembly and gave us all a real insight into what Purley Food Hub do for the local community. Thank you so much to all our parents for their overwhelming generosity in donations. These were taken by our PLT to the Purley Food Hub and were gratefully received.



PORTALS TO THE PAST

Portals to the Past visited Form 6 this half term to explore WW2. The children learned about the causes of the war and the impact that the war had on Britain, Europe and the world. As part of the experience, the children were able to handle artefacts from the time including a working (but fully decommissioned!) Enfield rifle. The children explored the key events from the war, the impact of the Blitz and took part in drill. Other highlights of the day included decoding authentic messages about major operations during the war, using morse code, taking part in a stretcher bearer race and even learnt how to defuse a bomb in a pressurised environment. It was an absolutely fantastic day and the whole class really enjoyed the experience



Notices

When collecting your child at the end of the school day, we encourage all parents to come to where your child is being dismissed and not wait on the pavement by the road. Not only does this leave the pavement clear for pedestrians and those leaving the school but also creates a sense of warmth and care for your child by being collected directly at the end of their long day.

PURLEY FIRE STATION

Form 2 had an exciting trip to Purley Fire Station on Wednesday 15th October. The children learned about fire safety, explored the fire engines, and even had the chance to try out some of the firefighters' equipment. They asked lots of thoughtful questions and were fascinated to see how firefighters help keep our community safe. It was a fun and educational visit that linked perfectly with their topic on The Great Fire of London.



WORLD Mental Health DAY



Friday 10th October

The ZONES of Regulation

Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
Sad	Happy	Worried	Overjoyed/Elated
Bored	Focused	Frustrated	Panicked
Tired	Calm	Silly	Angry
Sick	Proud	Excited	Terrified

This half term we celebrated World Mental Health Day. In assembly, we discussed how important it is to recognise our emotions and we discovered ways to help ourselves when we are feeling dysregulated. Children are encouraged throughout the day to move their name onto the emotion they are feeling most. This helps them identify what they're feeling and enables us to aid them in moving into the green zone.

PTA UPDATE

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

AGM

It was lovely to see so many of you at our AGM this half term. We were thrilled to hear that parents and carers are keen to get involved in the PTA – whether in big or small ways – and we were delighted to welcome some new members to the PTA committee.

Clothes Donation

A big thank you to everyone who brought in their unwanted clothes. We raised £64 from the collection in October!

Christmas Cards Fundraiser

As always, we loved seeing the children's Christmas card designs. These items make wonderful Christmas gifts whilst also raising funds for school.

Chocolate Tombola Donations

Friday 21st November 2025.

No Christmas disco is complete without our famous Chocolate Tombola! We kindly request chocolate donations which can range from small treats to larger festive selections. They don't need to be Christmas-themed, but please make sure they are unopened, nut-free and in date.

Chocolate donations can be dropped off between 8:10 and 8:30am on Friday 21st November, outside the school to a member of the PTA.

In exchange for these donations, children will be able to wear their own clothes on Friday 5th December, just in time for the Christmas Disco!

Please note there will be no mufti day on Friday 21st November.

COMING UP...

Elfridges at The Davridges Store

Friday 28th November 2025

Details: We're excited to launch this brand-new Christmas event which will take place during the school day. Each class will visit the Davridges store and choose from a range of lovely gifts to buy for their family and friends – we can't wait to see their faces as they pick out something special for their loved ones!

Please look out for further information from your class reps. Tickets will be on sale soon via Classlist.

To make Elfridges at The Davridges Store a success, we'll need all hands on deck! We're looking for volunteers to help wrap gifts, decorate, and coordinate the event. Please keep an eye out for messages from your class reps.

As always, we are so grateful for your ongoing support – every penny raised directly benefits our children. Thank you for making a difference!

Parents Jingle and Mingle

Friday 28th November 2025 (8-10.30pm)

Our annual adults' night out is back! It's a fantastic way to meet other parents and enjoy an evening of bingo, pizza, and cocktails.

Christmas jumpers are strongly encouraged!

