

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Class photographs	Non-Uniform Day – bring a bottle for tombola	Year 6 Educational visit	Year 6 performance 5pm	Year 6 performance 9am	Non-Uniform Day – bring biscuits for the tombola

Collective Worship

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

7th - 15th June

This week's theme:

Great Big Green Week

This week's bible verse:

Abraham reaches Canaan

Genesis 12:6-7

A message from the Senior Leadership team

This week's newsletter celebrates sporting success, with the fantastic news that we've retained our 'Gold' award for school P.E and Games. With the England cricket team winning an international T20 match at the Utilita Bowl this week, it also seems appropriate that we recognise the cricketing achievements of some of our pupils.

After opening for four, extremely busy, sessions after school, we were delighted to hear the total raised by this year's Book Fair. A significant proportion of this will be given back to the school as credit for books, so the impressive sales will directly impact the children of Saint James Primary School. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Saint James wins 'Gold' in the School Games Mark for the second year in succession

One of Britain's most decorated Olympic athletes of all time, Sir Steve Redgrave, won the Bronze medal in the coxless pair in 1988 before achieving Gold in the same event in the next three Olympic games. This is comparable to Sir Chris Hoy who began his Olympic career in 2000 with a Silver medal in the team sprint before achieving a Gold medal in 2004, 2008 and 2012.

So, impressive though these facts are, what have they got to do with Saint James Primary School? Following in the footsteps, pedal - pushes and oar-strokes of these famous Olympians, we have now achieved the 'Gold' School Games mark for the second consecutive year (after achieving 'Bronze' two years ago). This prestigious award is only granted to schools that are dedicated to showing commitment to promoting sport and physical fitness across the school.

The criteria for obtaining this award is quite stringent and requires a monumental effort of organisation of provision to ensure it can be achieved. Some of the conditions that need to be met include:

- Every child needs to access at least sixty active minutes per day.
- Children should be able to access competitions that provide positive experiences tailored to their motivation, confidence, and abilities
- There should be opportunity for children to support the personal development of other students through engagement with sports leadership
- There should be equity in the opportunities open for all young people, regardless of gender.

As you can appreciate, to make this happen requires careful planning, as well as thorough documentation to provide evidence for the award. We would like to express our heart-felt congratulations and thanks to Miss Howell for the efforts she made in helping us to achieve the 'Gold' award for the first time last year and in ensuring we maintained this high level of provision for this year, too. We would also like to extend our enormous thanks to Mr Whitlock and all of the Learning Support Team for being instrumental in the application of this provision.

Unlike the aforementioned Olympians, we have not yet have won 'Gold' on three or more occasions. Although we may not yet be like *Sir Steve* or *Sir Chris*, we're already one better. We're *Saint James*!



Our cricketing trio were *bowled over* with their prize – it almost *caught* them by surprise!

Anyone trying to get to their home in West End on Tuesday evening may have cursed the fact that we have an international sporting arena within a five minutes' walk from Saint James Primary School. The throngs of cricket fans making their way to the Utilita Bowl caused traffic to be at a standstill and parking in the surrounding roads to be limited. However, there are few schools in the country that can claim to have an international cricket match played within stones-throw of their own grounds.

When not in use for international matches, the Utilita Bowl is the home of Hampshire cricket and remains a hallowed venue for cricket fans of all ages. Being able to walk to a prestigious ground, like this, in your local community is a pleasure that can't be enjoyed by many, however having the opportunity to grace the pitch is an honour that is reserved for even fewer. It was, though, an honour that was enjoyed by three of our Saint James children last week.

The three children, Michael, Hayden and Finlay, recently took part in a skills challenge for their cricket team, Hedge End Juniors Under 11's. Rather than demonstrating their prowess on their home ground on Turnpike Way, the children graced the pitch at the Utilita bowl in a competition to win the chance to form the guard of honour for the Hampshire players, as they entered the field before the Hampshire Hawks' T20 game.

Unsurprisingly, considering their dedication and competence, our children won the challenge and the opportunity to welcome the Hampshire team onto the pitch: what a truly special and memorable moment! We're sure, if they continue to develop their cricketing skills like they have already, that in the future there will be children competing for the honour of welcoming them onto the pitch!



Scholastic Book fair

As you are aware, we have just finished hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. You will probably not be surprised to hear that the event was an enormous success – the trail of parents and children out of the hall was surely a good indication! This year's event was extremely successful: we are delighted how many children were able to choose and purchase books.



