

EYFS & PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



PSLT WEEKLY ROUND-UP



Mrs. Stokes
Head of Primary

Wow, what a year! It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by. This week has been filled with celebration, reflection and immense pride in all that our students have achieved.

A very special mention must go to our Year 6 students for their incredible Milestone Show. What a performance—it was the perfect way to mark the end of their Primary School journey. It was a truly special occasion, filled with joy, talent and emotion. We are immensely proud of each and every one of our Year 6 students and everything they have accomplished during their time at SVS Primary. They will be truly missed and we wish them all the very best as they move into Year 7.

We also thoroughly enjoyed the Dune Productions performance earlier this week—what a wonderful treat for our students—and wrapped up the week with our Key Stage 2 Sports Awards, celebrating our young athletes and their dedication, effort and sportsmanship throughout the year.

This will be the final newsletter of the year. Next week, you will receive transition information and an end of year letter to round up the year.

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COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

MONDAY, JUNE 23

- Pre-Loved Uniform – Clothes Drop, 7.20-8.00, EYFS Hall
- FS2 Milestone Ceremony, 8.30, PMPH – Parents Welcome

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

- End of Year Awards Ceremony (Invite Only), 12.30, PMPH
- Two for Tuesday Year 5 and 6

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

- Pre-Loved Uniform Event, 7.20-8.00, EYFS Hall
- SVS Speaks Out Final
- Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Exhibition, 12.30-1.30, Y5 Classrooms
- Winning House Celebrations in school
- End of Year Reports – published to parents

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

- Final day of the academic year – school closes at 12pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

- SCHOOL CLOSED – ISLAMIC NEW YEAR

REMINDERS

Please follow the usual Friday pick up times for Thursday 26th June.

PE/SQUADS HIGHLIGHTS

Term 3 Sports Awards Ceremony 2025



Mrs. Teodoro
Director of Sports

We were delighted to host the Term 3 Sports Awards Ceremony, a celebration of the dedication, talent, and achievements of our **squad athletes** this term. The event highlighted the incredible commitment shown by our students in Basketball, Gymnastics and Swimming, as well as the vital support of our families and the ongoing efforts of our PE department. Special mention to **Tala Akari** and **Charlie Parret** for receiving the Sport Personality of the Year 2025 and to the **U11 Boys Basketball team nominated as Team of the Year**.

From teamwork and perseverance to standout individual performances, our athletes have truly embodied the spirit of sport. Congratulations to all award recipients – your hard work has not gone unnoticed, and you continue to make our school proud.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the ceremony and to everyone who has supported our sports programme throughout the year.

Let's carry this momentum forward as we look ahead to even more sporting success next year!

Awards winners:

U8 girls basketball: MIP – Emma Vindel; MVP – Noor Al-Harmouzi

U9 girls basketball: MIP – Chloi Mavraki; MVP – Nour Alkafoury

U10 girls basketball: MIP – Yasmin Thiab; MVP – Mona Dabdoub

U11 girls basketball: MIP – Diana Abouelenein; MVP – Amelie Rizan

U8 boys basketball: MIP – Sami Abed; MVP – Alesander Dabdoub

U9 boys basketball: MIP – Ali Owais; MVP – Mourad Mowafy Hassanin

U10 boys basketball: MIP – Blake Williams; MVP – Jude Abdo

U11 boys basketball: MIP – Jalen Willock; MVP – Ali Mowafy Hassanin

U8 Gymnastics: MIP – Mira Chhoury; MVP – Ayerton Heer

U9 Gymnastics: MIP – Imogen Gilbert; MVP – Aika Shimizu-Omoregie

U10 Gymnastics: MIP – Gabriela Mendes; MVP – Teah Mhawech

U11 Gymnastics: MIP – Veer Sugandh; MVP – Jasmin El Bahi

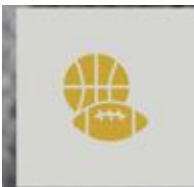
Swim Squad girls: MIP – Autumn Wilson; MVP – Layla Fahmy

Swim Squad boys: MIP – Jean Puupponen; MVP – Andre Roque

Team of the year: U11 DASS & BSME boys basketball team

Girl sport personality of the year: Tala Akari

Boy sport personality of the year: Charlie Parret



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SPECIALIST HIGHLIGHTS

Music, Creative & Performing Arts



Mrs Gammage
Head of MCPA

What a fantastic year it has been for the Performing Arts, with countless opportunities for students to perform, showcase their talents, and shine. A standout highlight was Tunes for Tuesday; students from EYFS, Primary, and Secondary performed for their peers, parents, and teachers, singing, playing instruments, and giving it their all. These joyful mornings celebrated student passion and built a real sense of community.

