

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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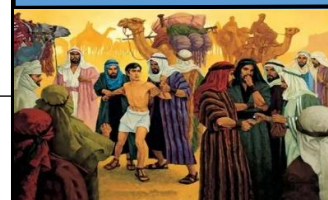


Friday 20th March

Issue 179

Mon 23 rd Mar	Tue 24 th Mar	Thur 26 th Mar	Fri 27 th Mar	Mon 13 th April
Year 4 Educational visit	Year R Educational visit	Easter Service at St James Church Year 5 and 6	Last day of the Spring term	National Skipping Day
				First day back after the Easter break

Collective Worship



This week's theme:
Modern Day Slavery

This week's story:
**Joseph is sold into
slavery by his brothers**

Genesis 37: 12-36

A message from the Senior Leadership team

What an action-packed week we've had! Beginning with a highly successful Year 2 educational visit to the Titanic Museum in Southampton, the pace of the week has been an antithesis to the glacial speed of the infamous iceberg that forced a premature end to the Titanic's journey!

Our Year 6 children have been working busily on their 'mock' SATs tests each day; their attitude and aptitude is a credit to them and the hard work they have put in so far this year. We're sure they will have every success, when they sit their actual tests in May.

Finally, today we have been enjoying a Non-Uniform day in support of Comic Relief, whilst we've waved off our Year 3 children to have an enjoyable day in the sunshine during their educational visit to Butser Ancient farm.

A trip of *Titanic* proportions but thankfully not *Titanic* problems, as Year 2 arrive safely to the Sea City Museum

As many of you are undoubtedly aware, the city of Southampton and its people share many links with the RMS Titanic and her ill-fated maiden voyage. However, there is also one specific act of heroism related to the devastating maritime disaster that links it explicitly to West End. Captain Rostron of the RMS Carpathia risked his crew, cargo and ship as he raced through ice-fields to rescue survivors of the tragic ship. Whilst it is difficult to find positives in a disaster that claimed the lives of 1517 men, women and children, this total would be even higher if the crew of the Carpathia hadn't been able to pluck 705 souls from the freezing waters of the North Atlantic ocean. Rostron was a resident of West End up to his death in 1940 and is buried in the churchyard of St James church.

With this meaningful link in mind, the Year 2 pupils made their (somewhat less eventful!) journey to the Sea City Museum this Monday. Rumours abound that the Titanic pushed on across the Atlantic in an aim to impress by arriving in New York ahead of schedule. Whilst there is no suggestion that the bus drivers made any such foolhardy decisions, they achieved what the Titanic wasn't able to and arrived at their destination ahead of schedule: they were parked in front of the museum well in advance of the 10am opening time!

It is rare that we need to remind children of expectations and that they are representing Saint James Primary School when enjoying an educational visit; their behaviour is always praise-worthy. However, if any reminder was ever needed, entering the impressive, Grade II-listed, building (which had previously housed the magistrates' court and police station) was probably a powerful enough message!

Although they may have already been aware of the main protagonists in the Titanic disaster, such as Captain Smith and Captain Rostron, the events that occurred leading up to the fateful night on April 15th, 1912, were brought to life through the hidden stories of less well-known individuals on board. These contrasting accounts varied between passengers in different classes, as well as crew members of different rank and position.

Following on from their immersion in the varied experiences of travellers on RMS Titanic, the children had the opportunity to enhance their learning through dressing up in period costumes and engaging in hands-on activities that would have been performed on board.

Whilst others were investigating the museum, the children took turns to visit workshops to help them understand what the historic ship was like and why it met such an unfortunate fate. This included conducting scientific experiments to investigate the reason for the sinking, even with the different watertight compartments and bulkheads. They also had the opportunity to experience a number of fragrances designed to replicate the smells of different areas of the Titanic including the boiler room and first-class dining room (it was universally decided that the 'sweaty feet' aroma from the gymnasium was the least appealing!).

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After a busy morning, it was time for lunch. Although the delicacies offered for lunch on the Titanic's final day; Fillets of Brill, Egg a l'Argenteuil, potted shrimps, soused herrings and apple meringue (to name but a few) were not on offer, the children still heartily attacked their packed lunches.

The time after lunch was spent consolidating the morning's learning by exploring the exhibition and engaging with the interactive activities on display throughout the museum. Children even had the opportunity to dress as passengers and members of the crew, with anyone from Captain Smith to a stoker in the boiler room and from first to third class passengers represented by the children in the costumes available.

A fantastic day was enjoyed by all, and the children returned to school, with their learning about the Titanic enriched through the day's experiences. We were extremely impressed with the behaviour throughout the day and the museum guides even commented to teachers what a delightful group they were to work with. Well done Year 2!



Please don't cycle or scoot on your school-site route

After our message in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, we'd like to send a huge 'thank you' to all the children who are now pushing their bikes and scooters on the school grounds. When staff have been on duty at the start and end of the day, it's been wonderful to see so many pupils hopping off and walking – it's made a positive difference.

