



The **Crimson** C r S S

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

Can you believe that we are nearly entering our final term of the year?

With this, our 9th edition, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the incredible young journalists who have created a variety of informative and entertaining articles for your reading pleasure.

I personally appreciate them giving up their time to do this every term.

From all of us here at Saint George, we hope that you enjoy the final few weeks of May. See you in the summer!

Best wishes,

Mr J Scott

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PUPIL SHOUT OUT



Pupil Shout out is a way to reward and celebrate people's good works and deeds around the school. This pupil is long overdue an acknowledgement.



This Terms Pupil Shout Out is... **George Kennison (8FR)**

Since Year 7, George has been a role model to both students and teachers at St George. He consistently shows kindness, respect, and 100% effort in everything he does. George is never afraid to stand up for what is right and always encourages others to make positive choices. His attitude and leadership have had a great impact on those around him, and I believe we can all learn from the example he sets every day. Congrats George and keep up all the work you do!

By Caydan Chituh

INTRODUCING: STAFF SHOUT OUT



Our young writers here at the Crimson Cross decided that it would be nice if some of the staff at Saint George also got a special mention! Staff Shout Out is here to celebrate the effort that goes in to supporting the pupils in school.

This teacher has particularly impressed the Crimson Cross with their ability to share kindness and inspires pupils to be the best.

The First Teacher Shout Out is..... Mrs G Provenzano!

Most of you know who Mrs Provenzano is but if you don't, she is one of the nicest teachers in St George as she's always there to talk to you if you have any concerns. Mrs Provenzano has been an incredible role model to both students and staff at Saint George. She consistently shows kindness, patience, and dedication in everything she does. She always goes above and beyond to support her students, encouraging them to believe in themselves and achieve their best. Her positive attitude, leadership, and commitment to helping others have made a lasting impact on everyone around her, and I believe we can all learn from the example she sets every day. From all of us at the Crimson Cross, congrats Mrs Provenzano and keep up the good work that you do!



By Caydan Chituh

End of Half Term Prayer



Dear God,

As we reach the end of this half term,
we thank you for all we have learned,
for the friendships we have built,
and for the strength to keep going
through challenges.

As we look ahead to the rest of the school year,
help us to stay focused, motivated,
and kind to one another.

Guide us through our work, our exams,
and our responsibilities,
and give us confidence in all that we do.

We are grateful for our teachers,
for their patience, support, and encouragement,
and for our families who help us each day.

As we take a break,
help us to rest well, stay safe,
and return refreshed and ready
for what is to come.

May we continue to grow in wisdom,
show compassion to others,
and make the most of every opportunity ahead.

Amen.

— *By Jonah Tomy* —



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Zuzanna Tylec reports on the latest drama...

Many students have stepped into the spotlight these following weeks. Auditions for High School Musical showcased their talent and enthusiasm towards musical theatre. This year's production promises plenty of music, choreography and Wildcat spirit as our pupils begin to prepare to bring life on stage! We are so proud of each and every single one of them, as the auditionees had to do it in front of the performing arts department and also a live audience! Callbacks will take place after half term in June, gathering a group of actors to try and get the lead roles of Gabriella, Sharpay, Troy and Ryan. The movie made household names out of its breakout stars Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens.

Our school community can't wait to see this show get put together!

Break a leg, everyone!