Wake Up, Shake Up on Friday mornings was another weekly favourite, filling the Quad with energy, laughter, and smiles. It gave both students and teachers a chance to step into the spotlight and perform!

This year has also been filled with a range of performances. From the FS1 Summer and FS2 Winter Shows to the Year 1 and Year 2 Productions, each event brought something special to the stage. The KS2 production of *What's the Crime, Mr. Wolf?* and the Year 6 Milestone Show both showcased the students' growing talents. Additionally, students in Years 3, 4, and 5 delivered memorable class assemblies that celebrated their classroom learning through singing and acting. Each performance offered students a valuable opportunity to build confidence and express themselves creatively.

The Primary Choir also had a fantastic year, performing at the Winter and Spring Fairs, Tunes for Tuesday, and the End of Year Awards Ceremony, always lifting spirits with their energy and enthusiasm.

I'm incredibly proud of what our students have achieved and grateful to have been part of this amazing journey in the Arts!

Art



Mrs Webster
Art Teacher

It has been another wonderful year in the most creative place in the school. We have had some superb highlights including Art Dubai visiting us with Emirati artist Alia Hussain for a workshop on The Future of Water, students from FS1 to Year 6 taking part in Inktober and Canon hosting very informative and engaging photography sessions for Year 5 students. FS, Year 1 and 2 students all put on beautiful art shows during their shows.

Our students have enjoyed their art lessons being linked to the topics they are studying in class. Our youngest learners loved discovering more about Felicette, the only cat to travel into outer space during their Journey Through Time topic and the Great Lego Spill during Earthsavers resulting in printing, collage, painting and a whole lot of glitter! At the other end of the school, Year 6 students embraced learning about Pop Art, finding out more about Andy Warhol and unveiling their inner Banksy during their Street Art study. The Year 6 Production Props team also did themselves proud by designing and producing all the props in the KS2 Show.

I can't wait for another year with my incredible students and I have so much planned for you! I wish you all a well-deserved and relaxing summer break!

SPECIALIST HIGHLIGHTS

Arabic & Islamic



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of Arabic and
Islamic

What an exceptional year it has been for the Arabic & Islamic Department, full of growth, achievement, and enriching experiences for our students. Throughout the year, our students have made remarkable progress in their language and Islamic knowledge, demonstrated through regular assessments and engaging classroom activities aligned with the UAE National Curriculum. Our curriculum has covered a wide range of essential topics that have developed students' reading, writing, speaking, listening, and memorisation skills. Students took pride in applying what they learnt to daily life, reflecting Islamic values and cultural understanding both inside and outside the classroom. This year, we also celebrated several special initiatives and events that showcased our students' talents and commitment. Highlights included successful participation in Quran recitation competitions and Arabic poetry contests, where many students received awards for their outstanding performances. Our Arabic & Islamic Assemblies provided opportunities for students to share their learning, build confidence, and celebrate their heritage with their peers and teachers. Our TRIBES activities and cross-curricular initiatives have strengthened students' confidence and communication skills, encouraging collaboration and respect within our diverse school community. We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work, dedication, and achievements this year. Thank you to all parents for your continuous support, and we look forward to another inspiring and successful year ahead in the Arabic & Islamic Department!

Modern Foreign Languages



Ms. Niamh
Primary MFL teacher

As we approach the end of our academic year, we would like to thank you all for your support on your children's language learning journey. What an incredible year it has been! This year in our weekly lessons, we have had lots of fun learning our different French and Spanish topics.

In Year 6 we have focused on our grammatical concepts such as masculine and feminine articles, conjugating verbs, sentence structures and expressing our own opinions using reasoning in the language. To our year 6 students we wish you the very best of luck on your next chapter in secondary school!

In Year 5, we have enjoyed becoming more confident in our written and oral language skills we loved learning about our different French and Spanish traditions and celebrations and why they are celebrated, how to identify planets using intensifiers and adjectives to describe them and how to describe our dream holiday destination. We are looking forward to improving our grammatical concepts in Year 6 next year.

In Year 4 we have enjoyed learning our topics in both French and Spanish and being able to identify cognates in both languages. Our favourite topics this year have been- fruits and vegetables and sports and hobbies. We loved expressing our opinions on these and comparing them to our classmates! We are looking forward to focusing on one language next year to improve our pronunciation and writing skills.

