

Friday Flyer

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



Term Dates

Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April

Monday 22nd April

Start of Summer Term 1

Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 6th May

Half Term

Mon 27th May—Tues 4th June

Diary Dates

Parent Consultation Evenings
w/c 4th March

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Wildside Residential

Years 3 & 4
27th—28th June

After School Activities

KS2 Gymnastics

Mondays 14th Jan-25th March
(Club Full)

smART Club

Wednesday

Recommended for Years 1-3
Please enquire in the office regarding availability

KS1 Tennis

Fridays 18th Jan-29th March
(Club Full)

Saints Sports Club

Tuesdays from 15th January
Please register on line
<https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/all-courses/afterschool-club/>

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Children will be participating in ten pirate challenges throughout the day and we would like you to sponsor your pirate (child) to complete as many as possible. School uniform should be worn but children can wear their own pirate headwear or come with a pirate painted face.

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Ruby Class — have been packing up for their voyage to Turtle Island, writing checklists, so they don't forget anything important. They have also learned more about the Navy and what pirates are like today from Mr Hollobon (Isabella's daddy who is in the Navy)

Emerald Class— have written some fantastic stories about King Charles and his mysterious chest which was hidden in Skull Cave. They have started creating some pieces of art based on the work by the Caribbean artist Maureen P Tracey

Sapphire Class - Queen Henrietta Maria of France has commissioned us to travel to the magical Iguazu Falls in search of a famous explorer gone missing. King Charles, her husband, was too worried to speak with us. There is something mystical about these waterfalls... we need to plan carefully for this dangerous mission...

Diamond Class— have drafted and written balanced arguments about whether or not the crew of the Diamond Destiny should travel to South America and search for the missing Commodore Cutter. King Charles of England has offered them a substantial reward if they are brave enough to take on the job!

Cyclocross

14 children from Sapphire and Diamond classes took part in a Cyclocross challenge with 8 other schools at St Luke's High on Thursday. The

enthusiasm and team spirit amongst our children was outstanding and a brilliant afternoon was had by all!



A big thank you to Isabella's Dad who

visited Emerald class on Thursday to talk to the children about his

job in the Royal Navy He explained how the Navy protect the country and their role in dealing with modern day pirates.



ParentPay

REMEMBER

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

our Christian Values

Forgiveness

Friendship

Trust

Respect

Compassion

Justice

STAR AWARDS

Reading Certificates



<u>Ruby Class</u>	<u>Emerald Class</u>	<u>Sapphire Class</u>	<u>Diamond Class</u>
Ted—125	Esmay—50 Ralph—50 Nadia—50 Samuel—100 Kayden—100 Marcus—100		Gracie—80 Jake—110 Ibrahim—120 Ruby G—120 Harley—130 Sky J—130 Louis—130 Evie—130 Charlie—140 Cayla—150 Clara—150 Mary—160 Jackie—160 Sara—170 Jessica—170 Lacey—180 Grace H—180 Noor—210 Isabelle—210 Kayleigh—220 Grace W—230 Kara—240 Zuzia—340 Ruby T-M—320



Writer of the week
Ruby Reception—Ghaliyh Year 1—Theo
Emerald Y1—Eva Y2—Dawid
Sapphire Y3—Jake Y4—Stephi
Diamond Y5—Isabelle Y6—Ruby TM

Star Learners

Ruby	<p>Reception: Ghaliyh — because she always works hard in everything she does and has a fantastic, sunny attitude towards her learning. This week she has impressed us with her brilliant reading and independent writing. Well done Ghaliyh!</p> <p>Year 1: Rayyan — because since joining St David's and the Ruby Class team he has developed many good friendships. He's been trying really hard to learn and remember all of our school rules and routines and always tries his best in everything he does! Thank you Rayyan.</p>
Emerald	<p>Year 2: Noah — because he is always a very kind and helpful member of the class. It is lovely to see how Noah works as part of a team and always considers others. Well Done Noah!</p>
Sapphire	<p>Year 3: Oliwia — has created some fabulous home learning week. She has shown kindness towards friends and it is lovely to see her confidence growing when sharing ideas in class. Well done and Thank you.</p> <p>Year 4: Krzysztof — has produced a lovely piece of creative writing this week, producing a rhyming poem based on the Iguazu Falls Legend. Well done and Thank you!</p>
Diamond	<p>Year 5: Sara — has made some fantastic contributions to our maths lessons on decimals this week. Well done and thank you Sara!</p> <p>Year 6: Noor — tried her absolute best at Cylocross on Thursday, giving everything she had and supporting her team mates brilliantly. Well done Noor!</p>



Lunch Time Star

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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.

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.

Ever Thought of Becoming a Primary School Teacher?

The opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct' led by Exeter Consortium. For more information contact Dawn Chapman at dawn@exeterconsortium.com or on 01392 92717.1 or visit www.exeterconsortium.com

FREE COURSES FOR ADULTS

Are you learning English as an additional Language?

- English for speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

FREE Courses running in Exeter at The Olive Tree (St Sidwell's Centre)

Tuesday 6-7pm: Intermediate
Wednesday 10-12 noon: Lower Intermediate

Thursday 6:30-8 pm: Upper Intermediate

Friday 10-12 noon: Beginners
Friday 10-12 noon: Advanced

For more details contact : 01392 666 222 or contact Paul Vass: paul.olivetree@stsidwells.org.uk

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

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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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

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3.30PM ON
WEDNESDAYS!

All meals to be ordered
using Lunch Time drop
down!!

PLEASE
CLEAR YOUR DEBTS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Playground Security

Please ensure the
front playground
gate is closed after
you enter or leave
the playground.

Many thanks.

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**

Packed Lunches

A reminder that no sweets,
chocolate bars or fizzy drinks
are included in lunch boxes.