Look out for more details from your reps – tickets will be available soon via Classlist.

Christmas Disco

Friday 5th December 2025

There's nothing quite like a St David's Christmas Disco!

We love seeing the children bust some moves on the dance floor.

Further details and tickets will be available soon via Classlist.

Christmas Pantomime

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Beauty and the Beast at Fairfield Halls!

We're thrilled that so many families have already purchased tickets for our annual panto trip – a much-loved St David's PTA tradition that really kicks off the festive season. We can't wait to see the children get involved – "It's behind you!"

ISA AWARDS FINALISTS

St David's are delighted to have been shortlisted for this year's ISA Future Ready award. This highlights our unique Dragory, banking and enterprise systems as well as recognising the planned curriculum opportunities given to pupils to be Future Ready. Stay tuned for the final result!



ISA Awards 2025
Finalist

ISA Award for Future Readiness



WOLDINGHAM CHOIR FESTIVAL

Our 30 strong Chamber Choir attended the Woldingham Choir festival this year and sang 'I will follow you' from Sister Act, a song which the majority of the choir voted for from a choice of three songs. The children were involved in a variety of workshops throughout the afternoon and had a rehearsal and tea, before the concert. It was an amazing opportunity for all the children and their singing was well received by the audience.



INFORMAL CONCERT

The first informal concert of the year included mainly piano performances this time, however we were treated to an electric guitar duet at the end, which certainly livened us all up. Well done to all the children who performed in our first informal concert of the year and look forward to the next one.



MUSIC LESSONS AT ST DAVID'S

We currently have lessons offered by Visiting Music Teachers for piano, flute, guitar, clarinet, saxophone, violin, trumpet and trombone. If you would like to find out more information about having lessons, please contact Mr Urie. Some of our children who play the trumpet, clarinet and violin regularly perform in assemblies, the Nativity plays and even the Christmas carol concert in the church this year. If you would like to join in with our amazing playing, start having lessons as soon as possible!



OUR VALUES



The children have been focusing on the value: **STRENGTH** this half term and have definitely shown this in their school work and socially. Next half term, we will be focusing on **PERSEVERANCE**.

Strength-We work hard to be the best version of ourselves.

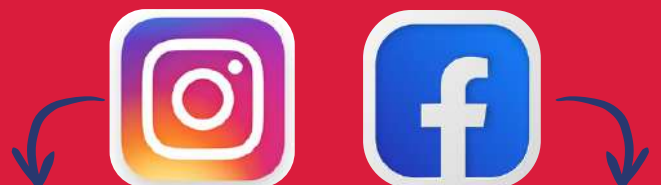
Perseverance-We always keep trying to achieve our goals.

Ambition-We aim high and embrace challenge.

Respect-We are responsible and kind.

Knowledge-We are curious and ask questions.

We really encourage Parents to follow our Social Media Accounts. You can get a full view of all the amazing activities our children are getting up to including reminders and updates. Follow us now on Instagram and Facebook.



DRAMA 4 ALL WORKSHOPS

✨ A Magical Adventure at School! ✨

Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 had an unforgettable time taking part in free performing arts workshops led by a professional actor and drama teacher 🎭♂️🐾. From meeting Merlin the forgetful wizard and his mischievous black cat, to tiptoeing through Morgan Le Fay's ballroom, every child was captivated by castles, dragons, knights and magical adventures 🏰. They loved moving like magical creatures, creating flying potions, and helping Merlin on exciting quests through Ancient Britain.

The workshops were full of laughter, teamwork and creativity. ✨ Children built confidence, explored storytelling, and learned about medieval life in a fun, interactive way. It was wonderful to see their imaginations soar as they engaged with history, drama, and PSHE activities all at once 🌟.



