



Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you've all had a good break and are looking forward to the very busy and exciting term ahead of us, including: breakfast mornings, SATS (week commencing 12th May 2025), show reveal and auditions etc. We will as always be encouraging our Year 6 children to **REACH** in all areas of their learning ensuring that they are **being the best that they can be**.

Our fifth term at a glance involves learning linked to our Geography unit - Smash, Shake, Splash, which is focused on earthquakes. We will be using our **empathy** skills to consider how earthquakes effect people and the land. We are obviously going to be rather busy in week three as it is our SATS week, and leading up to this we will be doing all we can to help the children feel **resilient** and ready to **be the best they can be**. At the end of last term, there was a SATS letter, which had information relating to the tests and some top tips and please don't forget about the SATS breakfast - this is a very important part of SATS week. Remember to get your £6 handed into the school office - cash in a named envelope by Thursday 8th May 2025.

Our focus text this term is *Once* by Morris Gleitzman; the children are welcome to bring in a copy to read along with. We started this last term - the book is very thought provoking linking in our World War Two topic; recent refugee work; and our value of **empathy**. During our **REACH** Friday sessions, we will be considering Children's Rights across the world, and we will be doing some outdoor learning linking in geography skills such as orienteering.

General Reminders...

Reading - Please encourage your child to be **resilient** and read, read, read! It is still very important in Year 6 as it helps to prepare them for the expectations at secondary school as well as the SATS tests. We would love all of the class to read 5 times per week to an adult outside of school as well as to read by themselves e.g. before bed. You are able to document this in the children's yellow reading diaries, any children fulfilling this task will be rewarded with a stamp towards their reading awards.

Blog - Keep checking our blog on the school website for up to date information on our learning and some pictures too! https://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/web/spring_term_2_2025/706463

Water bottles - children should be bringing a water bottle in to school every day.

Uniform - A reminder that we are now in summer uniform. If the children wish to go on to the field during break/lunch time, then they need wellies/spare shoes to be able to do this.

Leavers hoodies - The children will be given their leavers hoodies on Friday 16th May and can wear them on PE days - Wednesday and Friday, from Monday 19th May 2025 (after SATS).

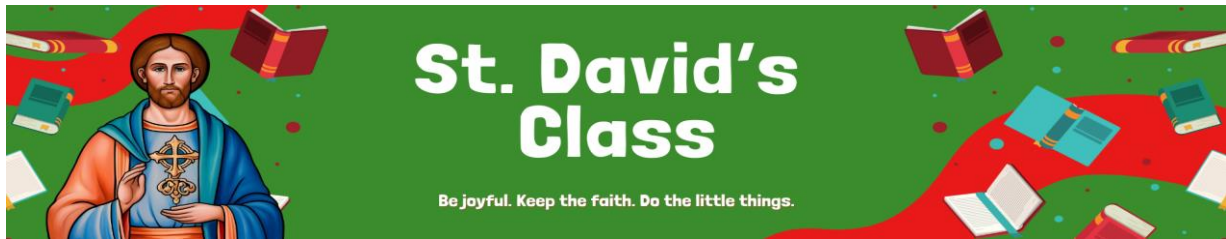
PE - This will take place on a **Wednesday and Friday** afternoon - please ensure children wear their PE uniform to school. This includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts.

Homework - Please encourage your children to do as much as possible as I am setting tasks to prepare them for the demands of Secondary School and to continue to sharpen their knowledge for SATS (happening in May).

Our homework will be set on a Friday (online on Teams) and this will include:

- Spellings - we will not be having these for this term due to SATS preparation. I will send the Year 3/4 and 5/6 lists which the children could work on in preparation.
- Maths - this needs to be completed and submitted on Wednesdays.
- SPaG - this will be on SPAG.com (an online platform).

Please encourage your child to access this each week. This will only be set for the first 2 weeks.



As always, if you have any questions, concerns (or just want a quick chat) I will be on the playground after school most days or via email FAO Mrs Knight via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk. Mrs Hamlin and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Knight