

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Tuesday 21st July 2026



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Last Day of Term

Yr 6 Leavers Service for
parents
10.30

(Year 6 children to leave at
approximately 11.00 after the
leavers service)

All Year Groups Leave
1.00 – 1.15

A message from the Senior Leadership Team.

Although last week's newsletter was intended to be the final edition of the year, a few exciting events and important updates have taken place since it was published. I couldn't resist one last opportunity to share them with you before Mr Boyden returns to take back the newsletter reins. So, for the final final edition, here are a few pieces of news from around the school that we didn't want you to miss!

Year 1 Dive Into Somebody Swallowed Stanley

Year 1 were surprised to discover a mysterious seaside scene in the music room to introduce new book, *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*. The children carefully observed an ocean habitat filled with sea creatures, shells and seaweed, but they also noticed something worrying: litter floating amongst the sealife.

The immersive experience sparked lots of discussion and curiosity. The children used their excellent observation skills to describe what they could see, make predictions about what might have happened and think about how the rubbish could affect the animals living in the ocean. This led perfectly into reading *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*, the story of a plastic bag that is mistaken for a jellyfish by a hungry turtle.

Throughout the lesson, Year 1 explored the importance of looking after our oceans and protecting marine life from pollution. The children produced some wonderful writing, shared thoughtful ideas and demonstrated great care and concern for the environment.

Year 1 embraced this learning journey, showing curiosity, empathy and a growing understanding of how everyone can help to keep our planet clean and healthy.



Year 6 Cricket Team Compete in Hampshire County Cup

On Monday 13th July, a squad of nine Year 6 children represented the school at the Hampshire Schools Cricket Association's annual Primary County Cup Tournament, held at Lapstone Pavilion in Fair Oak. The team approached the day with fantastic enthusiasm, resilience and determination, demonstrating our school values in every match they played. From the very first ball, the children showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and positivity, supporting one another and competing with integrity throughout the tournament.

The group stage proved to be highly competitive. The team secured a convincing victory in their opening match before narrowly losing their second game. With the group standings incredibly close, qualification for the knockout rounds came down to run difference. Thanks to their strong performance across both matches, the team progressed to the next stage in dramatic fashion.

Buoyed by their success, the children continued to play with confidence and determination, winning their first knockout match to reach the semi-finals. Despite a spirited performance, their tournament journey came to an end at this stage against strong opposition.

Reaching the semi-finals of a county-wide competition is a tremendous achievement, and every member of the squad should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Throughout the day, the children were excellent ambassadors for the school, displaying respect, resilience and teamwork at all times. They represented the school superbly and did us all proud. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 6 Make Lasting Memories

Today, our Year 6 children enjoyed a special visit from the photo booth, giving them the opportunity to capture some fun memories with friends as they approach the end of their primary school journey. There was plenty of laughter, smiles and excitement as the children made the most of this memorable experience.

Alongside the celebrations, pupils have also been busy signing one another's yearbooks, sharing messages, good wishes and happy memories from their time together at school. As they spend their last **full** day in primary school, it has been wonderful to see friendships celebrated and memories cherished.



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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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WANTED

 

Do you like making a difference?
 Could **you** be the person who helps a child to learn to read?

If you have an hour, a morning or an afternoon each week that you could offer, then we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Mrs Gardiner (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Griffiths (SENCo).

REWARD

Knowing that by volunteering, you are helping to boost the self-esteem, reading confidence and ability of some of our wonderful children who are desperate to learn to read and enjoy books.



As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to remind families to check our lost property collection for any missing items. Over the course of the year, a large number of unclaimed jumpers, cardigans, coats, water bottles and other belongings have accumulated.

Any items that are clearly named will be returned to their owners wherever possible. However, any unnamed items remaining at the end of term will be donated to our second-hand uniform stock or given to charity.

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