

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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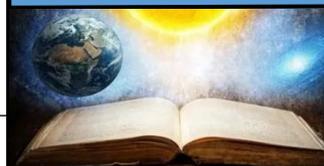


Friday 13th March

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| Year 2 Educational visit | Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day | Year 3 Educational visit | Year 4 Educational visit | Year R Educational visit | Easter Lunch | Last day of the Spring term |
| | | | | | Easter Service at St James Church Year 5 and 6 | |

Collective Worship



This week's theme:
Science and the bible

This week's story:
**The Water Cycle &
The Earth is round**
Job 36:27-28
Isaiah 40:22

A message from the Senior Leadership team

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to the book look and Parents' Evening this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss their progress with their class teacher. It is hard to believe that, by the time we reach the Easter holidays, we will be two-thirds of the way through the school year.

As you know, we celebrated World Book Day at the end of last week and enjoyed a day immersed in engaging book-related activities; ranging from quizzes, author visits and paired reading across key stages. There was even a hunt around the school to find genetically engineered pets (you'll have to read the article below to find out more about that!)

Hooked on books: Saint James pupils have a novel day of learning on World Book Day!

Currently the average fee for arranging a school visit from an author is in the region of £400 per day although this can vary dramatically depending on their fame and popularity. We imagine we would baulk at the cost it would take to entice JK Rowling, David Walliams or Julia Donaldson to Saint James for the day! So, with an average of £400 for an author to visit for the day, you might think the cost for nearly ninety authors sharing their latest narrative would be prohibitive and unfeasible for even the most affluent of schools. Thankfully, for the coffers of Saint James, this wasn't the case last week. Our Year R children had two opportunities to hear passionate authors sharing their latest publication on Thursday; listening to them enthusiastically share their latest publication, they were truly immersed in the stories. Whilst Stephen Fry, Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks have all supplemented their income by reading audiobooks, we feel that only the author can truly engage with the text and provide the subtle nuances for characters that they envisaged when they created them. To have an author reading their own text adds a special dimension for the reader. So, who were the generous authors who so kindly dedicated their time to reading their own narratives to the children in Year R? In the first instance, it was Karen Gaskell, the author of a new book; *Pip the Tugboat*.

The children were privileged to hear Karen's first public reading of her book and were engaged throughout. Although the book is not available in print yet, Year R were privileged to see the digital version that Karen received only that morning! Why had Karen chosen Saint James children to be the first audience for her new book? Because, we carry some familial favour: Karen is the grandmother to Millie in Year R, Ella in Year 3 and Ben in Year 6. In fact the children are all credited as illustrators for the book!

However, in a day full of exciting activities, our lucky Year R children got to experience the work of other budding authors; the children in Year 5! Demanding nothing more than the undivided attention of the children in our youngest year group, the Year 5 children set about captivating their listeners with their entertaining tales!

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These were just some of the exciting and enriching activities that took place during World Book Day last week, as the children at Saint James enjoyed a celebration of books. With many Key Stage 2 classes partnering with pupils in Key Stage 1, it was a pleasure to witness the enjoyment taken from this experience by both the older and younger children.

In addition, some of our older children took part in the 'Great Big World Book Day Footy and Booky Quiz', a 45-minute quiz devised in partnership between the National Literacy Trust and Premier League Primary Stars. With two rounds of questions (one football-themed and one reading-themed) posed by eminent footballers and authors, the quiz certainly had a broad appeal!

Whilst there was a distinct literary theme to the day, some of the activities the Year 4 children enjoyed were also firmly rooted in the context of Science and specifically genetic engineering! The children have been learning about the book, 'The Barnabus Project', where the titular character is a genetically-engineered half-mouse and half-elephant, the product of a failed laboratory experiment to create and sell the 'perfect pet'. Labelled as a 'failed pet', Barnabus is trapped in a bell jar and hidden from view with other failed pet creations. Imprisoned in this miserable existence, Barnabus dreams of freedom and the world beyond his confinement. Whilst the scientists who created Barnabus might not have been empathetic to his plight, the same cannot be levied at our caring Year 4 pupils. Showing solidarity with Barnabus by dressing as a 'failed pet' for the day, the children then begun a search round the school to locate all of the hidden 'failed pets' who, like in the text, had been carefully concealed from view. As well as helping the children to engage compassionately with the disturbing situation that had befallen the characters, they also had opportunity to show their creativity through some wildly imaginative costumes.