In Year 3 we have enjoyed learning both French and Spanish. Our highlight this year was attending our French and Spanish Breakfast Café. We thoroughly enjoyed trying all the different foods from both countries and learning how to ask for them in the languages. We are also looking forward to focusing on one language next year to improve our pronunciation and writing skills.

Please feel free to use our language learning app *Linguascope* over the summer to practice our French and Spanish topics we have learnt this year.

The log in details are as follows-

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A ROUND OF UP THIS YEAR...

FS1

Ms. Walker

Head of FS1

What an amazing adventure we've had in FS1 this year! Our little learners have taken their very first steps on their school journey, growing into curious thinkers, imaginative creators, and keen investigators.

In Term 1, we focused on settling into 'Big School', forming new friendships, and building strong, meaningful connections. As we journeyed 'Around the World', we explored different continents and even ventured to Ski Dubai to bring our learning to life.

In Term 2, we dived deep into the ocean, following the children's interests through exciting new themes. Some explored icy landscapes and the science of melting and freezing, while others investigated plastic pollution and its impact on marine life.

Term 3 brought one of the most exciting highlights of the year—our Dinosaur-themed Water Day! We became time travellers, discovering fascinating facts about prehistoric creatures and proudly performed for our families in our much-loved FS1 Summer Show. We rounded off the year with a joyful trip to OliOli, celebrating all we've achieved and making cherished memories with our friends.

As the children wave goodbye to FS1, we have no doubt they will continue to flourish in FS2.

FS2

Ms. Walker

Head of FS2

What a year it has been in FS2. We have been on an absolutely incredible journey filled with lots of play, lots of learning and above all else so much fun.

We started the year in Term 1 focusing building our classroom communities. We hoped on board SVS Airways for a trip around the world where we got explored the different continents. Each class explored their own interests by comparing different habitats, cultures and continents. We ended the term with a very cold trip to Ski Dubai.

In Term 2, FS2 became champions of *sustainability*. Each class tackled their own environmental challenge—from melting ice caps and plastic pollution to rising sea levels. We learned how to care for our planet and took meaningful steps to turn our classrooms into more sustainable spaces.

Term 3 began with a roar during our dinosaur-themed Water Day. From there, we delved into the fascinating worlds of volcanoes, dinosaurs, and fossils, letting our curiosity lead the way. We wrapped up the term with a fun-filled trip to OliOli, celebrating all that we've accomplished this year. Now, as we get ready to spread our wings and soar into Year 1, we mark the end of our journey through Foundation Stage with pride during our *Milestone Ceremony*.

YEAR 1

Ms. Stanton

Head of Year 1

It's been a year of fun, growth and progress in Year 1 and it's hard to believe it's already time to send the children off to Year 2! The children have loved leading their own learning in our child led topics, including Animals, Fairytales and Dinosaurs. Our Pet Day and trip to the Safari Park were highlights in Term 1 and it was great to see the children link their learning to real life observations of animals. In Term 2 the children brought fairytales to life and the children loved role playing their class stories with their friends in the pod, and it was amazing to witness the progress in their writing skills as they created their own creative pieces. As we stepped into the final term of Year 1 the children jetted off around the world to explore different cities and enjoyed carrying out experiments to investigate materials and how they could be used in buildings. Finally, our Dinosaur Planet topic enabled the children to create their own learning projects, and it was a pleasure sharing these with you today to celebrate the end of a fantastic year!

YEAR 2

Mr. Larkin

Head of Year 2

It has been a memorable and rewarding year in Year 2, marked by curiosity, creativity and academic growth. We began with a lively pirate-themed topic, using The Pirates Next Door to inspire storytelling, map-making, and problem-solving. In Term 2, our science learning focused on plants, lifecycles, and climate, enriched by a visit to Miracle Garden. The Butterfly Garden further supported our exploration of minibeasts and habitats, culminating in our engaging Ugly Bug Dress-Up Day. Our English work was shaped by high-quality texts including Jim and the Beanstalk, The Tunnel, Morris the Mankiest Monster and George's Marvellous Medicine, which inspired descriptive writing and hands-on science investigations. We also developed our understanding of materials and structures. Special events such as the Winter Play, World Book Day and our visit to Oli Oli provided further opportunities for personal development and collaborative learning. As the year concludes, we are proud of the progress each child has made and the enthusiasm they have shown. They now move forward to Year 3 with confidence, independence and a continued love for learning.

A ROUND OF UP THIS YEAR...

