

# The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May
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 28<sup>th</sup> March\*\*

## A message from the Senior Leadership team

Another busy week in school has seen the Year 5 and 6 children visit St James church for a delightful Easter service led by Reverend Vicky. With clear and audible readings from the children and the call for actors to reenact key events in the Easter story, it was a memorable service.

After such a successful Comic Relief Day last Friday, it was a pleasure to be able to hand over the many packets and tins that had been kindly donated. Alasdair Duncan, a representative from our local food bank, who collected the donations, was incredibly thankful on behalf of the families who use the charity based at King's Community church.

## Collective Worship

OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP

This week's theme:

**Outdoor worship**

This week's psalm:

**Psalm 103:15-17**

## Easter Service at St James church

At Saint James Primary school, we are very fortunate to have such close ties with St James church with one of the many benefits being the opportunity to participate and enjoy inspirational and engaging church services at key points in the year.

This Easter was no exception, as the Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed and participated in a lovely service led by Reverend Vicky. Interspersed by readings from children in Year 5 and 6, Reverend Vicky led the children in re-enacting the key events holy week from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. Beginning with Jesus' triumphant entrance to Jerusalem (accompanied by the percussion sounds of wooden blocks to evoke the sound of a donkey's hooves), willing volunteers took the role of key personnel in the Easter story. Although the children's performances perfectly represented the people they were portraying, a special mention needs to be given to the exceptional method acting of Reverend Vicky. We feel that physically washing the feet of Mr Magrane was an act that went 'above and beyond' whilst modelling the humility of Jesus!

The service was also enhanced with some beautiful singing; clearly the children's work with Chris Fay (the musical director of St James church) each week has helped raise the standard of their vocal performances.

With this service likely to be the Year 6 children's final service at the church, as members of Saint James Primary School, and it was definitely a fitting and memorable finale.




## 'One world for all of us' – a Climate Change Unity project

Many of us would probably think that, when the children were told they'd be producing artwork and Easter bonnets based on 'The Crown', they'd be being inspired by the infamous Netflix series rather than a, perhaps less well-known, picture book. However, the inspiration behind their creative headwear was actually a beautifully illustrated picture book by Emily Kapff which covers the theme of saving the environment and protecting God's world.

This project has not been limited to children at Saint James Primary School but rather part of the fourth, country-wide, Climate Change unity Project, 'One World for Us All'. The nationally-shared design brief was to create a hat or bonnet based on a climate change theme. Children were tasked with creating or decorating their own hat, bonnet or bobble hat to display in the community. In the case of pupils from Saint James Primary School, this was either at St James church or the railings outside the Parish Council offices in West End.

As the individual entrants have been produced at home, it has been a pleasure to see the marvellous creations arriving in school and forming an impromptu, temporary display outside the Year 3 classrooms.

With such a high standard of entrants, it was exceptionally difficult to pick a winner, so Mrs Callard and senior staff in school deferred this difficult decision to a delegation of members from St James church. After some long and protracted deliberation, the top four placed entries were decided upon. Winning an Easter egg for their efforts were;

	Name	Class	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Roya	Kenya	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia	France	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jacob	Portugal	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Amara	Wales	

With such a exceptional entries, it was useful to have several pairs of eyes looking at them, identifying any of the imaginative features and design ideas that set them apart.

In addition to the individual competition, a group of children, aided by Mrs Callard have collaborated in school to produce a joint effort. Photographs and a video of the process of creating their composition have been submitted to the Hampshire County Council Art Department to showcase their fantastic artwork.

Their fantastic headgear is beautifully detailed, although the wearer will need extremely strong neck muscles to wear it for any length of time! This collaborative effort was produced by Emilia, Jude, Alfie, Charlotte, Tate and Faye and surely will impress when it is displayed at the parish





## Comic Relief Day 2024

If you were stood at the front of Collective Worship last Friday you would have found it a strange experience. You might easily have been confused that you were stood in front of the wrong school. Rather than being met by a sea of blue cardigans and sweatshirts, it appeared that this school wore a red uniform and that many of the children had colds, judging by the amount of red noses that could be seen!

However, the realisation that it was Comic Relief Day explained it all! At the request of the Children's Christian Values team, children could donate to support those in need in two separate ways. In addition to following the internet link provided to make a monetary donation, the Christian Values team considered how we could support those in need closer to home. Their decision to request the donation of packets and tins of food to support our local foodbank at King's Community Church was definitely well received and we were able to provide this vital avenue of support with an impressive array of food.

Alasdair Duncan, who arrived from the foodbank to collect the produce, was able to fill his car boot to the maximum with all the tins and packets. On behalf of the King's Church foodbank, he would like to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause.

It will be a couple of weeks until the charity inform us how much was raised via the donation link and we will keep you informed of the total raised, as soon as we find out.

As always, we were thrilled with the response for this charity event. Thank you for your support.



