

# The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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## A message from the Senior Leadership Team.

It has been another busy and positive week in school, with lots to celebrate across our community.

We are very proud of our Year 1 children who have approached their phonics screening checks with great determination and confidence. They have worked incredibly hard this year, and it has been wonderful to see them applying their learning so independently.

Thank you to everyone who supported our dress-down day by bringing in a bottle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will go towards supporting our upcoming Big Boogie event; we are very grateful for your continued support.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families to the first of our Stay and Play sessions. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces as the children began to explore their new environment and start building those important relationships ahead of September.

Despite hoping for some sunshine, it seems to be avoiding us for now, so please do remember to send children in with a coat as the weather continues to be a little unpredictable.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and wish you a lovely weekend.

## Dance Success for Angel!

Angel had an exciting weekend competing at the UDO Southern Street Dance Championships 2026. She performed brilliantly in the Under 12 solo category, progressing through multiple rounds to reach the final and secure an impressive 3rd place overall.

She also competed in the Under 14 duos category with her partner Bella, where they again advanced through several rounds to the final, finishing in 5th place.

The UDO Championships are recognised as the highest level of street dance in the UK, and as a result of her fantastic performances, Angel has now qualified for the UDO Street Dance World Finals in August 2026 at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool - an incredible achievement.



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## Bringing a Touch of Civic Sparkle to School!

We were delighted to welcome a very special visitor following Mrs Marsh's recent appointment as Deputy Mayor of Eastleigh. Alongside Marian, a representative from the Mayor's office, Mrs Marsh led a fascinating session where children had the opportunity to learn about the important role she will play in the local community.

The children were particularly fascinated to see the ceremonial regalia up close, including the mayoral robes, chain, and mace. There was great curiosity about why the mace cannot be handled by bare hands (definitely not something to casually pick up on the playground!), why it is always carried on the right-hand side of the Mayor, and how this tradition is thought to have led to the phrase "right-hand man."

We also discovered that the robes themselves cannot simply be popped in the washing machine - due to their age and delicate nature, they require very special care... so no muddy playtimes in those!

A particular highlight was seeing Molly and Joey, our Head Girl and Head Boy, given the chance to try on some of the ceremonial items - certainly a moment to remember and perhaps the start of future ambitions!



### REMINDER - Class Photos

Frasers photographers will visit on Wednesday 17th June for class photos. Please ensure all children bring a school jumper or cardigan for their photo (they do not need to wear it all day). Long hair should be tied back as usual.

- Year R & Year 3: wear school uniform (not PE kit)
- Year 4: wear uniform and will be photographed before swimming
- Year 6: wear school jumpers/cardigans (not leavers hoodies, though these can be brought in)

Please also check Arbor and ensure photo consent has been given, as many permissions are currently missing.

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# Saint James Girls Take to the Pitch for the Last Time

A few months ago, we received an interesting email from Kings Worthy School. It began with congratulations on our Hampshire Cup success but quickly turned into a challenge: did we think we were better than the "best team in Winchester"? Never one to shy away from a challenge, Mr Walsh said, "Yes!" Representing Saint James were familiar faces: Alba, Alice, Ava, Amelie, Mia, Keira, Scarlett, Charlotte and Sophia.

Saint James made the brighter start, playing some excellent football and creating several shooting opportunities. Early on, it became clear that the Kings Worthy goalkeeper—later voted our Player of the Match—was going to be outstanding. She produced a series of excellent saves before Kings Worthy struck first. A long ball found their striker in acres of space behind our defence, and she calmly controlled the ball before scoring. 1–0.

Saint James responded brilliantly. Charlotte played a fantastic pass into the path of Ava, whose tricky footwork caused problems all game. She drove down the left wing and fired a superb shot across goal into the bottom corner. 1–1.

The pressure continued to build through the outstanding work of Sophia, who tirelessly broke up play and linked defence with attack. Soon it was Alice's turn to shine. Sophia's trademark long throw caused confusion in the Kings Worthy defence, and when the ball bounced invitingly in front of Alice, she struck a wonderful half-volley into the top corner. 2–1.

Kings Worthy came out strongly after the break and put our defence under sustained pressure. Another long ball caused problems, and an unfortunate bobble allowed their striker through on goal to make it 2–2. The pressure continued, but outstanding saves from Alba and resilient defending from Mia and Amelia kept the scores level.

With only minutes remaining, Keira surged down the right wing as she has done so many times this season. Her excellent shot towards the bottom corner was brilliantly saved by the goalkeeper, but Alice reacted quickest to score from close range. 3–2!

And with that, our brilliant girls completed the challenge set by Kings Worthy. A superb team performance was rewarded with a deserved victory. It has been a fantastic season, full of success and memorable moments, and the girls have made us all immensely proud.

## Book Donation Appeal

We're on the lookout for children's books that are no longer getting much attention - the ones that have been read so often you can practically recite them by heart!