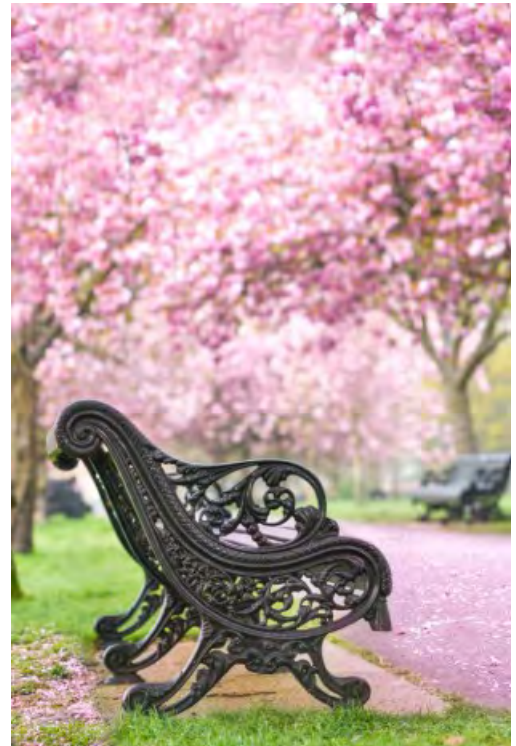
THE LIGHT OF SPRING'S SEASON

by Keira Channell

**Grey storms turn the world green and soft,
Smells of new life linger in the air waiting for a waft.
Blossoms burst and shoots appear,
Taking in the light of spring that shines every year.
Flowers carpet the forest floor,
As warm south winds start to thaw.
Trees are no longer bare as new leaves start to flourish,
Bursting alive with colours that will become nourished.
The aromas of the flowers are all so sweet,
In rows of petals so nice and so neat.
Newborns gallop and frolic in the fields,
Adoring the colour that spring now wields.**



The popular movie series, above, has been likened to a modern day Grease!



MATILDA THEATRE TRIP

On Thursday 14th May, students from across our school visited the Mayflower Theatre to watch *Matilda The Musical*. The trip was organised to give students the opportunity to experience live theatre and watch one of the UK's most popular musicals. Many students were excited for the visit, especially those who already knew the story and songs from the production. The journey and organisation of the evening went smoothly, creating a positive atmosphere before the show had even started.

Throughout the afternoon, students enjoyed spending time together and experiencing a live performance outside of school. Many people especially enjoyed the songs, comedy, and performances from the cast, with some students even saying it was one of the best trips this year. Teachers were also pleased with how well students behaved during the visit and how positively they represented the school. The trip gave students the chance to enjoy something different while creating a memorable experience for everyone involved.



Mayflower.org.uk

Overall, the visit to the theatre was a successful and enjoyable evening for both students and staff. It allowed students from different year groups to come together and experience a well-known musical in a live setting. On the journey home, many students were still talking about their favourite scenes and songs from the performance.

The trip will likely be remembered as one of the highlights of the year.

By Leo Ascensao

LIBRARY UPDATE

Our new Library is more than underway and staff and students here at Saint George are **SUPER EXCITED!** The new library centre will hold **3,000** books, giving pupils access to more computers and a quiet study area.

In the meantime, students can borrow books from the current library in **L7**.

Every pupil has a library account, which they can use to borrow books from the library space in **Miss Templeman's classroom**. The library has over **1300** fiction and non-fiction books available, and is open at **break and lunch**, so pupils have a space to read and study quietly.



Sameer Kassamali

BOOK REVIEW

Book review: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*

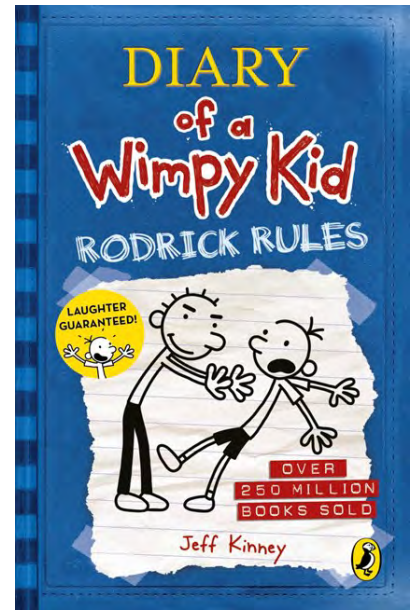
Author: *Jeff Kinney*

Greg is desperate to keep a deeply embarrassing incident from his summer vacation hidden from the rest of the school, but his older brother Rodrick knows everything.

