

# The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026          | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026         | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026             |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Final Karate Session of the Year | Year 5 Production to Parents (5.00 – 6.00) | Year 5 Production to Parents (9.00 – 10.00) | Year 6 Leavers Disco (4.45 – 5.45) | Year 3 Ukelele Concert to parents (2.30 – 3.30) |

## A message from the Senior Leadership Team.

During our INSET day on Monday, staff spent time reviewing and developing what we teach across the school and how learning builds as children move through each year group. We discussed how we can continue to provide high-quality learning opportunities that help every child develop their knowledge, skills and confidence.

Our conversations focused on making learning engaging, challenging and accessible for all children, while ensuring we meet the needs of every learner. Thank you to all staff for their enthusiasm and contributions throughout the day. We look forward to putting these ideas into practice and continuing to provide the very best education for our children.

Alongside our focus on learning, this week has also been one of celebration. As the nation continues to enjoy the excitement and inspiration of top-level international football, it has been a bumper week of sporting success at Saint James. Our pupils have demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship across a range of competitions and events, achieving some excellent results and making us all incredibly proud. It has been wonderful to see so many children embracing opportunities to challenge themselves, support one another and celebrate success together.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the JustGiving pages in support of our new air conditioning units. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to the comfort of our learning environment. It has been wonderful to see our school community come together to support this important project.

Finally, while we are always encouraging healthy lifestyles, exercise and physical activity, we're also firm believers that everything is about balance! Staff were delighted to receive a surprise delivery of doughnuts from Xyla and her younger brother, Zevi, during Monday's INSET training. We are incredibly grateful to both children and their parents for their kindness and generosity. Their thoughtful surprise provided some much-appreciated fuel for an afternoon of curriculum thinking and professional development, reminding us that sometimes the best way to support hard work is with a well-timed doughnut!



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# Making an Impact in Amsterdam

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of two Saint James pupils, Beth (Year 6) and Jessie (Year 3) who represented DCA at the Future Cheer Amsterdam 2026 competition during the May half-term.

Beth travelled to Amsterdam as part of DCA, alongside two cheer teams and a Lyrical Dance team. Her Under 12 cheer team, Destiny, delivered an outstanding performance, placing 1st in their category, achieving a Zero Deduction routine, and being crowned Division Champions. This remarkable success reflects the hard work, dedication and teamwork shown by Beth and her fellow athletes throughout the season.

Jessie also travelled to Amsterdam with DCA to compete in her very first dance competition. We are delighted to share that Jessie and her DCA Lyrical Dance team won the Under 12 Lyrical category, an incredible achievement and a fantastic way to begin her competitive dance journey.

Both girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience, making new friendships, performing on an international stage and exploring the sights of Amsterdam. Their achievements are a wonderful example of the talent, commitment and determination shown by our pupils both in and out of school.



## Transition to New Classes

Last week we successfully transitioned all children into their new year groups, and we're delighted with how well they have settled. The children have shown fantastic resilience and positivity, and it has been a pleasure to see them begin this next stage of their learning journey so confidently.

## Working Together

We are aware that, as with any change, some questions and concerns may arise. We kindly ask that any concerns regarding children or class dynamics are shared directly with the school, rather than discussed in group chats or on social media. These informal forums can sometimes lead to misunderstandings or unnecessary worry, particularly when information is incomplete or based on assumptions.

Our staff are always happy to listen and respond:

- Class teachers are the first point of contact
- Senior leaders are available if further support is needed

By coming to us directly, we can ensure that any concerns are addressed accurately, sensitively, and with the full context.

# School Games Gold Mark - Three Years

## Running!

We are delighted to announce that Saint James has been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for the third consecutive year!



The School Games Mark is a national award that recognises schools for their commitment to physical education, school sport and opportunities for young people to be active. Achieving Gold status for three years running is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils and the support of our families.

Throughout the year, our children have embraced a wide range of sporting opportunities, including competitions, festivals, clubs and leadership roles. We are particularly proud of the inclusive approach to sport at Saint James, ensuring that all pupils have the chance to participate, develop new skills and enjoy being active.

This award is a testament to the hard work of everyone involved in promoting sport and physical activity across our school community. Thank you to our staff, pupils, parents and volunteers for helping us achieve this milestone.

## Help Us Keep Our Children Learning - Message from Chair of Governors, Claire Burton

Rising temperatures are making our classrooms increasingly uncomfortable, affecting pupils' concentration and disrupting lessons. During recent heatwaves, conditions became so extreme that learning had to be reduced or stopped entirely. This is about more than comfort, it's about maintaining education. When classrooms are too hot, children struggle to learn, teachers find it harder to teach, and valuable learning time is lost. With extreme heat becoming more frequent, this is an ongoing challenge.

**Our Goal** - We aim to create a safe, comfortable learning environment by purchasing 24 portable air conditioning units (£800 each), ensuring classrooms remain usable even in high temperatures.

### Why It Matters

Children stay in school during heatwaves

Improved focus and learning

Better teaching conditions

A school prepared for future challenges

**Our Commitment** - As a governing body, we are dedicated to supporting our pupils, staff, and school by ensuring a safe and effective learning environment year-round.

Donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjamescofeschool>

Every contribution brings us closer to protecting our children's education. Together, we can ensure that when the next heatwave comes, our classrooms are ready.

# 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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**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 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, BITTERNE**

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

**TRUSTED BY LOCAL FAMILIES FOR 20 YEARS**  
Thousands of local children have attended our sessions since 2006.

**BOOK NOW!** **SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!**  
<https://pbbi.uk/4w0skFR>  
THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS!

20 YEARS OF INSPIRING CHILDREN • BUILDING CONFIDENCE • CREATING MEMORIES

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

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**GIVE IT A GO THIS SUMMER**

**EASTLEIGH ACTIVE**

AGES 5-16 YEARS

**Monday 27 July - Friday 21 August**

**Activities include:**

Badminton, Big Sister Sessions, CrossFit, Fishing, Football, Weightlifting, Pickelball, Reformer Pilates, Rugby, Sailing, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, AquaRun, Skatejams and much more...

BOOK NOW: [EASTLEIGH.GOV.UK/EASTLEIGHACTIVE](http://EASTLEIGH.GOV.UK/EASTLEIGHACTIVE)

PRICE £3.50\*

**EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL** **SportWorks**

\*£1 concessions available to residents receiving qualifying benefits  
Activities may be subject to change

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**the swim school academy**

**CRASH COURSES**

**£65**

**DATES:**

- July 27- 31 (Main pool and Endless pool\*)
- August 3 - 7
- August 10 - 14

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