

The week ahead @ Saint James

“Be strong and courageous and do it!” 1 Chronicles 28:20

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Wed 6 th March	Mon 25 th March	Thur 28 th March		Mon 15 th April	Mon 6 th May
Easter Church service for Year 5 and 6	Year 3 Music concert	Last day of the Spring term	SJSA Break the Rules Day	First day of the Summer term	Bank holiday

Please note: there will be no Night Owls after school provision on the last day of term Thursday 28th March

A message from the Senior Leadership team

As part of a desire to keep our parents well informed about what was happening in school, we began producing a newsletter in this current form on 17th September 2021. In the initial message from the leadership team, we expressed a desire to keep you informed about what was happening in school, as well as key events on the horizon, without sending out a huge volume of emails. Hopefully this weekly newsletter has managed to meet that objective over the past 100 editions. Please do keep us informed, if there is anything that we can do to improve it further in the future.

It has been a pleasure to see so many children dressed in non-uniform supporting Comic Relief, today. We will let you know more about this event next week and the donations made both to the charity itself and our local foodbank. Thank you so much for your support.

Collective Worship



This week's theme:

Interfaith

This week's bible story:

Naomi and Ruth

Ruth 1 : 1-21

Building this Lego model was a Titanic undertaking!

Despite being expertly built at the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, the Titanic, considered by some at the time to be unsinkable, met its fate sinking in the North Atlantic Ocean on 15 April 1912 as a result of striking an iceberg. Surely if a ship, with a hull made from 2,000 single pieces of rolled steel plate and subdivided into 16 compartments that extended above the waterline, could be fatally damaged and subsequently destroyed by a single iceberg, a model made of Lego would stand no chance against 90 enthusiastic Year 2 children? Thankfully not – the impressive Lego model that our children were able to observe in detail survived its maiden voyage to Saint James Primary School!

In school we teach our children to be resilient, determined and persevere with their learning when it becomes difficult, therefore the 9,090 piece Titanic model was an excellent example of how perseverance can pay off. The model, which took 3 months to build, was kindly brought in by the dad and grandad of Marty in Poland class. The children were thrilled to see many of the features that they learned about at the Sea City Museum on a 1:200 scale model. The Turkish baths, the Grand Staircase, the enormous engines (19 metres long on the real ship) and the woefully inadequate provision of only 20 lifeboats were all present in miniature, and visible when the 135cm long model was split into sections. Thankfully the splitting of this ship was intentional and not, like the real liner, a result of the weight of water in the ship's stern putting immense stress and pressure on the ship's hull!

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to Marty's dad and grandad for bringing in the impressive model and for answering the many inquisitive and probing questions of our Year 2 Titanic enthusiasts!



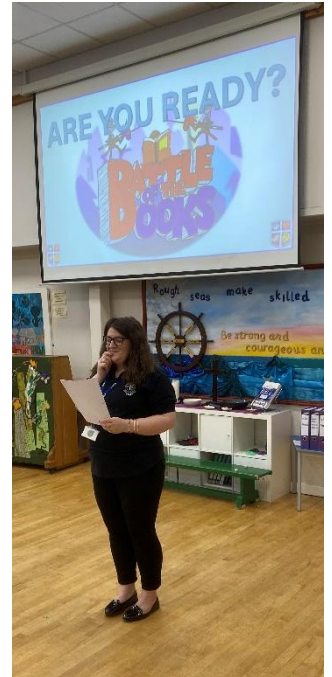
Battle of the books

University Challenge, Eggheads, Family fortunes; all TV quiz shows that pitch one team against another. Obviously, those shows have different requirements for the teams' general knowledge as well as different team sizes and demographics. However, here at Saint James Primary School, we have located a gap in the market; a quiz with teams of up to 32, an age range from 5 to 11 and a focus on children's literature. We call it, 'Battle of the books'!

Our hosts, Mrs Hibberd and Miss Achilles, exuded the authority of Jeremy Paxman and the humour of Bradley Walsh as they led the teams through a selection of challenging questions based on the '40 recommended books' for their respective year groups. Hotly competitive, the classes gathered around their teachers to share whispered discussions about the texts they had been challenged to read.

Throughout the day, classes in each year team battled against each other to provide a winner for each year group, as well as an eventual Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 winner. With all classes achieving so well the scores were very close, however there were clear winners in each Key Stage with Scotland class and Sweden class taking the top honours! As a prize, the winning class for each Key Stage received a film afternoon. Whether they choose to watch a film adaption of one of their books, remains to be seen.

Well done to all the children who took part in this challenge so enthusiastically, as well as Mrs Hibberd for organising the competition and hosting it alongside Miss Achilles. As with, 'Who wants to be a millionaire', 'The Chase' and 'Pointless', as well as many other quiz shows franchised in different countries, we're certain Mrs Hibberd is willing to sell the format to any interested parties!



