



## St David's College Newsletter Summer 2026

As another busy and successful school year comes to a close, this newsletter celebrates the many achievements, events, and memorable moments shared by our students and staff throughout the final term. We are proud of all our students for their hard work, participation, and positive contributions to school life. We hope you enjoy looking back on some of the highlights.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation

On 19th May, the Class of 2026 gathered with family, friends, and staff to celebrate their graduation from St. David's College. The celebration included a blessing from Fr. Bryan Shortall, musical performances by Ms. Whyte and her music group, and the presentation of certificates and awards recognising students' achievements and contributions during their time in St. David's. A sincere thank you to Ms. Bowles for her work in organising the event, and to all staff who helped make the occasion so special. We congratulate the graduates and wish them every success and happiness in the future.



Congratulations to Marcin Nogajczyk, who received the 6th Year Student of the Year award, and to Devon Wosser, who was named LCA Student of the Year.



2026 Graduates

# Annual Awards Ceremony

St. David's College hosted its Student Awards Evening on the 25th May. The awards ceremony was a wonderful celebration of student achievement, recognising accomplishments across academic, sporting, and musical areas. Congratulations to the Students of the Year: Jack Dunne (1st Year), Shindy Babalola (2nd Year), Kian O'Neill (3rd Year), and Aaron Dunne (5th Year).

Students from the year groups were also honoured under the three Edmund Rice Award categories: Academic Excellence, Endeavour and Positive Contribution. These awards recognise students for academic achievement, perseverance, and commitment to school life.

The event also featured performances by the school choir and talented student musicians, adding to the occasion. It was very well attended, with students and their families enjoying an evening of celebration and recognition.

A special thanks to Ms. Bowles and teachers for organising the event and to Ms. Whyte and the school choir. Congratulations to all of this year's award winners – your hard work and spirit make St. David's proud.



## JCSP Profile Awards



Congratulations to our 3rd Year JCSP students on receiving their Profile of Achievement. This award acknowledges the dedication, progress, and achievements students have demonstrated throughout their three years. It highlights not only academic learning, but also the development of important skills, personal growth, and the effort shown across a wide range of subjects.

Thank you to the teachers and staff whose guidance and encouragement have supported them along the way.





### **Talent Show**

The annual Talent Show, held in May, was a wonderful celebration of student talent, with each act bringing something special to the event.

Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who took part in making the show such a success. Thank you to all staff and students involved.



### **Barcelona Trip**

Our 2nd Year students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Barcelona over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The itinerary was packed with exciting activities, including visits to Montserrat, the Science Museum, and PortAventura theme park. Students also made wonderful memories relaxing and having fun during evenings spent at the pool and on the beach. It was a memorable trip filled with adventure, laughter, and great experiences for all involved. Many thanks to the teachers for organising the tour and for giving their time and support.



## Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week, held in May, brought the school community together for a week of activities designed to promote positive mental health, teamwork, and fun. Throughout the week, students enjoyed mindfulness sessions, movies, art, sports, walks, a talent show, and a variety of special events including sports day on Thursday and to end the week with a Teachers vs Students basketball match. Daily meditation and other wellbeing activities helped create a positive and uplifting atmosphere throughout the school. Many thanks to Mr. Dunne and the Wellbeing team for planning and coordinating the activities throughout the week.



## Boyne Valley Camino

Our 5th Year students took part in a retreat in Louth this May, walking the 25km scenic Boyne Valley Camino on a beautiful sunny day. The Boyne Valley Camino offers a journey through history, taking walkers on a route of riverside paths, greenways, woodland trails, quiet country roads, canal paths, and open countryside, stretching from Drogheda to Old Mellifont Abbey and back. The students and staff showed great determination, resilience, and team spirit throughout the day making it a memorable experience.



# Sports



Well done to our athletes who competed in the two-day North Leinster Track and Field Championships in May, representing the school with great effort and determination.



Congratulations to George Menton who represented St. David's in The Leinster Post Primary Schools Final. George finished with an even Stableford round and 18 points, earning a tie for 9th place overall.

Our Senior Hurling team saw their season come to an end after a hard-fought semi final battle. The players showed great teamwork, and commitment throughout the year and can be extremely proud of their performances and achievements.

Our Rowing Club took part in the 'Get Going, Get Rowing' competition in Islandbridge, where students had the opportunity to put their new rowing skills into practice.



Congratulations to the Second Year Gaelic Football team who participated in the ERST blitz in Clontarf in May. The team performed brilliantly throughout the competition, winning all four of their matches. Well done to all involved on a fantastic achievement.