Sibling rivalry and the burden of embarrassing secrets; a younger brother desperate to keep his dignity intact and an older brother holding the ultimate blackmail card. Kinney delivers a fast-paced comic masterpiece.

It was thoroughly entertaining reading the lengths that Greg went to in order to keep his secret hidden and to see if he would ultimately escape his brother's mastermind games.

Read and reviewed by Sameer Kassamali



A DAY IN TUDOR TIMES

Adaline Prakash and Natasha D'mello discuss the recent school excursion to the Mary Rose museum in Portsmouth.

Credit: Maryrose.org

It was a wonderful but cold trip. We learned about Tudor doctors, saw, touched and smelled artefacts from the time and even learned about the dog on board!

The trip taught us that barber doctors were the primary medical practitioners for the general population, combining the skills of a barber (cutting hair, shaving) with rudimentary surgical procedures. Unlike university-educated physicians, who focused on theory and diagnosis, barber-surgeons were hands-on practitioners who learned through apprenticeships. This gave us an insight on what life was like with King Henry VIII as the ruler. It enabled us to understand just how short the life expectancy was and what the Tudors thought about medicine and the cures.

The purpose of this museum is to educate us about the ship that sank, so it seemed only fitting that we watched a 4D movie which helped us visualise what it was to actually dive into the ocean. This movie mirrored lifting up the pieces of the ship and told us how long the whole operation of the Mary Rose took.

Ultimately, the Mary Rose Museum is more than just a collection of ancient timbers and rotted leather. It stands as a monument to the five hundred ordinary men who lost their lives on that fateful July afternoon in 1545.



YEAR 8 BOYS REACH THREE FINALS IN OUTSTANDING SEASON

St George's Year 8 football team enjoyed a remarkable season this year, reaching three out of four possible finals and showcasing determination and teamwork throughout their campaign.

The first final took place on Monday 20th April at St George's Astro against Deer Park in the Southampton Cup final. In an exciting end-to-end contest, Deer Park ultimately came out on top with a 5–2 victory.

The second final was held at Woodlands School, once again against Deer Park, in the league play-off final after both teams finished level on 21 points. After a tense 1–1 draw in normal time, the match was decided by penalties, where St George's held their nerve to secure a 3–1 shootout win and claimed the league title.

Interestingly, last season St George's lifted the Southampton Cup while Deer Park claimed the league title — this year, the honours were reversed.



Above and below: The teams at Aldershot

The final achievement of the season was reaching the Hampshire Cup final, a stage the school had not reached for 13 years. Played at Aldershot Stadium, the occasion was a memorable experience for the squad, who enjoyed using the dressing rooms and playing on the pitch.

Facing a very strong side that had conceded only one goal throughout the tournament, St George's knew they faced a difficult challenge. Despite a 7–0 defeat, the team were proud of their achievement in reaching the final and representing the school so well.

Special thanks go to Mr Gillard for coaching the team and driving the players to fixtures throughout the season, as well as to Mr Haywood for his support with coaching.

With such a successful season behind them, the team are already looking forward to going again next year.

By Adam Miell



SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

The school recently celebrated its namesake by holding a non-uniform day alongside a few fund-raisers. Ry-Lee Jones decided to dig deep into the history of our famous Saint.

St Georges Day is **traditionally celebrated on the 23 April**, recognized as **England's national day** and at our school we celebrated this feast day by holding masses for each year group, accompanied ASPIRE Voices. We also came in red and/or white clothing to **support the British Red Cross**, which is a humanitarian charity providing aid, emergency support and help to communities in need across the UK and across the world.

Who is Saint George?