Please be considerate of our neighbours

We have recently received a number of emails from our neighbours in Barrowfields Close, due to parents and children walking across their private property, as a short cut on their way to and from school. Although obviously a frustration, any contact has been polite and respectful and not unreasonable.

In the case of one resident, the seemingly innocuous action of walking across the front of their property causes their dogs to bark as they try and get through the blinds on the window to see who it is. This triggers a great amount of distress due that neighbour being very unwell, as well as forcing them to purchase three new blinds over the past twelve months due to the damage created by the dogs.

Your consideration and cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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Journalism club

This week, two members of our journalism club, Emilia and Annabelle, have interviewed former pupil, Georgia Taylor, who is currently volunteering at Saint James with a view to completing teacher training. We're happy to report that the experience has made her even more enthusiastic to pursue teaching as a profession!

Miss Taylor!! 😊

As part of our journalism, we interviewed Miss Taylor a young person who does work experience at our school. She plans to be a teacher herself! 😊

1. What's been your favourite year group do so far? **Year 1.**
2. What year group do you want to teach when you become a teacher? **Key Stage 1.**
3. Have you liked doing work experience at Saint James? **I have loved it so far.**
4. What's your favourite subject? **History.**
5. If you could choose a year group to do work experience in which one would you do? **Year 2**
6. When you go off to university, are you going to miss Saint James? **Yes, very much.**
7. What university would you like to go to? **Portsmouth or Chichester.**
8. Has it inspired you to carry on wanting to be a teacher? **Yes.**

By Emilia (Argentina class)



And Annabelle (Brazil class)

Farmyard fun!

After hearing about the excellent behaviour and learning on the Year 3 visit to Fishbourne and the Year 2 trip to the Sea City museum, our youngest children were not to be outdone. The children in Year R exemplified our values of Love, Respect and Courage exceptionally throughout their visit to Longdown Activity Farm. It is hard to believe that this was their first ever school trip – they represented Saint James Primary School fantastically, making the adults in the year team beam with pride!

After excelling in learning their Writing, Maths and Phonics this year, our enthusiastic children added one more skill to their already impressive array of talents; being a farmer for the day! The children excitedly took to the role, feeding the goats, holding the baby chicks, brushing the guinea pigs and collecting the eggs! With all those activities to perform, perhaps it's no surprise that they took to another task with great enthusiasm; devouring their packed lunch!

After a busy, enjoyable and exhausting day, the children returned to school with precious memories of their first school trip that will surely stay with them for years to come!



Attendance league table

Congratulations to Scotland class who top the Attendance league table again this week – last week was shared with Kenya class although this week they're out on their own with 99% attendance.

A special mention also needs to be made of Finland class who remain consistent, maintaining their third place in the league table.

We aim to have at least 95% + attendance which has only been achieved by just over half of our classes this week. However, 6 classes have narrowly missed out on this target as 81% of classes have achieved 94%+ attendance.

Attendance League		23/24 season
Saint James CoE Primary School		
1		SCOTLAND
2		PORTUGAL
3		FINLAND
		SWEDEN
		GAMBIA
4		SOUTH AFRICA
		NORWAY
		ENGLAND
5		KENYA
		ITALY
		WALES
		INDIA
		GERMANY
6		CHILE
		FRANCE
		JAPAN
		POLAND
7		ARGENTINA
8		CHINA
9		SPAIN
10		BRAZIL

St James Church – activities for children

There's always plenty going on at St James Church for children of all ages; Children's Church, Activity Mornings and Stay and Play are some of these.

Stay and Play

Stay & Play includes action rhymes, stories and play sessions! We welcome parents, carers and grandparents accompanying preschool toddlers up to 4 years. These sessions take place on Wednesdays during term time, in the church hall, from 9.15am to 10.45am.

Sessions can be paid on a session by session basis and cost £1.50. This includes an individual snack. Why not come and make new friends in a fun, safe way?

Children's Activity Mornings

Join us for our upcoming children's activity mornings 10 – 11.30. To book your place please do contact Jan at stjameswe.childrenswork@gmail.com.

Friday 29th March – Good Friday.

Pizza Party – Saturday 18th May, 10am to 11.30am

Celebrating St James – Thursday 25th July

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our events.

St James Church, West End

Holy Week and Easter Services 2024

Palm Sunday – 24th March
 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palms and Palm Procession
 11am Church Alive All Age Palm Sunday Service

Wednesday - 27th March
 11am Eucharist with Hymns

Maundy Thursday – 28th March
 7.30pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper followed by a Watch until 9.30pm

Good Friday – 29th March
 9.15am Children's Activity Morning
 11.30am All Age Good Friday Service
 2pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday – 30th March
 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day – 31st March
 9.30am Celebration Eucharist for all ages followed by Easter Egg hunt
 11am Church Alive Communion for all ages with Easter Egg hunt

Everyone is very welcome!