



Term Dates

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 19th December
(NO STAY & PLAY)

Christmas Holidays

Thursday 20th December

Friday 4th January

First Day of Spring Term

Monday 7th January

Diary Dates

KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 12th December

2.00pm start

@ St David's Church.

Christmas Lunch

Friday 14th December

Please wear your Christmas Jumpers

Carols around Tree

Tuesday 18th December at 2.30

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!

ParentPay

REMEMBER

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

7th December 2018

Friday Flyer

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone for their kind donations and to all those who have given up their time to help us prepare for this year's Christmas Fair. It really is greatly appreciated as without your help we would not be able to have this great events!



Thank you to all of the companies, and Mrs Gibson's mum, who very generously donated prizes towards our raffle



Christmas Dinner

Friday

14th December

Please wear your

Christmas/
Winter Jumper

Christmas/Winter Jumper Days

Christmas or Winter Jumpers may be worn on Friday 14th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th December.

These are NOT non-uniform days so please ensure normal school trousers and skirts and footwear are worn on these days.

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.

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

Ruby Class - have been adding a touch of Christmas sparkle to their classroom and have been busy making woodland themed tree decorations!

Emerald Class - have been learning about the five senses and have been putting each to the test! They have enjoyed carrying out different tests and recording their own results using tables and written observations.

Sapphire Class - We have been busy thinking about Treeo HQ; our research lab, reception area, call centre, top floor museum and 'peaceful room' where medals of past Treeo workers are on display. There is also a celebration area of the inspirational natural historian Sir David Attenborough who we have been researching. We want to help him protect the planet...

Diamond Class - have designed new and interesting park layouts in order to help convince Mayor Abigail Jones that the old oak tree should be kept. The creative designs include play areas based on Oakville castle, and a series of tree houses joined by rope bridges!

Congratulations to Jake Williams

for being presented the top award at Beaver Scouts—

The Chief Scout's Bronze Award for being adventurous, helping in his community and learning about the world.

It also means that he has gained skills, worked in a team, completed his Challenge Awards and four Activity or Staged Activity Badges.

Well done Jake!

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

Stuti—25
Ted—75

Emerald Class

Katie—50

Sapphire Class

Alfred—100

Diamond Class

Jake—50
Ibrahim 60
Louis—60
Sky—60
Harley—70,
Clara—70
Charlie—70
Kara—80
Cayla—80
Verity—80
Mary—80
Jessica—80
Grace H—90
Jackie—90
Isabelle—100
Sara—100
Melody—100
Grace W—110
Lacey—120
Kayleigh—120
Zuzia—140
Ruby T-M—140



Ruby

Rec— Manisha

Writer

of the week

Emerald

Y1— Oscar
Y2— Ezzy

Sapphire

Y3— Kaitlin
Y4— Laura

Diamond

Y5— Evie
Y6— Grace H

Star Learners

Ruby	Reception: Stuti — because she is such a happy and enthusiastic member of our team. She's a very creative person and a kind friend. She is working hard to learn all the letters sounds in Phonics and has made a brilliant progress this term. Well done Stuti!
Emerald	Year 1: Nina —because she has been a fantastic actor and singer during our Nativity rehearsals. Nina is always singing beautifully and it has been amazing to see her confidence grow on stage during each rehearsals. Well done Nina! Year 2: Samuel Newton-Cross — because he has shown fantastic knowledge and understanding in science this week. He has been able to articulate his ideas with great confidence. Samuel has shown an enthusiastic attitude which has been evident in his work. Well done Samuel!
Sapphire	Year 3: Szymon — has been a resilient learner. He has been trying really hard to be consistent with this presentation and he has been very resilient with his Maths. He has also been more open minded and he has been working collaboratively with many different people. Well done and Thank you. Year 4: Phoebe Jackson — is coming to school every day with a great attitude towards learning. She has been trying really hard to improve her presentation and she has been more independent. She has been persevering with her reading and she has been doing excellent home learning projects. Well done and thank you!
Diamond	Year 5: Evie's — writing style has really developed and matured this term and her persuasive letter to Mayor Jones was a joy to read. Well done Evie! Year 6: Verity — In maths this week Verity conducted a class survey, totalled her results, converted them into percentages and then converted them into degrees in order to create the perfect pie chart - a tricky task indeed! Well done Verity!



Lunch Time Star

Marcus — for always using his manners with a huge smile!

St David's CE Primary School,

Dinham Road, Exeter EX4 4EE , Tel: (01392) 255569, email: stdavids@ventrus.org.uk



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](https://www.tiktok.com/)

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 reeschoolmeals@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

St David's CE Primary School,

Dinham Road, Exeter EX4 4EE , Tel: (01392) 255569, email: stdavids@ventrus.org.uk



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
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.