Whilst we are not surprised that it was popular, due to the importance that we place on reading and the efforts we make to ensure choosing and reading a book is an exciting proposition, we were amazed at the level of support that we received from our parents and families. Thank you for your kind generosity in purchasing so many books and showing your support for the school and our investment in books and reading.

The phenomenal success of this year's book fair would not have happened without a huge investment of time from members of staff. In particular, we would like to extend an enormous 'thank you' to Miss Achilles and Mrs Thompson for all the effort they put in both before and during the book fair. We would also like to thank Mrs Waugh and Mrs Martin who kindly supported with sales during this event.

No School Crossing Patrol on Moorgreen Road

We have had a number of concerned families asking us about Dawn, the lollipop lady who assists with the crossing of Moorgreen Road at the junction with Chapel Road. Noting her absence this week, they were concerned about her health. After speaking with Dawn, we can confirm that she is beginning to feel better and is hoping to return on Monday. However, please be aware that the Moorgreen Road crossing may remain unmanned next week, if Dawn is unable to return straight away.

Please be aware that Kim, who covers the crossing on the junction between Moorgreen Road and Monarch Way, will also be absent on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th June. Please remind your children to take care, if they make ever need to cross the road without assistance.



My child is gaming online – what are the risks?

With an increasing amount of our children enjoying online gaming, we thought it would be pertinent to share with you the following document which is part of a series of blogs written by the Education Team at Childnet, one of the partners in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

What games allow chat?

Online chats are currently a big part of the gaming world. Through our work in schools, we know many young people chat to others while they are playing games. Online chats in games can take various forms, including:

- Written chats – these could be direct messages to specific people, group chats with friends or a public chat.
- Voice chat – talking aloud with other people, often using a headset to do so.
- Video chat – talking with other people through a video, where a person and their surroundings can be seen.

Chat can often be a feature built into the game, however some gamers use separate apps to chat whilst gaming, including some apps which can be integrated directly into the gaming experience.

Is chatting in games dangerous?

Chatting in online games can be a positive experience for young people and is a quick and easy way for them to communicate with gamers from all over the world. Online game chats give young people the opportunity to work in teams and enjoy the game together, creating a positive social environment. Online chats can also be an important part of online gaming, as it is a way to communicate with teammates and successfully complete tasks and levels.

However, there are some risks to be aware of when young people are chatting in games. They may witness bad language or online hate, if this is not blocked or filtered by the game. In a voice chat, this behaviour can be harder to monitor, especially if it's through a headset as there is no written record of what has been said.

Another risk could be somebody asking to move the chat onto another messaging app or social media platform. These chats, separate from the game, could be encrypted and harder to moderate. It can sometimes be the case that a child may 'befriend' somebody online and begin to trust them. This may lead them to share personal information, photos and videos, or agree to meet up with them.

What advice can I share with my child?

It is important to remember that all children are different, and as their parent or carer you are best placed to know what your children are ready for in the online world. However, conversation is key when you're trying to understand the purpose of their online chats. Give your child the opportunity to discuss their experiences on online games, positive or negative.

For younger children:

- Choose a game with a closed chat, where children can only chat with people they know. You may be able to change the privacy settings in games to limit the people they can talk to.
- Supervise your child's use of online chats and set appropriate boundaries.
- Remind your child that online chats should stay on topic and relevant if they are talking to somebody they do not know offline, for example they should only be talking about the game.
- Ensure your child is aware that if they are asked for personal information, photos, videos or livestreams or to meet up with somebody, they need to tell an adult immediately and report it.

For older children and teens

- Ensure your child is aware of blocking and reporting tools. Blocking somebody prevents messages coming through from them, whereas reporting alerts the platform safety team of an incident.
- Remind your child that they are in control when chatting online. If they ever feel uncomfortable or unsure, they can cut the communication and leave the chat. They might want to start a new gaming chat with their friends instead.
- Set expectations for online chats to make sure chat stays respectful and personal information is not shared with strangers.
- Make sure your child is aware of the warning signs that the online chat may be putting them at risk. For example, asking for personal information, asking for photos videos and livestreams, asking to move the chat elsewhere and arranging to meet up.

Where can I go for more help and advice?

[CEOP Safety Centre](#) – To report any concerns of an individual contacting a child and asking for personal information, to meet up or for photos, videos or livestreams.

[Family Video Game Database](#) – Detailed advice about different games and their features. This website also suggests alternative options for any games you do not want your child to play.

