



**SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE  
ST.MARY'S GROUP OF SCHOOLS**

# **SOK NEWSLETTER 2025 - 2026**



# welcome



## **YEAR 5 - YEAR 9**



## *From the Principal's Desk Mr Peter Rowlands*



*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*It's hard to believe we're already three weeks into the new school year! As your new principal, I've been warmly welcomed into the school community, and I want to thank you all for the kindness and support I've experienced from parents, staff, and students alike.*

*In just a short time, I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you—four parent meetings already—and it's been truly wonderful to speak with so many passionate and engaged families. These conversations have given me a strong sense of the values and vibrancy of our school community.*

*We've hit the ground running this term with an exciting and energetic start. From our inspiring School of Knowledge Day on the 8th, to the celebration of achievements at Prize Day on Thursday the 11th, and now our student elections, it's clear that our students are motivated and ready to lead. I've had the privilege of meeting all the candidates applying for Head Boy, Head Girl, and their deputies. They've shared thoughtful, creative ideas about how they hope to serve their peers, and I look forward to supporting our elected leaders in bringing those ideas to life.*

*I'm also looking forward to connecting with even more of you during our first Parent-Teacher Meetings on Thursday, the 18th. These conversations are such a vital part of building strong partnerships between home and school, and I hope to see many of you there.*

*Thank you once again for such a warm welcome. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!*



## *Leading with Vision Vice Principal – Sister Sarala*



*Dear Students, Parents, and Colleagues,  
I am delighted to welcome you all to a brand-new school year at the School of Knowledge. The start of a new term always brings a sense of excitement and possibility, and I look forward to the journey we will share together.*

*This year, our focus is on “A Skilled Generation for a Flourishing Society.” This theme reminds us that education is not only about lessons in the classroom but also about building skills, values, and confidence that will help our students shape a brighter future for themselves and for the community.*

*To our students – take every opportunity to learn, explore, and grow.*

*To our parents – thank you for the trust and encouragement you continue to give.*

*To our staff – your dedication and passion are the heartbeat of our school.*

*Together, let us make this year meaningful, successful, and filled with joy.*

*God bless us all!*



*We are delighted to extend a  
warm welcome to  
Mr Peter Rowlands,  
our new Principal at  
School of Knowledge*



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***Welcome Back to School!***

*Dear Students,*

*We are so excited to see your bright smiles and happy faces back at school! A new term means new adventures, new lessons, and lots of fun learning experiences. Let's make this year full of curiosity, creativity, and kindness. Remember, every day is a chance to learn something new and to shine in your own special way.*

*Here's to a fantastic start and an amazing year ahead!*



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS EDITION

WELCOME  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL

First  
Week  
FUN!



MOMENTS  
THAT MATTER





### **A Cheerful Start to the School Year**

The first day began with a warm welcome at a balloon-decorated entrance, setting a joyful tone. Students were greeted with bookmarks and pens, followed by an introduction to classroom rules and expectations. Engaging icebreakers like *“Adjective Names”*, *“Get to Know Me Dice”*, and sticky-note activities helped students to bond and feel comfortable. An inspiring video added motivation, while a Reading Session with Bloom’s-based questions encouraged critical thinking.

It was a day filled with smiles, laughter, and new friendships—setting the stage for a successful school year ahead!









❀ First Day of the Academic Year ❀ **Highlights of the Day:**  
**Positive Word Connection** – Sharing personal strengths.  
**Two Truths & One Dream** – Fun introductions and goal-setting.  
**Inspiring Story Reading** – Learning lessons from short stories.  
**My Personal Profile** – Expressing hobbies, role models, and future vision.  
**Reflection & Suggestions** – Sharing feedback and ideas for the year ahead.  
 A joyful beginning filled with confidence, creativity, and friendship.