**SUMMER TERM**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** **ST JAMES**

**MONDAY FOOTBALL**  
KS1: YEARS R-2

**TUESDAY FOOTBALL**  
KS2: YEARS 3-6

**WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL**  
KS2: YEARS 3-6

**THURSDAY FOOTBALL**  
KS1: YEARS R-6

**NETBALL**  
KS2: YEARS 3-6

**FRIDAY DODGEBALL**  
KS1 & 2: YEARS 1-6

**START DATE**  
**25TH APRIL 2024**  
All bookings must be made in advance and are for the first half of the term.

**£4.50 PER SESSION**

**REGISTRATION LINK**  
[learningthroughsport.co.uk/st-james/](http://learningthroughsport.co.uk/st-james/)

## St James Church – Easter celebrations

### Children's Easter Activity Morning

The Children's Easter Activity Morning will take place at St James Church next Friday 29th March from 9.30am to 11.30am. There will be activities and crafts celebrating the Easter story. Please book to attend with Jan on [stjameswe.childrenswork@gmail.com](mailto:stjameswe.childrenswork@gmail.com). This will be followed at 11.30am by a short, all age service and then hot cross buns and drinks. Everyone is very welcome!

### Easter Day Services

Easter Day Services will take place on Sunday 31st March (remember the clocks go forward!)

**9.30am** Traditional Easter Celebration for all ages followed by an egg hunt

**11am** Informal Church Alive Easter Celebration including an egg hunt

We look forward to seeing you and your family over the Easter period.



**St James' Church West End**

*Come and see for yourself*

## Aspens Menu Change

\*\*On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April (the first day back after the Easter break), the option of Sausage and Mash has been replaced with Sausage, Chips and Beans. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## Awesome Athletics Performance

As the majority of the sporting competitions we've competed in this year have featured children in Year 5 and 6, it was refreshing to take members of Year 3 and 4 to the most recent athletics meet. Not to be outdone by their Year 5 and 6 counterparts, particularly the successful netball and basketball teams, the children performed and behaved exceptionally.

When competing against eight other schools, the competition is always going to be tough, however our runners were beyond comparison. **Children from Saint James won every running race that they entered!!** Even though our performance on the field wasn't quite as strong (Mr Whitlock suggests a future focus on the javelin would be beneficial), Saint James achieved a highly creditable 3rd place overall. Very impressive!

As this must be one of the very first athletics meets of the year, we look forward to further successes in competitions to come. Well done to all the Year 3 and 4 children who represented the school so admirably.



### Preloved uniform summer term sale!

When? Wednesday 17th April from 3pm

Where? Under the canopy or back of the school hall if wet weather.

What's on sale? School summer dresses, shorts, logo jumpers and cardigans.

How much? Logo items £2 each. All other items £1 each.

Payment by cash only.

If you have any of the above items in good, clean condition please consider donating them before Tuesday 16th April. Donations should be placed in the smaller charity clothing container at the far end of the school car park.

### Grant from West End Parish Council

We have applied for a grant from West End Parish Council. If you follow the link below, you will find details of all those who have applied, as well as the option to vote for who you think the funding should be allocated to. Please do use your vote to choose Saint James School Association and an option that will directly benefit your children. Voting closes on Friday 22nd March 2024 and an announcement of the successful grant applications will be made at the Annual Parish Assembly meeting on Monday 8th April 2024 [Grants & Funding – West End Parish Council \(westend-pc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westend-pc.gov.uk)

Please see the poster for 'Break the Rules day' which will be taking place next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. There is a list of rules which you might consider breaking on the day – each of these requires a donation of 50p per rule broken. We're looking forward to seeing a school of children dressed in non-uniform with their faces daubed in face paint, swigging squash from their water bottles on the day!

Saint James School Association (SJSA)

# BREAK the RULES DAY

**Rules to be broken include:**

1. Wear school uniform
2. No squash in water bottles
3. No crazy hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up or face paints
7. No P.J's
8. No football kits

**Here's how it works:**

**When?**

Thursday  
28th March

**Suggested Donation:**  
Pay 50p for every rule you break.

Please give cash to your child's class teacher on the day or pay via <https://sjsa.sumupstore.com> or scan the QR code below. Please ensure you enter your child's name and class in the "Your message to merchant" box

**Parentkind**  
Member Association



## Journalism club

Despite being a kind, caring and excellent teacher Mr Jones does not appear to be the main attraction in Italy class, that honour seems to be bestowed on a much smaller member of the class – Ernie the fish. This week Holly, Meg, Ariela and Autumn have been finding out about the aquatic member of Italy class and his life before coming to Saint James.

# ERNIE THE FISH



Ernie is a Cichlid fish, he used to live with Mrs Marsh's son but now he lives a happy life in Italy class. Ernie doesn't have the biggest appetite - he only eats fish flakes 2 to 3 times a day. Ernie loves the colour orange but when he eats Cichlid samples it turns him yellow.

Ernie has no siblings and was purchased by Mrs Marsh when he was a baby. However, he does have 11-year-old cousins. Ernie, himself, is 5-year-old.

We don't allow spitting at Saint James Primary School, however Ernie breaks this rule as he regularly spits the rocks when he doesn't want to be fed or is angry.

Cichlids are good pets for beginners due to their smaller size, great colours, and peaceful nature.

## Attendance league table

Well done to India class who have achieved the 'perfect' 100% attendance over the past week. Special mention also needs to be given to Scotland, Chile and Italy classes who narrowly miss out on sharing the top spot with 99% attendance.

Attendance League		23/24 season
Saint James CoE Primary School		
1		INDIA
2		ITALY
3		CHILE
4		SCOTLAND
5		PORTUGAL
6		SWEDEN
7		JAPAN
8		SOUTH AFRICA
9		KENYA
10		NORWAY
11		FINLAND
12		POLAND
13		ENGLAND
14		GERMANY
15		GAMBIA
16		ARGENTINA
17		WALES
18		SPAIN
19		FRANCE
20		BRAZIL
21		CHINA