[Common Sense Media](#) – Breaks down the content of games (as well as books, films, apps, websites) into categories to gain a clear picture of what it is like. This is a subscription service, but it does allow 3 free reviews per month.

[Internet Matters](#) – Provides clear instructions on how to set up parental controls on games, apps, devices and even Wi-Fi routers.

[Childnet](#) – Help and advice pages for children and for parents and carers.

Keeping your child safe...

on site

We love the fact that dropping and collecting your child from school can be an enjoyable social occasion, giving parents the opportunity to chat and socialise. These interactions truly help families feel included into the wider 'Saint James' family and is something we hold dear.

However, please do ensure that you keep an eye on your children before passing them into the care of their class teacher and collecting them at the end of the day. It has been reported to us that some children have been climbing on fencing, outbuildings and cycle racks, as well as accessing the Key Stage 1 play trail. We would hate it, if a lack of supervision led to an easily avoidable accident.

on a bike

We are still receiving a number of complaints from our neighbours and local community that some children are not showing consideration of pedestrians and other road users when cycling to and from school. Sometimes swerving across the road or towards pedestrians on the pavements or footpath, they are putting themselves and others in danger. If your child cycles to school, please remind them to cycle safely and show consideration of others.

NEW FOR 2025


Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

HAMPSHIRE CAMHS INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSION

**YOUNG PERSON'S
MENTAL HEALTH**

10am - 2pm

**The Arc, Jewry Street
Winchester, SO23 8SB**

This is an opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.

Bookable slots available via our website or just drop in.

2 April
7 May
4 June
2 July
6 August

3 September
1 October
5 November
3 December



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The PTA for Saint James School

**Prizes to be drawn
Friday 4th July**


Summer Raffle


1st Prize: £250 cash
2nd Prize: Nintendo Switch
3rd Prize: Overnight stay at The Holiday Inn

Country Road Festival Tickets	Red Funnel Vehicle Crossing
ICON Sports Holiday Camp Session	14 Day Family Pass at David Lloyd
Play Shack Entry	Amazon Echo Dot
Owtons Butchers Voucher	Dinner Date Dining Treat Box
Gel Manicure/Builder & 15% off next appointment	Rock Up!
	Longdown Dairy Farm Entry
	FirstSight Pregnancy Scan Voucher
	Hair Salon Voucher - Cut & Blowdry

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19th June

Ocean Catch Fish Finger Bap & Wedges
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Mermaid's Delight
Fishless Finger Bap & Wedges,
with Sweetcorn
Pasta & Jackets also available
And


Sandy Lemon
Shortbread Biscuit



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How you can help protect our oceans?

Every Drop Counts!

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth to save our oceans!


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How you can help protect our oceans?

Choose a refillable water bottle!

Keeping plastic out of the sea!

Get Musical!

We have been made aware of a musical event happening at Barton Peverill College, this Summer: five days of musical theatre fun!

Get Musical returns for a 6th year to the Rose theatre, where children can spend a week of learning, rehearsing, and performing a medley of songs, celebrating the glitz and glamour of Golden Hollywood. This year promises to be spectacular, with the planning team already hard at work selecting incredible songs and crafting an amazing script.

Sign up and enjoy a week of musical theatre fun!

Location: *The Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh*

Dates: *11 to 15 August 2025*

Times: *10am – 4.00pm finish each day (additional wraparound care available upon request)*

Suitable for: *Pupils currently in / just finishing their time in Year 4 through to Year 13*

Cost: *£175 for the week (Compulsory to attend all days)*

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link: [Get Musical! 2025 – Booking Form](#)



Stay Safe on the Internet - Inappropriate content

We recognise that there are a great many videos available on Youtube and other streaming sources that are informative, instructional and entertaining. However, we have been made aware of a series of videos about a character called Jeffy which have been identified as offensive and inappropriate for children. *Safer Schools*, who alerted us to this, have included a synopsis to ensure parents are better informed.

What is Jeffy?

Jeffy is a puppet character featured in series of YouTube videos. The channel behind Jeffy has over five million subscribers and each video posted gains millions of views.

The character of Jeffy has been criticised for portraying an offensive stereotype of someone with unspecified learning difficulties or disability. The creator has argued against this characterisation, saying Jeffy is meant to be funny and does not represent someone with a disability.

Despite the video's child-friendly animation style, our online safety experts found videos portraying sexual content, nudity, violence, gore, profanity and more inappropriate themes.

What are the risks of Jeffy and other adult-animations to children and young people?

