

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Supporting our school this week:

Stanford
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Friday 19th June 2026

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Monday 22 nd June 2026	Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Thursday 25 th June 2026	Friday 26 th June 2026	Monday 29 th June 2026	Wednesday 1 st July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral	Year 6 performance 5.00pm	Year 6 performance at 9.00am	New Yr R Stay and Play 9.15 – 11.00am	Big Boogie 3.00 – 5.00pm	INSET Day	New Yr R Stay and Play 3.45 – 4.45pm

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A message from the Senior Leadership Team.

This week, our Year 3 children truly stepped back in time for their fantastic Stone Age Day. From building shelters in the environmental area to baking their own bread, it was a brilliant hands-on experience that brought their learning to life. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Appleyard, the Year 3 team and our wonderful volunteers for making this such a special day; it has truly become a firm favourite on the school calendar. We can't wait to share photos with you next week!

Not to be outdone, our Year 1 pupils have been busy budding engineers, designing and creating their own freestanding shelters for the Three Little Pigs. There were some wonderfully creative (and hopefully wolf-proof!) structures on display!

In true British fashion, the weather kept us all guessing, but not even the rain could stop our class photos from going ahead. Thank you to everyone for your patience and resilience and for doing your best to keep hair neat despite the drizzle!

To finish the week in style, school was filled with colour, excitement and a wonderful selection of sweet treats as the children arrived in their own clothes for non uniform day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

As we continue through this season of “four seasons in one day,” a gentle reminder to please send children prepared for whatever the morning brings; whether that's sunscreen and hats or raincoats! A water bottle is essential too... we fully appreciate how tricky it is to keep up when the forecast can't quite make up its mind!

As we edge ever closer to the end of the school year, it is lovely to take a moment to reflect on just how much the children have grown, not only academically, but also in confidence, independence and friendships. This time of year brings a wonderful mix of excitement, pride and just a tiny hint of tiredness (for children and adults alike!). There are still plenty of special moments ahead, so we encourage everyone to keep going, stay positive and enjoy these final weeks together. It's a time for celebrating achievements, making memories and, of course, squeezing in just a little more learning before the summer adventures begin!

Parking: Safety First

It seems parking spaces are harder to find than ever; but squeezing into “just one quick spot” is causing real safety concerns. Please remember that safe and considerate parking is not optional. Let's work together to keep our drop-off and pick-up times calm, safe, and respectful for everyone (including our neighbours!).



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DT in Year 1 “Not by the Hair on Their Chinny Chin Chin!”

This week in DT, Year 1 took on the exciting challenge of designing and building freestanding structures to house their newly acquired (and very demanding!) pet pigs. Armed with an impressive selection of lolly sticks, kebab sticks, elastic bands and string, the children set to work creating their very own housing developments; each with its own unique architectural flair!

There were towering structures, carefully balanced creations, and even a few ambitious “open-plan” designs (much to the pigs’ delight, but perhaps less so their safety...). The creativity on show was fantastic, and it’s safe to say we may have a few future engineers, architects, and property developers in the making.

Of course, no pig house would be complete without putting it to the ultimate test. Enter the Big Bad Wolf - also known as Mr Vardy - who arrived armed with his fearsome huff and puff... in the form of a leaf blower! The children watched with a mixture of excitement and suspense as their creations faced the ultimate strength test. Some stood proud against the gusts, while others may have... reconsidered their structural integrity rather quickly!

Over the coming weeks, the children will be learning practical skills such as tying secure knots and improving the stability of their designs before having another go at constructing their pig-proof homes. With these new skills, we are confident that the next set of builds will be even stronger, sturdier, and perhaps even able to rival (dare we say it?) some of the quality seen in certain local new build developments...

Watch this space - those pigs might soon be living in the most secure housing Southampton has ever seen!



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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Soft Toy Sale!



2nd hand soft toys for sale

CASH ONLY



During SJSA's summer event



On Friday 26th June



Tiny toys

50p



Medium toys

£1



Large toys

£2

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Thank you for your support! ❤️



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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.

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.

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.

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

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

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DOMESTIC ABUSE CAN AFFECT ANYONE



Together, we can make a difference. 

Help and support is available.

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

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.

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.

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

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/

Enjoy the water. Stay safe. Look out for each other.

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

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)

- FOOTBALL
- MULTI-GAMES
- PICK & MIX ACTIVITIES
- BOYS & GIRLS (YEAR 8 - YEAR 9)
- EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE (SUBJECT TO DEMAND)
- Klarna.** KLARNA PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE

THURSDAY 23RD JULY - FRIDAY 14TH 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>

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

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

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/social-care-and-health/children-and-family/connect4communities/holidayactivities>

  

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