A thoroughly enjoyable day, the children (and staff!!) loved the opportunity to immerse themselves in books and truly enjoy reading for pleasure.



For the Saint James netball team, it might have been a third-place finish but it was definitely first-class teamwork!

When Brazil won the World Cup in 1994 their team contained the FIFA world player of the year for 1994, Romario, and the FIFA world player of the year for 1996, 1997 and 2002, Ronaldo. They won the tournament by winning 57% of all their games. So, why is this fact important?

If a team containing two players recognised as the best in the world can win a tournament with a 57% win percentage, you might expect that a team with a 56% win percentage would also have a strong chance of winning a tournament. Sadly, although this was the reality for the Saint James team, the outcome wasn't quite the same. In the second round of the Hampshire Cup for netball, our valiant team won 5 games (56%), drew a further two games and only narrowly lost the remaining two. Although an impressive record, this wasn't quite enough to secure passage to the next round – the county finals.

Only barely edged out of contention by teams from Fair Oak and Botley, our impressive team finished in a highly respectable third place. Although a group of individuals, the success they secured was due to how cohesive they were as a team. Miss Howell and Mrs Mostoufi attribute the reason they did so well down to their communication, passing of the ball and utilising all the players.

Particular highlights include; Darcie, the only Year 5 on the team, who constantly called for the ball, marked her player and fully involved herself in the team; Eli, who persevered to the end and squeezed in a shot during the final few moments of one game and Henry, who kept persevering with his shots and finally, after about 5 attempts, scored from the hardest angle.

Unsurprisingly, our fabulous team showed tremendous sportsmanship throughout (a hallmark of all Saint James teams) and represented the school admirably. We would also like to extend an enormous 'thank you' to all the parents who offered transportation and support throughout the tournament, your encouragement is well appreciated. Participation in sports fixtures cannot happen without the dedication and time given from members of staff. Miss Howell and Mrs Mostoufi were stalwarts throughout, providing vocal encouragement, whilst imparting their tactical nous and netballing expertise. We would like to thank both members of staff for giving their support throughout.



Soft Toy Sale!

2nd hand soft toys for sale to raise money
for Prince and Ineza

Outside Camino 3:10-3:40pm

Monday 20th April

Monday 27th April

Tiny toys 50p



Medium toys £1

Large toys £2



CASH ONLY

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WRITERS!

We are asking **7-11-year-olds** to write a story about **GOLD** using no more than **500-words**. The winner will receive a **gold coin, £5,000** for their school or local library, and their **story illustrated** by an artist.

Stories can be submitted between 16 February - 17 April 2026.



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storycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk



SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

PRESENTS

3v3 Ladder Tournament

We invite St James Primary School Pupils

YEAR 1 - YEAR 4

Years 1 & 2 - 18 places only

Years 3 & 4 - 18 places only



Join us for our fun-filled 3v3 Tournament this Easter!

- Fast-paced 3v3 matches on inflatable pitches.
- Continuous ladder format
- ⚡ Short fast games
- 🏆 Medals & prizes up for grabs

£23 per day

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

9AM-3PM

Just £3.83 per hour

BOOK NOW

Years 1 & 2



Years 3 & 4



Monday 30th March
Tuesday 31st March

ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL
MOORGREEN ROAD,
WEST END,
SO30 3EG



SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

PRESENTS

EASTER FOOTBALL & MULTI-GAMES CAMP

We invite St James Primary School Pupils

RECEPTION - YEAR 6

CHOOSE YOUR ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY



Join us for our fun-filled sports sessions this Easter!

- Football matches
- No boring drills
- Dogeball
- Tag Rugby
- Kwik Cricket
- Battleships
- Team Games & Challenges
- And much more!