In 2017, a mother found her 7-year-old son with a ligature around his neck, mimicking actions they had seen in a Jeffy video. The noose was safely removed, and the creator of Jeffy apologised, adding that the videos are: "not to be imitated and are for entertainment purposes only".

As the style of these animations is similar to other videos they view, children and young people may click onto content without realising it contains harmful material.

Even after viewing, a child may not realise how problematic the behaviour they've viewed is if they believe they are watching an age-appropriate cartoon.

Children and young people may copy behaviours and language they have viewed. This is not exclusive to the home environment as some content shows settings outside of the home, for example Jeffy at school.

When exposed to inappropriate content, such as sexualised content, children may struggle to explain to an adult what they have seen and/or what is upsetting them, or they may worry they will get into trouble.

Please ensure that your child remains safe online and encourage them to talk to you about anything that causes them worry or concern.



Small Worlds Art Exhibition

As you know, the classrooms at Saint James school can often act as a portal to a different place or moment in time. We've seen everything from a Victorian workhouse to World War 1 trenches, in the past, and, most recently, even the interior of a jumbo jet!

Over the past couple of weeks, throughout the school, classroom doors have led to a variety of artists' studios with groups of enthusiastic children busily creating impressive 3D art installations for display. So, what has transformed our children into wannabe Antony Gormleys and Damien Hirsts? A, whole school, collaborative art project to create high quality artwork for a an exhibition at the notable location of Winchester Gallery!

The artwork is an ideal showcase for the children's passion and advocacy for change. It will form part of a 'Small Worlds' exhibition that encourages creativity to explore climate change and what matters to young people. It is part of the larger, ongoing Climate Unity Project. The exhibition seeks to represent our children's unique voice and the environmental change they would like to see in our local area of West End.

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Small Worlds Art Exhibition (continued)

As well as contributing to the exhibition, we have also created installations to update our Outdoor Cathedral, which currently hangs from trees in our environmental area. As you will see, from the photos, each of the installations is created around a woven, wicker orb and is decorated with creatures modelled from recycled materials. Each sphere is a compilation of children's work and although each individual piece looks impressive in isolation, the impact of all of them together is staggeringly impressive.

We would like to extend an enormous 'thank you' to Mrs Callard for organising this project, sourcing the willow and arranging a willing and enthusiastic band of volunteers to help weave the large spheres.

If you would like to view our work, along with that of other schools and prominent artists, at Winchester Gallery, please see the attached flyer for further information.



Saint James emulate footballing greats

On 16th March, 1872, Wanderers defeated Royal Engineers 1-0 at the Kennington Oval to become the first winners of the FA cup. Then, nearly sixty years later, on 30th July 1930, Uruguay defeated Argentina 4-2 to become the winners of the first FIFA world cup. Scroll forward nearly 100 years, and we are proud to announce another inaugural winner. On 12th June 2025, the winners of the first ever IDPE football tournament was Saint James Primary, writing our school name into the history books.

Without looking back to the respective results for the Wanderers and Uruguay teams we can't validate this assumption, but we feel it is highly unlikely that they won their tournaments so convincingly. After playing 4 games, the Saint James team posted the impressive record of 4 wins, 14 goals scored, 0 conceded and a resounding 10-0 win in their final must win fixture! A record that any team would be proud of!

Of the 10 players that represented the school, 7 of them scored. Their coach, Mr Walsh (who after the England football team's recent run of results must be in contention for the most coveted job in English football) tried to keep track of all the goal scorers, but understandably it became a little bit overwhelming in the last fixture!

To achieve such impressive results, it takes not only individual excellence but the ability to play as a team and everyone played brilliantly showing great sportsmanship. Despite the elation of winning, the team celebrated with humility, acknowledging the efforts of their opponents and being excellent models of our value of 'respect'.

It is often the performance of forward players that make the news, with exciting goals and mazy runs, whilst the stalwart and steadfast performances of defenders can get overlooked. However, a particular stand out performance was from Henry who set up the winning goal in the opening fixture against Warsash and defended valiantly throughout the tournament, like Paolo Maldini in his prime!

A piece of tactical genius (Mr Walsh wrote that bit!) saw Taylor score a winner in the second fixture after just 30 seconds of coming on. He wheeled away, arm aloft in the style of a famous, former England, striker. We wonder who gave him inspiration for that celebration?

We would like to say huge congratulations to our formidable footballers; not only for their sporting prowess but also the sportsmanship they showed throughout the tournament. In addition, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mr Walsh for coaching the team and taking them to the tournament, as well as all the parents who gave their support and transported the children to the venue.

