

# EYFS & PRIMARY

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## NEWSLETTER



## PSLT WEEKLY ROUND-UP



**Mrs. Stokes**  
Head of Primary

What a wonderful way to end Term 1! This week, we were treated to the incredible performances of our FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 children. It was such a joy to see them singing, dancing, and performing confidently on stage. A huge thank you to all the parents for their support and encouragement—it made these events even more special.

Some of our Year 3 to Year 6 children returned from their residential trip with happy faces and tired eyes, sharing stories of their fantastic adventures. We're so proud of them for embracing this opportunity and creating lasting memories.

As we wrap up a busy and successful term, I want to wish all our families a wonderful winter holiday and a very happy new year. Enjoy the break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 2, refreshed and ready for more exciting learning opportunities!

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# COMING UP IN TERM 2...

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- Year 3 Stone Age Dress Up Day
- Internal ECA sign up on Engage: Y1/2 from 8.30, Y3/4 from 10.30, Y5/6 from 12.30

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- Tunes on Tuesday, 7.30, Ampitheatre
- Two for Tuesday – Year 2

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- Write it Right! Stationery Shop, 7.30am, Ampitheatre
- Internal ECA sign up closes – 9.00am

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- Wake Up Shake Up – 3A & 3E – 7.30, The Quad
- Year 1 Fairytale Dress Up Day
- Year 2 Ugly Bug Dress Up Day

## REMINDERS

Internal ECAs are not running this week. They start on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**. Please refer to the email that was sent last week with all the information regarding the ECAs for Term 2, as well as the booking process. Sibling Club will be available for siblings of Secondary students only.

# PE/SQUADS UPDATES



**Mrs. Teodoro**  
Director of Sports

## End of Term 1 message!

Dear Parents,

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible achievements and efforts of our students across all sports. It has been a term filled with determination, teamwork, and impressive performances. Our students have excelled in numerous sports, showcasing their talents and embodying the values of respect, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Highlights of this term include:

- Outstanding participation in inter-school tournaments, with notable successes in football, netball, swimming, and cross country.
- The impressive development of our younger athletes in the Year 2 Development Swim Squad and Running Club.
- Our first abroad international competition with the U11 boys football team in Barcelona, that won the plate and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

I would like to thank the PE department for their dedication and commitment to nurturing our students' potential and fostering a love for sports. Additionally, I extend my gratitude to all parents for your unwavering support and encouragement.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited about upcoming competitions, new training programs, and further opportunities for our students to shine. On behalf of the Sports Department, I wish you all a restful and joyful holiday season. Let's return re-energized and ready to achieve even greater heights in Term 2!

## TERM 2 SQUADS:

- Tag Rugby
- Girls Football
- Cross country
- Swimming
- Athletics
- Aquathon
- Gymnastics



## No Swimming during Term 2A

During this term, swimming lessons will not be part of the curriculum. Instead, students will enjoy double PE lessons. For the first five weeks of Term 2, we will focus on the athletics topic. This will help students build key skills and confidence in preparation for Sports Day and the upcoming athletics competitions. Please ensure that your child is fully prepared on both PE days, wearing proper running shoes, a school hat, and bringing a water bottle to stay hydrated. We are looking forward to seeing the students' progress and enthusiasm as they engage in this dynamic and energetic program.



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# SPECIALIST UPDATES

## INCLUSION DEPARTMENT



**Ms. McHugh**  
Head of Inclusion

Last week, some of our primary students participated in the DASSA Unified Swimming Event held at Victory Heights Primary School. This event wasn't just a celebration of swimming and physical education but also a testament to inclusivity and the spirit of teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of our students for representing South View School and we look forward to participating in more DASSA Unified Games in Term 2.



## School Uniform



**Mr. Webster**  
...Associate Head - Pastoral

As we come to the end of term, it has been encouraging to see so many students continuing to set high standards in terms of their conduct and appearance in school. Many students take great pride in wearing their school uniform smartly, presenting themselves well around school and enjoy receiving praise for doing so.

However, there are still a number of students across the school who are not adhering to several key aspects of the school uniform policy. All students are expected to wear plain black school shoes or completely black trainers with their school uniform. They should also be wearing plain white, black or grey socks. As we are now in the cooler Dubai months, students may also wear SVS jumpers, cardigans or zip tops. Students should not be wearing branded tracksuit tops or hoodies.

We want all of our students to take pride in being part of the SVS Community and smartly wearing the correct school uniform is a key aspect of this. The winter break is a great opportunity for families to replace items of uniform that are students have grown out of as well as buying the correct items to ensure students meet their correct uniform expectations as stated in our school uniform policy. Please find below the link to our school uniform supplier, where all SVS branded items can be sourced. Plain black school shoes and appropriate socks can be obtained from many department stores.