Form 5 Booster Groups

Maths: Mr Raffield

4th 11th, 18th November

Verbal Reasoning: Mr Muringapasi

5th, 12th, 19th November

English: Miss Varndell

6th, 13th, 20th November

Swimming

Form 2 on Monday mornings

3rd November - 1st December

Form 6 on Wednesday afternoons

5th November - 3rd December

DATE LIST (SECOND HALF TERM)

Tuesday 4th November

Brickies Lego Workshop Form 1

Wednesday 5th November

8.45pm Reception Parents phonics Meeting

Thursday 6th November

10-11am EYFS Stay and Play

Wednesday 12th November

Nasal Flu Clinic

Thursday 13th November

Form 5 Class Assembly and Bookshare

Forms 3&4 to Polka Theatre

F6 Maths Competition at Royal Russell

Friday 14th November

Individual, Sibling and Class Photos

Wednesday 19th November

7pm Form 4&5 Transition to Secondary School Meeting

Friday 21st November

Chocolate donations for Christmas Discos (no Mufti)

Saturday 22nd November

South London Harriers Cross Country

Wednesday 26th November

9am EYFS Nativity

Friday 28th November

Form 5 to Tate Modern

13.30-15.40 PTA "Elfridges" in Hall

8-10.30pm PTA "Jingle and Mingle"

Wednesday 3rd December

9am KS1 Nativity

Lunchtime- Chamber Choir Carols at Tesco

Thursday 4th December

Form 2 to "Christmas Unwrapped"

Chamber Choir to Care Home

School Shop

Friday 5th December

Rainbow day in EYFS/ Forms 1-6 Mufti Day

PTA Infant and Junior Discos

Monday 8th December

Whole School Pantomime- Red Riding Hood

Wednesday 10th December

F3-6 Christmas Rehearsals at St Mark's Church

EYFS Christmas Party with Santa

6pm Christmas Celebration at St Mark's Church

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Lunch and Activity Day

Friday 12th December

Last Day of Term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE VIA OUR WEBSITE OR BY EMAILING US.

PROPOSED DATES FOR 2025/2026

OCTOBER HALF TERM	W/C 27 TH OCTOBER
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	W/C 15 TH DECEMBER
FEBRUARY HALF TERM	W/C 16 TH FEBRUARY
EASTER BREAK	W/C 30 TH MARCH/ 6 TH APRIL
MAY HALF TERM	W/C 26 TH MAY
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	W/C 20 TH JULY (FOUR WEEKS)

EASTER AND MAY HOLIDAY CLUBS DO NOT INCLUDE THE BANK HOLIDAYS

ST DAVID'S
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

THE DRAGONS

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

JOIN US FOR AUTUMN CRAFTS, COMPETITIONS, GAMES AND LOTS MORE!

NURSERY TO FORM 6
8-5PM

OPTIONAL EXTRA 8AM-9AM AND 5PM-6PM

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE BY EMAILING US OR SCANNING THE QR CODE.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL:
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ART THIS TERM

- **Form 1** have been exploring lines and colours, including these colourful line monsters.
- **Form 2** have been creating burning houses as part of their Great Fire of London topic.
- **Form 3** have been creating Ancient Egyptian inspired artwork.
- **Forms 4 and 5** have been learning how to use Gelli plates to create abstract mono prints.
- **Form 6** have been working on colourful self portraits.



Halloween Breakfast Cub



Our spooktacular Dragons enjoyed a Halloween themed breakfast club of horrifying hot chocolate with mini marshmallows, oatmeal & raisin creepy cookies, petrifying pancakes with honey, ghost toast and freaky fruit. Stay tuned for our next event!

FOREST SCHOOL

This half term, I have thoroughly enjoyed putting my newly discovered skills into practice with Form 3. We have spent time exploring our natural area, creating artwork from natural materials, whittling, and taking part in scavenger hunts. It has been wonderful to see the children fully embracing the great outdoors – even in the rain and wind!