St George is one of our **two principal patron** saints alongside Our Lady of Guadalupe. He is the **patron saint of England, soldiers and scouts** and he was a 3rd-century Roman soldier and martyr from Cappadocia (modern day Turkey). Saint George was born to noble Christian parents and followed his father's footsteps in becoming a distinguished officer in the Roman army. In AD 303, **he publicly and proudly announced his Christian faith** and, despite the harsh punishment that he knew would await him, refused to perform pagan rituals even though he was ordered to by the emperor. He endured various tortures but **still refused to let go of his faith even in the face of death** which inevitably came on April 23rd when he was beheaded.

On the other hand, there's also a medieval tale that illustrates St George as an English knight in shining armor **who battled fiercely against a dragon**. The legend serves as a powerful allegory for **the triumph of good over evil**, even if the real St George became a **martyr**.

Celebrations

People across England take national pride in holding **large public festivals** featuring parades, medieval re-enactments **and displays of the St Georges Cross**. Most commonly, the day is marked by **flying or wearing the cross or a red rose**- the national flower of England- on the lapel. Usually, many people take delight in enjoying **traditional English food** and drink such as Roast dinners, fish and chips, community gatherings for afternoon tea and Real Ale.



Saint George School will also be holding celebrations for the upcoming 'Green Day' during our final term. This themed event is dedicated to promoting environmental awareness. One of the main attractions will be the 'School Talent Show' which pupils and teachers can take part in!

CLUBS AT SAINT GEORGE

Are you interested in joining a club? Or are you just looking for something fun and new?

Here at Saint George, our school offers a vast number of fun activities and clubs to join, even if you just wanted to give something a try.

Participating in at least one club is a great opportunity to get involved, have fun and broaden your interests. There are a variety of games clubs, and a chance to go into the multigym but there are limited spaces for this club. Contact the teachers to find out more!

Monday lunchtime: This year, there are some new clubs like **Science club** on a Monday lunchtime in G9 for years 7 and 8. One of the popular clubs is **History club** in L8 with Ms Lefevre where you have the chance to present your own PowerPoints on anything historical. This year there is also the chance to meet some History Professors from Southampton University.

Tuesday after school: Drama club runs from the end of the school day till 4 pm, if you are interested in drama then you have hit the jackpot! This is a fun and friendly environment. This is a place where you do acting, theatre games and make new friends! Occasionally, you do a show/play which hold auditions and also provides an opportunity to also get involved behind the scenes! This year will be the Wizard of Oz! How fun does that sound?

Wednesday after school: Football club. It starts right after the end of the school day and finishes 4:15pm. Whether you are a football pro, or just fancy trying something new, this club is perfect for anyone who enjoys doing some physical activities and having a good time with friends

Sound fun!

Friday lunchtime: Philosophy club is a place where you answer out of the box questions and answer them as if you were a philosopher! Philosophy club is all about exploring interesting questions and sharing your ideas in a friendly environment



You could even join the **Newspaper club** and practice your journalist skills. Mr Scott is always on the lookout for new writers!

These clubs are open to everyone, and you make such cool and fun friends along the way. Who knows, maybe one of the friends you meet here could be someone you stay close with for years! Further information about clubs can be found on the school website via the [Clubs & Activities](#) page.

Have fun and get clubbing!

Written by Adam Miell and Leo Ascensao

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

African-Caribbean and Allies Society Club presents

50p cake & sweets sale **Entrance Fee is £1**

Afro-Bean Dance Show for Charity




Come to watch and learn the African dance challenges.

This is all for the charities **Friends of Saint George** and **WaterAid** for giving Children fresh water .

Date: Thursday 21st of May 2026
Time: 13:20 lunchtime
Location: Dance and Drama Studio
We would love you to join and learn!

Come & Feel the energy of the best dance group in the school.

Spaces might be limited - Buy the ticket in advance £1 (R14-Mrs Smallwood) - or at the door Don't miss out!

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THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS FOR ALL THEIR HARD-
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*"Expectations for behaviour
are extremely high and pupils
live up to these"*

"The school is 'one big family'"

*"This is a truly inclusive and
welcoming school"*



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