[Sumeru Store](#)

# HEADS UP! : A WEEKLY OVERVIEW

## FS1

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

World Of Water



**Ms. Walker**

Head of FS1

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

What an incredible Term 1. Our FS1 children have all settled into their new classes wonderfully, building their confidence daily and developing some truly fantastic relationships. A definite highlight for our little ones was our trip to Ski Dubai. They loved meeting the penguin, experiencing –4 and, for many of our children, seeing and touching snow for the very first time. They have worked very hard and the FS1 team and I are incredibly proud of them. We hope you have a wonderful winter holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- 7.01 - Hook Day
- 14.02 - Sports Day
- 20.03 - Make and Sell

## FS2

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

World of Water



**Ms. Walker**

Head of FS2

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

FS2 have had a fantastic start to the school year. Term 1 has been filled with laughter, fun and learning, as the children settled into their new class and school. We are incredibly proud of the progress and resilience they have shown. Our trip to Ski Dubai was a clear highlight of the term. The children were so excited to meet a penguin, make snow angels and have a snowball fight. Our Winter Shows also stood out as a highlight of the term. It is not easy to stand up and sing in front of a crowd, and FS2 handled the challenge fantastically well. We hope you have a wonderful winter holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in January.

### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- 7.01 - Hook Day
- 14.02 - Sports Day
- 20.03 - Make and Sell

## YEAR 1

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

Enchanted Woodlands



**Ms. Stanton**

Head of Year 1

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

The children have had a wonderful start to Year 1 this term and it has been a joy to see them make such great progress in all that they do. We have really enjoyed following the children's interests and it has been an exciting learning journey in every Year 1 class. Our trip to Dubai Safari Park was a true highlight and the children loved applying all their learning to real life experiences and observations, closely followed by our Pet Day! Our Winter Show was the perfect way to bring a busy term to an end, and we thank you for all the support you have shown us so far this year!

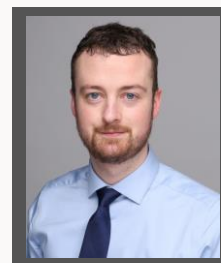
### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- 10.01 - Fairytale Dress Up Day
- 13.02 - Sports Day

## YEAR 2

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

Wriggle and Crawl



**Mr. Larkin**

Head of Year 2

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

This term has been full of wonderful achievements and memorable moments. All the children have settled in so well and have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. One of the highlights this term was our trip to the Dubai Miracle Garden, where the children had a fantastic time exploring and learning. To top off the term, the children put on an amazing winter show, showcasing their talents and hard work. It's been a fantastic term and we are looking forward to seeing you all back in January.

### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- 10.01 - Ugly Bug dress up
- Dubai Butterfly Garden – Jan/Feb. Date TBC.
- 13.02 - Sports Day

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## YEAR 3

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

Tribal tales



**Ms. Ryan**  
Head of Year 3

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

What an amazing Term1 ending with our pizza making trip and residential trip for some children. The children have had a fantastic first term with lots of successes and achievements from academic events to sporting events across the term. They all really enjoyed their trip to The Green Planet earlier this term also.

I wish everyone a restful winter and look forward to Term 2.

### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- 06.01 (first day back) - Stone Age dress up
- 10.02 - Sports Day

## YEAR 4

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

Misty Mountain



**Mr. Didcott**  
Head of Year 4

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

We have had an amazing first term! Ski Dubai was a definite highlight for us where we had an amazing time skiing and experiencing a very cold climate! The Dubai Drums that came into school were also fantastic and we also loved our Survivor Day at the beginning of term too. The Winter Fayre was also a lovely event, which gave us all a chance to mingle and have a great time too.

### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- Sheikh Mohammad Centre for Cultural Understanding trip, Feb/March 2025.
- 10.02 - Sports Day

## YEAR 5

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

Scream Machine



**Ms. Barlow**  
Head of Year 5

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

Term 1 has ended with a fantastic few days at our annual residential camp in RAK. Year 5 have had so many great activities such as our Viking Day, Space Day, the Cosmic Domes in school along with the Winter Fayre and the UAE's 53rd National Day celebrations.

The students have excelled in their learning journey across the whole curriculum, with some fun and engaging activities, immersing themselves into the real life experiences.

### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- Motiongate Trip – Jan/Feb 25
- 11.02 - Sports Day

## YEAR 6

### OUR TERM 2A TOPIC:

Tomorrow's World



**Mr. Kavanagh**  
Head of Year 6

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

Term 1 has been an amazing term for all students. Their adjustments to Year 6 have been incredible and the outcomes across all subjects have been something all children should be proud of. All children have pushed and challenged themselves and I have no doubt this will continue going into Term 2.

The term has ended with an incredible residential trip which all children thoroughly enjoyed and they have loved sharing the experience with their peers back at school.

### KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

- 11.02 - Sports Day



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