# Happy SOK Day! Together We Shine Brighter

*On the 8th of September 2025, SOK proudly celebrated its 35th Foundation Day. It was a joyful and proud moment for our students, teachers and staff to come together and be part of a school that has grown steadily while staying true to its vision.*

*The day began with a special assembly in the auditorium. Students presented lively performances, including songs, dances and speeches that reflected the spirit and journey of SOK. With renewed energy and commitment, SOK looks forward to nurturing many more generations of bright, curious and confident learners.*





SOK DAY



SOK Song

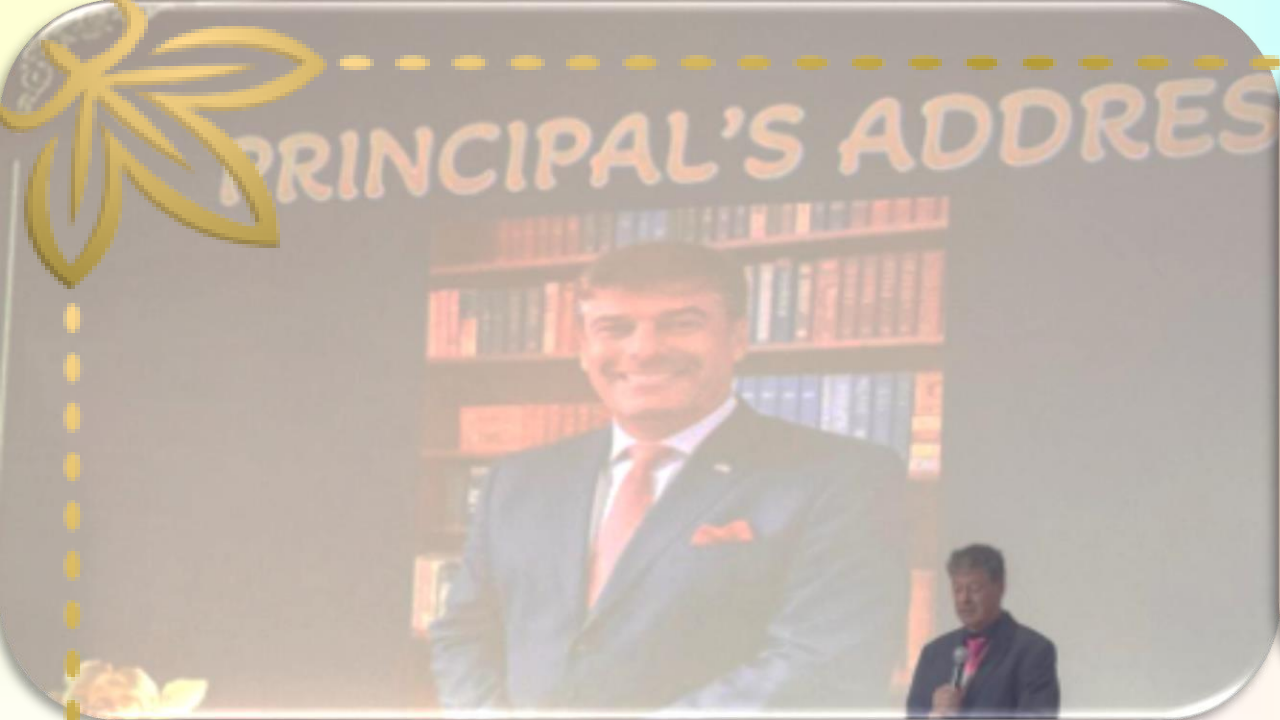
## A Tribute to the Shining Stars of SOK

SOK hosted its much-awaited **Prize Day** on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, a grand celebration of student achievements in academics. The event was held in the school auditorium that was filled with excitement, applause and pride as students were recognized for their hard work and dedication.

The ceremony began with a welcome address, followed by a variety of performances that set a joyful tone for the day. Prizes were awarded to students for their outstanding achievements in academics. Parents, teachers and fellow students cheered with pride as each awardee walked up the stage. The smiles and applause captured the spirit of encouragement and celebration that SOK stands for.

Prize Day was not only about rewarding success, but also about inspiring every student to believe in themselves and keep striving for excellence.





**“New beginnings are the seeds  
of great achievements—  
let’s grow together!”**







# Upcoming Events

***Colour  
Splash***

***Twisted Tales  
Challenge –  
Years 5 & 6***

***Handwriting  
Competition  
Years 8 & 9***

***UAE Flag  
Day***

***Math Relay***

***Arabic  
Poetry  
Competition***





THANK YOU