Well done to our First Year girls who took part in the Kerrie Whelan Memorial Tournament in Clontarf. The team narrowly missed out on a place in the final, but finished strongly by winning a penalty shootout to secure 3rd place.

# Sports Day

Sports Day took place on May 14th, with students showing great enthusiasm and resilience despite the cold and wet conditions. A wide variety of events and activities were on offer throughout the day, including track and field competitions such as sprints, relay races, high jump, long jump, javelin, and shot put, alongside fun and competitive challenges like tug of war, jousting, football tennis, pitch and putt, penalty shoot-outs, and sumo wrestling.

The day concluded with a highly anticipated football match between the 6th Year students and the teachers. Following a tense penalty decider, the 6th Year students claimed victory over the teachers.

Thanks to the Sports Department for their hard work in organising the day. Congratulations to all of the winners on the day.



# Junior News

## April

### First Year Reading Club

Members of the First Year Reading Club enjoyed a special trip to the Abbey Theatre, giving students the opportunity to experience live performance and develop their love of literature.

### 1916 Walking Tour

Students in 3 O'Driscoll took part in a 1916 Walking Tour with Mr. Costello, exploring key historical sites and learning more about the events of the Easter Rising.

### DCU Maths Quiz

A group of 2nd Year students represented the school in the DCU Maths Quiz Competition, where they competed against other schools. Congratulations to one of our teams who achieved an excellent 3rd place finish.

## May

### Emerald Park

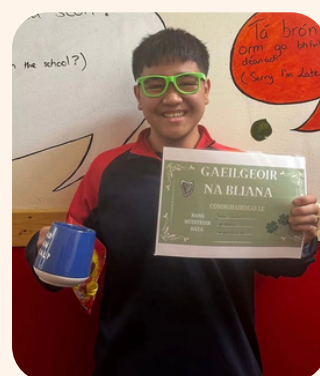
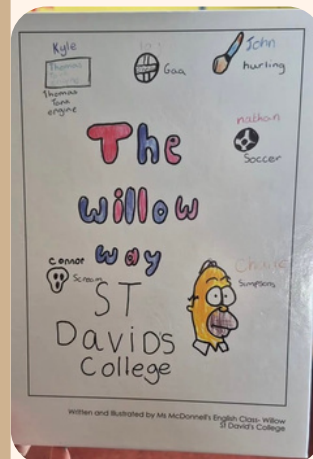
Congratulations to 1 Lee and 2 Ash, winners of the attendance competition, who enjoyed a fantastic day out at Emerald Park. The trip was filled with excitement, thrills, and plenty of memorable moments. Well done to all students for their excellent attendance.

### Literacy Project Success

Congratulations to Willow for taking part in a wonderful literacy project. Willow created, wrote, and illustrated their own book, "The Willow Way", sharing experiences of starting at a new school, along with personal interests, hobbies, and role models. This was a fantastic achievement and a wonderful display of creativity and talent.

### Gaeilgeoir na Bliana

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# Transition News

## TY Final Term Highlights

- Attended the Logistics Expo in the National Basketball Arena.
- Enjoyed a Walking History Tour of Dublin and a Geography trip to Howth.
- Visited Trinity College and the National Gallery.
- Had a fun and activity-filled day at Causey Farm.
- Took part in a hike in Howth and a trip to Emerald Park.
- Attended a Careers Talk and a Building Resilience workshop.
- Some students participated in the Finance Your Future workshop with Laura from KPMG.
- Some students experienced an introduction to boxing at the FightR Club, founded by Irish Olympian Emmet Brennan.



## TY Graduation

Congratulations to our TY students on celebrating their graduation on the 26th May after a fun and memorable year. Students embraced the many opportunities TY had to offer and made the most of their experiences along the way.

Special congratulations to Aaron Markey, who was named TY Student of the Year. Thank you to Ms. Reid, Ms. Byrne, and all teachers for organising activities and their commitment throughout the year. Best of luck as you move on to senior cycle and we wish you every success in the years ahead.

# Senior News

## 5th Year LCVP Visit in

In May, 5th year LCVP students welcomed Bronwen Cassidy from Broadridge, who gave an interesting talk on her career to help them complete part of their LCVP portfolio.

## LCA2 Bowling

Our LCA2 class enjoyed a game of bowling to mark their last week of classes!

## 6th Year Mock Awards

The 6th Year Mock Awards brought plenty of fun and laughter as students were recognised for their unique talents and personalities. Awards presented included Best Hair, Most Likely to Make it on TV, Funniest Student of the Year, Best at Karaoke, Best Singer, Best Bromance, and Heartthrob of the Year, among many others. Thanks to Ms McGuire for organising the event.



We wish everyone an enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for the new academic year.