YEAR 3

Ms. Burton

Head of Year 3

Year 3 have had a truly amazing year! The children have made a brilliant start to Key Stage 2, showing tremendous growth in independence, confidence and maturity. They've approached new challenges with enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity - making us incredibly proud. One of the highlights of our year was a Roald Dahl-inspired unit, where the children imagined and created some truly disgusting (but wonderfully imaginative!) dishes. They wrote their recipes with great creativity and care. Our residential trip was also a firm favourite, giving the children a chance to build independence, make special memories and strengthen friendships. Another highlight was our visit to Domino's Pizza, where pupils followed a real recipe in a fun, hands-on setting. At Green Planet, the children bravely held giant snails and cockroaches while deepening their understanding of food chains and animal adaptations - a perfect blend of learning and adventure! Their performance of Wonka's Den was another proud moment. Every child shone on stage, demonstrating creativity, teamwork and confidence. Sports Day was equally memorable, filled with energy, encouragement and heart-warming support for one another. We're so proud of the progress the children have made this year - both academically and personally. They've taken pride in their learning, supported one another and continued to grow in resilience and independence. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing the children continue to grow in Year 4!

YEAR 4

Mr. Didcott

Head of Year 4

It's been a great year! Children have enjoyed an exciting and enriching learning journey filled with fun, laughter and memorable experiences. From team-building and adventure at Ski Dubai, exploring animal science at Sharjah Wildlife Park, to deepening their understanding of culture at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding, our trips this year have helped them grow in confidence and curiosity.

Our dress-up and theme days have brought our topics to life, with Roman Day being a standout moment. The students stepped back in time, immersing themselves in Roman life through costume, drama and hands-on activities. The exhibition that went with it was another highlight, giving children a chance to showcase their learning with pride and share their knowledge and creativity.

SVS Shares gave families a chance to join in on the learning journey, also providing opportunities for children to reflect on their progress and celebrate their strengths and spot areas for development.

The results we have reflect the hard work, focus and perseverance the children have shown. More importantly, we are proud of how they have grown as individuals - more independent, thoughtful, and ready for the challenges of Year 5.

We thank you for all the support you parents have given us over the year and wish the children every success as they move on.

YEAR 5

Ms. Barlow

Head of Year 5

It has been a truly wonderful year! The Year 5 students have had a 'roller coaster' of a year, literally! Our trips have taken us from the Museum of the Future to Motion Gate, Street Maniax, and a Two-Day Residential. The excitement the students have shown for these days out was truly commendable. These trips have built strong friendships and team ethics along with a strong sense of community within the year group.

Our dress-up theme days have been wonderfully insightful, stretching the students' learning and engagement with the topics we have covered. Their learning has gone beyond expectations with insightful reports about UAE space explorers, exciting newspaper articles about the discovery of 'Cleopatra's Tomb in Damac Lagoons!' Year 5 students immersed themselves in Viking life, writing diary entries as Viking children who had betrayed their clan.

The two SVS Shares that have taken place this year have been a great opportunity for the students to share their learning journeys with their families. These experiences have helped them expand their ability to take responsibility and ownership of their learning and explore their strengths and areas for development.

The children should all be proud of how much they have learnt, the knowledge and skills they have gained, but most importantly, how much they have grown as individuals this academic year.

We wish them all the best for the future, either at SVS or the wider world!

YEAR 6

Mr. Kavanagh

Head of Year 6

What a fantastic year it has been for our Year 6 cohort! From start to finish, the children have demonstrated tremendous academic growth and social development. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and positive attitudes have made this year one of great success and pride.

One of the most remarkable achievements has been the strong sense of community built within the year group. Every child's voice has been heard and valued, creating an environment where all students feel safe, included, and empowered. This spirit of unity has been evident in every aspect of school life—from collaborative classroom learning to the friendships that have flourished along the way.

The children have embraced every opportunity to make memories together. Our exciting school trips, including the unforgettable residential, the inspiring visit to the Museum of the Future, and the energetic day out at Bounce, gave students the chance to bond, explore, and create shared experiences that they will carry with them for years to come. Academically, the cohort has excelled beyond expectations. The fantastic GL scores are a testament to the students' outstanding effort, determination, and focus throughout the year. Their commitment to learning has truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of what they have achieved.

To round off the year, our Milestone performance provided the perfect celebration of the journey we've taken together. It was a joy to see the children's confidence, creativity, and team spirit shine on stage—a fitting tribute to the growth they've shown this year.



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