We're inviting families to have a little rummage through bookshelves, baskets, and even those under-bed hiding places to find any children's books they no longer need. Whether it's a well-loved bedtime favourite or a story that's simply been outgrown, we'd be delighted to pass it on to another eager reader at the upcoming Big Boogie event.

If you have any books ready for a new adventure, please pop them into our donation box outside the school office.

After all, one child's "we don't read this anymore" is another child's "this is my new favourite!"

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# Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class Photographs
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Non-uniform day – Bring Chocolates and Biscuits
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	The Big Boogie
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Disco
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Leavers' Service at School

## Sponsor Our School Newsletter

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.**

Thank you to this weeks sponsor - **Asset Management Financial Advisers Limited.**

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](mailto:adminoffice@st-james-westend.hants.sch.uk) for further details.

**Let's Build a KINDER, SAFER HAMPSHIRE**

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be respected.

**DOMESTIC ABUSE CAN AFFECT ANYONE**

Help and support is available.

- Call Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service 03300 165 112 (24/7)
- Visit [hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse](https://hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse) for support and information
- In an emergency, always dial 999.

Together, we can make a difference.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE** Let's listen. Let's support. Let's build a safer Hampshire. #SaferHampshire

Hampshire County Council

**WATER SAFETY**

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water.

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK. MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

**THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:**

- EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME** Including bath time safety and garden hazards.
- STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS** Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.
- PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE** Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".
- AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE** For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.
- WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY** Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference

- Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- Choose safe places to swim.
- Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit: [www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/](http://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/)

Enjoy the water Stay safe Look out for each other

**HSCP** Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Safeguarding children together

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# Free SEND Workshops for Young People and Families

We're pleased to share details of upcoming free, impartial workshops for young people and their families.

No booking is required – participants can simply join the sessions via our website. Full details, including links and session information, are provided on the posters.

There is a one-off Saturday workshop focusing on Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support, ideal for those who may find it difficult to attend during the week.

## June 2026

**Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops**

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

<b>2 JUNE</b> 12:00	Alternative Provision What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	<b>8 JUNE</b> 12:00	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process
<b>9 JUNE</b> 12:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	<b>11 JUNE</b> 13:30	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process
<b>17 JUNE</b> 12:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support	<b>24 JUNE</b> 13:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
<b>27 JUNE</b> 13:00	Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP		

[www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops](http://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops)

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**LEARNING THROUGH SPORT**

**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF LEARNING THROUGH SPORT!**

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SUMMER HOLIDAY OFFER!**

To say thank you for 20 amazing years of support and to help families with the cost of the summer holidays...

**SAVE £2 PER DAY! JUST £14 PER CHILD, PER DAY** (plus booking fee)

**SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY**

FOOTBALL | MULTI-GAMES | PICK & MIX ACTIVITIES | BOYS & GIRLS (YEAR R - YEAR 6) | EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE (SUBJECT TO DEMAND) | Klarna. KLARNA PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY - FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM | WYNTER ROAD PLAYING FIELD, BITTNERE

PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED EACH DAY TO MAINTAIN QUALITY AND ENSURE EVERY CHILD HAS THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE.

THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OFFER ENDS AT MIDNIGHT ON **30TH JUNE 2026** OR EARLIER IF PLACES SELL OUT.

**BOOK NOW!** → **SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!** <https://pbbl.uk/4w0skFR> **WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS!

20 YEARS OF INSPIRING CHILDREN • BUILDING CONFIDENCE • CREATING MEMORIES

Funded by UK Government

**Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this summer!**

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the summer break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code on the left to browse HAF schemes in your local area via our new booking system, or scan the code on the right to find out more about the HAF programme through the connect4communities website.

**Book Schemes** | **HAF FAQs**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connect4communities/holidayactivities>

**BEST START IN LIFE** | **connect4communities** | **Hampshire County Council**

West End Parish Council | DREAM EMPIRE EVENTS

**WEST END FAMILY FUNDAY**

Free entry & entertainment

13th June 2026 10.00 - 16.00 | Hatch Grange, Chapel Road, West End, SO30 3FE

Fun games | Kids Activities | Stalls | Local charities | Inflatables | Food & drink | Entertainment

BLUE FOR CROSS | BARNEY'S BITES

Dog show raising money for Blue Cross Southampton

More information: [www.westend-pc.gov.uk](http://www.westend-pc.gov.uk) | [hello@dreamempireevents.co.uk](mailto:hello@dreamempireevents.co.uk)

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West End Parish Council | DREAM EMPIRE EVENTS

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**Dog show class timetable**

10.00am	Class Registration Opens
11.00am	Best Puppy (under 18 months)
11.30am	Best Veteran (Dog 7+)
12.00pm	Prettiest Girl
1.00pm	Best Rescue
1.30pm	Most Handsome Boy
2.00pm	Waggiest Tail
2.30pm	Dog most like their owner

Entry fee £3 per dog per class, with all proceeds going to Blue Cross Southampton.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult in the show ring.

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