

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Friday 10th July 2026

Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Thursday 16 th July 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026
Y6 Disco 4.45 – 5.45pm	Y4 Sweden Art Gallery 3.20-3.45pm	Y4 Norway Art Gallery 3.20-3.45pm Y3 Ukelele Concert to parents 2.30-3.30pm	Y4 Finland Art Gallery 3.20-3.45pm	Year 6 Photobooth	Last Day of Term Yr 6 Leavers Service for parents 10.30

A message from the Senior Leadership Team.

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, we would like to remind families to ensure that children come to school prepared for the warm weather. Please remember to send your child with a named water bottle each day, a sun hat, and sun cream applied before school. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable during the hotter days.

Last week we held the Big Boogie, one of the highlights of the afternoon was seeing our children enjoying themselves on the school field. They danced non-stop for 30 minutes, showing off an impressive range of dance moves, enthusiasm and energy. It was a wonderful celebration of the vibrant spirit of our school community.

A special congratulations also goes to Year 5, who gave a fantastic performance of GiggleBox, entertaining the audience with their confidence, talent and hard work.

Finally, we would like to remind families about our ongoing JustGiving campaign to raise funds for air conditioning units in classrooms. This week's heat has been another clear reminder of how beneficial these additions would be for our children and staff during periods of high temperatures. We are delighted to share that we have already raised £1,281 towards our target of £19,200, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has donated so far.

If you would like to support this project, donations can be made via the link below:

JustGiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjamescofeschool>

Every contribution, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to creating a more comfortable learning environment for all our pupils.

Parking Reminder

This is a another reminder regarding parking at drop-off and collection times.

We continue to receive complaints from local residents about unsafe and inconsiderate parking. Vehicles blocking driveways, parking on pavements, and stopping in unsafe locations put children and other road users at risk.

Please park legally and considerately at all times. If you cannot park close to the school, we ask that you park further away and walk the remaining distance.

We expect all members of our school community to show respect for our neighbours and help keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation.



What a Fair-tastic Afternoon!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair, The Big Boogie, this year. It was fantastic to see so many families come together to attend, enjoy the activities, and help make the event such a success. A special thank you goes to the SJSA for their hard work and dedication in organising such a successful afternoon, as well as to our external visitors and stall holders who helped make the event so enjoyable. We are incredibly grateful to the staff who stayed behind to help run the extremely busy tombola and other stalls, as well as those who helped unload and rescue the many prizes before they succumbed to the heat (the biscuits, not the staff!). Their support helped ensure the event ran smoothly from start to finish.



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Move, Groove, Fundraise!

What an incredible effort from all of our children during The Big Boogie Fundraiser! Children took part with fantastic enthusiasm, energy and determination, keeping the school field alive with movement and laughter throughout the event. There were plenty of requests from the children, with everything from K-Pop routines and gymnastics moves to the Floss making an appearance. Even the much-loved Conga was dusted off and proved as popular as ever! It was wonderful to see children of all ages joining in, supporting one another and having fun whilst raising money for an important cause. Thank you to everyone who sponsored our children and helped make the event such a success. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Smoke Free Parks Competition Success

We are delighted to share some fantastic news from Eastleigh Borough Council's Smoke Free Parks competition. The competition invited primary-aged children to design posters encouraging park visitors not to smoke or vape near children's play areas. We are incredibly proud that Saint James Primary School was awarded the winning entries in both the KS1 and KS2 categories. Councillor Tonia Craig, along with other representatives from Eastleigh Borough Council came to present the prizes.

The successful children each received a £50 gift voucher, and the school was awarded a total of £1450.00 in vouchers. Even better, the children's designs will now be displayed in local park play areas, helping to promote healthy, smoke-free environments for children and families.

A huge congratulations to our talented winners and to everyone who took part. We are very proud of the creativity and important message they have shared with the wider community.



Outdoor Collective Worship



Last week, pupils took part in a series of outdoor Collective Worship sessions, exploring the themes of diversity, unity, acceptance and love.

As part of the reflection, children were encouraged to find a natural object and consider how it was unique – some objects were rough, some smooth, some long, some round. The children then reflected on how people are unique too, each bringing their own strengths, qualities and experiences to our school community.

Finland Class (Year 4) worked together to create this beautiful heart-shaped collage from the natural objects they had collected. The heart symbolised how, despite our differences, we come together as one community, showing kindness, acceptance and love for one another.

We are very proud of the thoughtfulness, teamwork and creativity shown by the children during these special sessions.

Amazon Wishlist

At Saint James we love to read! We believe every child can and will learn to read and strive to make every child a lifelong reader. We have had a number of parents contact us to say they would be interested in supporting the school by buying books for the class or the school library. Our 40 recommended reads challenge has been a roaring success this year.

We have put together a list of books from the recommended reads which we still need. We know previously people have brought them as a leaving or thank you gift for the school. Any donations would be extremely gratefully received. Please either have it sent to your home and bring it in or send it directly to Charlotte Hibberd, Saint James Primary School, Moorgreen Road, West End, Southampton, SO30 3EG. Thank you! When purchasing, please select 'This order contains a gift' and write your name in the gift comments as we would like to recognise who donated the book inside the front cover.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/MFKB3CA4JB08?ref=wl_share

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When the game begins, know where to turn..



As part of Hampshire's commitment to safeguarding children, young people and families, schools are regularly asked to share information about local and national support services that may be helpful to our community.

With major sporting events such as the World Cup taking place this summer, Hampshire's Domestic Abuse Partnership and local safeguarding agencies are using the opportunity to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the support available to those who may need it.

While most people enjoy sporting events as a positive opportunity to come together with family and friends, some studies have identified increases in reports of domestic abuse during major sporting tournaments. It is important to note, however, that domestic abuse is not something that is caused by sport itself but factors such as heightened emotions, alcohol consumption and financial pressures can sometimes intensify existing abusive behaviours.

Campaigns such as this are intended to raise awareness, encourage conversations and ensure that individuals and families know where to turn if they need support. We recognise that some members of our school community may be affected by domestic abuse, either currently or in the past, and we want all families to know that support is available and that they do not have to face difficulties alone.

Hampshire's current campaign, "When the game begins, know where to turn," aims to remind people that help is available and to encourage communities to look out for one another.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic abuse, support can be accessed through the following organisations:

- Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/domestic-abuse-partnership>
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse>
- Refuge National Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours): <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>
- In an emergency, always call 999.

As a school, we are committed to promoting healthy, respectful relationships and supporting the wellbeing of children and families. If you feel that you or your family would benefit from support, please do not hesitate to contact the school, where we will do our best to help or signpost you to appropriate services.

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We are excited to offer parents and local businesses the opportunity to sponsor our newly refreshed school newsletter. This is a wonderful way to support the life of the school while also promoting your business within our community.

Our newsletter is shared with all families and is a key way we celebrate achievements, share important information and highlight the many successes of our children. By becoming a sponsor, your business will be featured within the newsletter, giving you visibility across our engaged and supportive school community.

Sponsorship is available for £50 per week.

If you would be interested in supporting us in this way, we would love to hear from you. Please email: adminoffice@st-james-westend.hants.sch.uk for further details.

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