£20 per day

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

9AM-3PM

Just £3.33 per hour

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Tuesday 31st March
Wednesday 1st April

ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL
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WEST END,
SO30 3EG

PRICE
£3.50*

EASTLEIGH
ACTIVE

GET
MOVING
THIS
EASTER

SPORTS, GAMES,
AND ENERGY-
PACKED FUN

AGES
5-16
YEARS

Tuesday 31 March - Thursday 2 April
Tuesday 7 - Thursday 9 April

AquaRun

Wednesday 8 April
5-16yrs 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Hamble Sports Complex

Badminton

Wednesday 1 April
& Wednesday 8 April
7-10yrs 6pm - 7pm
11-16yrs 7pm - 8pm
Wyvern College

Big Sister Session

Wednesday 8 April
11-15yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm
Places Leisure Eastleigh

Thursday 9 April
9-11yrs 4.30pm - 5.15pm
Places Leisure Eastleigh

CrossFit

Wednesday 1 April
& Wednesday 8 April
11-16yrs 3pm - 4pm
CrossFit Southampton, Eastleigh

Cricket

Thursday 2 April
5-8yrs 11am - 12pm
9-12yrs 12pm - 1pm
Places Leisure Eastleigh

Thursday 9 April
8-11yrs (girls only) 11am - 12pm
9-12yrs 12pm - 1pm
Places Leisure Eastleigh

Cycles4All

Tuesday 31 March
& Tuesday 7 April
Families 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Pavilion on the Park

Dodgeball

Tuesday 31 March
8-11yrs 2pm - 3pm
Hiltingbury Sports

Fencing

Tuesday 7 April
5-10yrs 3.30pm - 4.30pm
11-16yrs 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Boorley Green Community Centre

Free Swimming

Tuesday - Thursday
5-16yrs 2pm - 3pm
Wildern Leisure Centre

Football

Wednesday 1 April
8-11yrs 10am - 11am
8-14yrs (girls only) 11am - 12pm
Places Leisure Eastleigh

Wednesday 8 April
5-7yrs 10am - 11am
13-16yrs (teens) 11am - 12pm
Places Leisure Eastleigh

Hockey

Wednesday 1 April
& Wednesday 8 April
8-14yrs 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Hamble Hockey Club (Hamble School)

**Inflatable Pool
Session**

Thursday 2 April
8-16yrs 2.30pm - 3.15pm
Places Leisure Eastleigh

Junior Gym

Wednesday 1 April
& Wednesday 8 April
11-16yrs 1pm - 2pm
Wildern Leisure Centre

Laser Tag

Tuesday 31 March
8-11yrs 9.30am - 10.30am
12-16yrs (teens) 10.45am - 11.45am
Pavilion on the Park

Netball

Thursday 2 April
5-10yrs 1pm - 2pm
11-14yrs 2pm - 3pm
Wide Lane Sports Ground

**Street
Basketball**

Wednesday 1 April
8-12yrs 1pm - 2pm
8-14yrs (girls only) 2pm - 3pm
Hiltingbury Basketball Court

Wednesday 8 April
8-12yrs 1pm - 2pm
13-16yrs (teens) 2pm - 3pm
Roy Underdown Court, Hamble

Tennis

Wednesday 1 April
& Wednesday 8 April
5-7yrs 10am - 11am
8-11yrs 11am - 12pm
Wyvern College

Tuesday 31 March
& Thursday 2 April
5-10yrs 5pm - 6pm
11-16yrs 5pm - 6pm
Deer Park School

Tuesday 31 March
Tuesday 7 April
5-10yrs 3.30pm - 4.30pm
11-16yrs 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Bursledon Recreation Ground

Thursday 2 April
5-10yrs (girls only) 3.30pm - 4.30pm
11-16yrs (girls only) 4.30pm - 5.30pm
The Hub, Eastleigh

Thursday 9 April
5-10yrs 3.30pm - 4.30pm
11-16yrs 4.30pm - 5.30pm
The Hub, Eastleigh



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*£1 for those in receipt of qualifying benefits
Activities may be subject to change



EASTLEIGH ACTIVE

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AGES 5-16 YEARS

Tuesday 31 March - Thursday 2 April
Tuesday 7 - Thursday 9 April

PRICE £3.50*

CRICKET
TENNIS
FENCING
LASER TAG
CYCLES4ALL
HOCKEY
AND MORE

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Tuesday 7 - Thursday 9 April

FOOTBALL
TENNIS
CRICKET
BIG SISTER SESSION
STREET BASKETBALL

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