

Term Dates

Christmas Holiday

18th December-2nd January

Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday, 3rd January 2024

Half Term

12th-16th February 2024

This week Devon Wildlife Trust visited Emerald Class and supported them with their current learning on animals, including humans. Emerald Class had a lovely afternoon! On Thursday, 30th November we are inviting you to come into school between 9.15am and 10.15am to spend some time in your child's class finding out about their learning in either history or geography. Please feel free to wait in the front playground when you have dropped your child off in the morning. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible! We are also hoping to see you all at St Michaels' church at 9.15am on Wednesday, 13th December for our Carol Service.

Have a good weekend! Alison Bourne

December at St David's

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

Raffle Tickets

Friday 1st December

Raffle Tickets will be for sale before and after school in the Playground. This Year, there will be one huge hamper per class, up for grabs. Class will be selling their own raffle tickets and there is always a very healthy competition between the classes to see who sells the most!

Foundation and KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 6th December and Thursday 7th December - School Hall at 2.30pm

Parents have already been getting their tickets to watch the KS1 Nativity Play. Wednesday is a complete sell out but there are still tickets available for Thursday. Tickets are limited and will be given on a first come first serve basis.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December

In exchange for wearing your Christmas Jumper, please bring a gift for the Hampers

Diamond - Bottle of Something

Sapphire - Fancy Biscuits

Emerald - Toiletries & Smellies

Ruby - Chocolates

Carol Service and Proper Job Award

Wednesday 13th December

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

Wrapping Room

Wednesday 13th 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 13th 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 8th December.

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th 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 14th 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 15th 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.

November & December

Stay and Play

3.30- 5.15pm

Places for October's S&P, must be booked using this link

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

17th November

96.5% Diamond

24th November

96.33% Sapphire

Star Learners

Ruby

17th November

EYFS: Olly has completed some wonderful writing activates this week. He is listening very carefully when segmenting and blending to spell words. Olly is also developing his letter formation! Well done Olly

Year 1: Lola has impressed the adults this week with her amazing maths skills. She has been able to find ways of making ten this week, and is now able to recite these with confidence. Fantastic work Lola!

24th November

EYFS: Olly is a fantastic role model for his peers. He is always following instructions carefully and show wonderful instructions carefully and shows wonderful sitting and listening during carpet time. Well done and Thank you Olly. You are a superstar!"

Reading certificates:

17th November

Year 1: Amelia O has been answering lots of questions in maths this week and worked hard in this subject. She has been working independently really well! Well done Amelia!

Year 2: Ward has been answering lots of questions this week and has worked really hard in every subject. She is asking lots of questions too, helping with her learning. Well done Ward!

24th November

Year 1: Maya O has been working hard in all lessons and is improving her writing skills! She is developing beautiful handwriting and remembering to use full stops and capital letters independently. Well done Maya!

Year 2: Alma always works hard in lessons and has been using some super vocabulary in her writing. She corrects any errors she has made by re-reading her own work. Alma sets a fantastic example to others in the class. Well done Alma!

Reading certificates: 25 Reads: Agatha C, Borry, Lucia GP, Zara, Pearl, Ward, Sayeed, Edward, Freya, Bram, Emilia, Charlotte L, Evie, **50 Reads:** Aggie A, Kit, Charlotte Li, Evie, Fraser

Emerald

17th November

Year 3: Julia loves school and enjoys every lesson. She is always polite to adults and she is really kind to her peers in the classroom and on the playground. Well done Julia!

Year 4: Mina-Rose always listens well and tries her best. In science, she has been really interested in learning about a 'healthy body' and enjoyed our recent investigation on the bones. Well done Mina-Rose!

24th November

Year 3: Freddie has worked so hard all week. He has listened carefully, answered questions in class and produced some super work. Well done Freddie!

Year 4: Eden is an amazing friend to all of Sapphire Class. If ever anyone needs help, encouragement or a good friend—Eden is always there for them. Thank you Eden!

Reading certificates: 50 Reads: Samia, Illia, Albertine, **75 Reads:** Fares, Otto, Otis **100 Reads:** Lucia C, Jason, Ella, **125 Reads:** Isaac, Arthur, **150 Reads:** Freddie O, Oliver K, **175 Reads:** Samuel

Sapphire

17th November

Year 5: Liangsiyi has made good progress with her writing and reading, and she has been a great help to our new members of Diamond class this week. Well done and thank you Liangsiyi.

Year 6: Esmay has worked tirelessly to improve her handwriting and presentation across all subjects this week. Well done and thank you Ezzy!!!

24th November

Year 5: Jacey has been at her fantastic best this week. She has written a superb story based on 'Firebird', and she has worked hard in all areas. Well done and thank you Jacey!

Year 6: Theo has worked tirelessly in his English and maths groups recently and should be very proud of his achievements. Well done and thank you Theo!

Reading Certificates: 25 Reads: Olly, Ieshia, **50 Reads:** Charlie, Theodore, **75 Reads:** Ted, **125 Reads:** Isabella, Eva, Kaddy, Mayar, **150 Reads:** Nina

Diamond

News

Team Points Winners

17/11— **YELLOW LIONS**

24/11— **GREEN PUMAS**

Lunchtime Star

17th November:

Freddie Owens—for always using his manners. He never fails to say please and thank you.

24th November:

Ocean-Rose Bartley—for using manners, being polite and being a kind friend.

Achievements

Lucia GP—After having to miss her Jiu-Jitsu White to Yellow Stripe belt grading during the summer, Lucia was finally able to take her grading last Saturday and she succeeded in achieving her Yellow Stripe Belt. Well done Lucia



Eden also completed her Jiu-Jitsu grading examination this week and is now entitled to wear a red white stripe belt. Well done Eden!

BBC Children In Need - Friday 17th November 2023



Thank you to everyone that made a donation. We have raised a fantastic **£167.50** for BBC Children in Need. Well done!



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

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined on 31st 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.

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
30 th November	9.15am-10.15am: Humanities Curriculum Morning - parents invited
6 th December	2.30pm Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance— School Hall
7 th December	2.30pm Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance— School Hall
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day -children bring in hamper gifts
13 th December	Carol Service - all families invited
14 th December	Christmas Dinner
14 th December	Christmas Movie Night
15 th Dec	Last Day of Term
2nd January	Spring Term
2 nd January	Non-Pupil Day
8 th Feb	Valentine's Disco
12 th -16 th Feb	Half Term
7 th March	World Book Day
w/c: 4 th March	Parents' Evening Week: Mon/Tue/Thurs: 3.30pm-4.30pm Wed: 3.30pm - 5.50pm
11 th -15 th March	British Science Week Thursday, 14 th - 9.15am-10.15am: Curriculum Morning - parents invited
15 th March	Red Nose Day - Theme to be confirmed
27 th March	Easter Service - all families invited
28 th March	Last Day of Term
15 th April	Summer Term
6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
13 th - 16 th May	Y6 SATS Week
23 rd May	Curriculum Morning - parents invited - focus subject TBC
27 th - 31 st 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: 2nd January 2024SPRING 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 – 31st May 2024
 Non-Pupil Day: 3rd June 2024
 Non-Pupil Day: 24th July 2024