Miss Marshall, Form 3 Teacher



Garrett Morgan by Niam F3

He made the traffic light and a gas mask for the war!
He had an enormous family and he had 10 siblings including him.
His wife was a seamstress.
Garrett Morgan also had a sewing machine.
He was born in Kentucky (USA).
Garrett created a gas mask for soldiers and firefighters to protect them from gas.
Also he create the 1st prototype for the gas mask.
He was born in March the 4th, 1877.
He sadly died in 1963 because he was very unwell



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This term, we have been celebrating Black History Month. A time to recognise the achievements and contributions of black people throughout history. The children have taken part in a range of activities designed to help them learn about individuals who have made a lasting influence. We began our celebrations with an inspiring assembly led by Mrs Barr, who shared the remarkable story of Dr. Gladys West, the American mathematician whose pioneering work led to the invention of GPS technology. Throughout the month, each class has been learning about a variety of influential black figures who have helped to change and improve the world we live in. The children have enjoyed researching their stories, role plays and sharing what they have discovered with each other.



The PLT invite all children to enter our Poster competition, the deadline is **Tuesday 4th November**. Please see the details below. We look forward to seeing your amazing creations!

Playground Equipment Poster Competition!

Draw or design on the computer
an A4 poster

It should talk about respecting
playground equipment. Make up
rules for our playground. These
should mention positives and not
negatives. E.g. Keep playground
equipment off the climbing frame.

Please hand your entries in to
Form 6 or submit them on Google
Classroom



Please hand them in
by Tuesday 4th
November!

School Council will judge it
and all everyone who
participates will get a
keyring and four winners
will get a light up yo-yo!



ONLINE SAFETY

Increasingly, when we are aware of children accessing material and games inappropriately the majority of these are accessed through YouTube.

It is worth noting that YouTube has an age restriction of 13 meaning that no child younger than this should have an account. As a parent you can provide supervised access through your own Google account. This allows you to manage content settings and guide your child's viewing. Children under 13 can use the YouTube Kids app, which provides age-appropriate content and a controlled viewing experience.

Here is a handy guide for parents to help understand some of the features and challenges of YouTube:

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: Influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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NEXT STEPS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL – OUR USP

For some, the journey to secondary school may seem like a long way away. However, I thought it would be useful to just share our school position regarding how we support that next step.

For us, it is all about identifying the right next school for the individual child – whether that be an independent school, a grammar school or a state school.

We will guide you from Form 4 with information, followed by an individual meeting during Form 5 and help you at any stage until application. This also includes writing a bespoke reference for your child and supporting scholarship applications.

As Headteacher of St David's, I am also very fortunate that our close relationship with Royal Russell allows, during Form 5, the discussion of individual pupils with Mr Chris Hutchinson – Royal Russell's Headteacher. This will lead to unconditional offers for pupils identified as likely to thrive at Royal Russell. However, we are NOT a feeder school and there is no expectation of sending all St David's pupils to Royal Russell. This option is all about choices.

I consider myself to be in a very unique and advantageous position that means the following:

- If your child is selected to receive an unconditional offer from Royal Russell, this option allows your child to continue their educational journey without the challenges of entrance exams and interviews (they will still sit the entrance exam at Royal Russell but their place is not dependent upon it).
- For those parents who want to consider Grammar Schools, our ambitious curriculum will prepare your child for that, and we will be able to individually discuss this as an option.
- For those parents who want an alternative independent secondary school, we will prepare your child to have the best chance of this due to our ambitious curriculum, our exam preparation techniques, our interview practice skills and the development of oracy as a key skill for the future.
- Lastly, for those pupils transitioning to state schools we will send your child off with skills and knowledge to ensure they flourish in their next school.

This, I believe, is a very special position for St David's to be in and one that ensures we will find the right school for each individual child to ensure they leave us future ready to achieve success at their chosen secondary school. As always, our job as a preparatory school is to 'prepare' your child and we continue to strive for high academic standards with our ambitious curriculum aimed at success at 11+ and beyond.

Mrs Sarah Syradd
Head Teacher

STAFFING NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Miss Cadogan is expecting a baby in February. She is obviously thrilled and will be going on her maternity leave during January. I am sure that you will join with all the staff here at St David's on congratulating her and her partner on their exciting news.

**WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A
WONDERFUL HALF TERM. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL
BACK ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**ALL CHILDREN SHOULD RETURN IN
WINTER UNIFORM**