At Saint James, we're proud to have a rich and diverse school community. Our pathways are shared by everyone—from toddlers taking their very wobbly first steps, to grandparents, to those recovering from injuries and navigating the site carefully on crutches. Because of this, it's absolutely essential that bikes and scooters are pushed while on school property. Even the smallest collision could cause significant injury.

Please continue to make sure your child dismounts at the gates. The good news is that the distance to push is never more than a few metres—think of it as a brief warm-up before the school day... or a cool-down after all that learning!

Thank you again for helping to keep our Saint James family safe (and upright!).

Big Hearts, Small Change: our *Rwanda*-ful fundraising makes a world of difference!"

It never ceases to amaze us, how selfless and empathetic our children can be to the plight of others. As you will know, via Compassion UK, we sponsor two school-aged children in Rwanda. Saint James Primary School has pledged to pay for their schooling, with each year group proposing an initiative to meet this financial commitment each month. Despite their best efforts, there can sometimes be shortfall, so some particularly impassioned and enthusiastic children choose to take it upon themselves to raise additional funds.

One of these occasions will be on Friday 17th April (the first week back after the Easter break) when two of our pupils will be holding a fundraising sale after school, under the canopy at the front of the school. Please be aware that the sale will be cash-only and all the proceeds will be going directly to a very worthwhile cause; to support our two sponsored children in Rwanda.

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



Friday 27th March 2026

This Friday is National Skipping Day!

To celebrate, all our skipping ropes will be out on the playground during breaktime and lunchtime to encourage everyone to get moving. Our fantastic Year 6 Playleaders will also be running skipping games and challenges at lunchtime.

Throughout the day, any PE lessons taking place will include some fun skipping activities too.

Can you challenge your child to do a bit of skipping this Friday?

It's a great way to stay active, build stamina, and have fun!

If your child has PE that day, they should come to school in their PE kit. If they don't have PE, they should wear normal school uniform — but they can skip wearing their uniform for this event.

Twelve minutes from Reading, forty minutes from glory—Saint James make it look easy with an avalanche of goals!

The hotly anticipated semi-final of the Hampshire cup for our girls' team was finally played this week and the game was definitely worth the wait! As the competition has extended beyond the initial rounds, the opportunity to play teams from further afield has arisen. For this week's match our girls encountered St Bedes, a school who hail from only twelve minutes from Reading. Whilst we were so far north in Hampshire that we were only twelve minutes from the county town of Berkshire, we were also only forty minutes of football away from a cup final! The team aiming to accomplish this momentous achievement included; Alba, Alice, Mia, Keira, Charlotte, Amelie, Ava, Scarlett and Sophia.

St Bedes got the game underway and kicked the ball straight to the feet of Ava. Of course, they were not aware at this point what an error that was to be, as Ava drove quickly and assertively towards their goal. Although nothing came of this passage of play, it was a sign of things to come for the damage Ava was going to cause.

In fact, only a minute or so later, the St Bedes team failed to clear the ball effectively from their own half, and Ava pressed on relentlessly, knocking the ball past the defender and the rifling home into the bottom left corner.

The game quickly fell into a very familiar rhythm for our girls' team. A wave of dangerous attack, a desperate clearance from the opposition, and then another attack would build. However, no matter how hard we tried, the ball would not find the net. It was actually St Bedes who found the net next, with a fast counter-attack through the centre of the pitch. An attempted clearance fell at the feet of their number 10 (a stand-out player for them) who fired a wicked shot into the bottom corner. 1-1. Thanks to the outstanding defensive work from Mia, Keira and Amelie across the game, this was to be the only dangerous moment for them.

Just before the half time whistle, Saint James put themselves back into the lead. Keira made an excellent run down the right wing and played a brilliant ball across the box. Ava took the ball under her masterful spell and scored her second of the game. 2-1.

The second half continued in much the same vein as the first and, if anything, we were even more dominant. As we continued to try and find more goals, it was clear St Bedes were not yet a spent threat. Fortunately, we had the superb Alba in goal and she made some excellent saves in the second half. The change in her performances between now and the first round are truly remarkable!

It will be no surprise that Ava was involved in our third goal, but this time as the supplier. The attack began in our own half with our ever-reliable Sophia driving hard and carrying the ball confidently forward. She played the ball out to Ava who carefully played the ball back into Scarlett. An excellent first touch and brilliant finish off the bottom of the post saw us take a 3-1 lead.

As we entered the closing stages, it was Sophia who started to take control of the game and make devastating and dangerous attacking runs one after the other. Again, she made a run across the halfway line where she threaded a decisive pass through to Ava... I think we know the rest. 4-1 and a hattrick hero!! (Again!)

Finally, Charlotte got in on the action and took a shot from the edge of the box, it took a huge deflection and rolled into the back of the net. We will call this an assist for Charlotte... 5-1 and game over!

At this point of the competition, we expect games to be tight as all teams need to be competent to have reached the semi-finals. However, this was as comprehensive a victory as you could hope to see. One might expect a team that displays such dominance to show touches of arrogance and superiority. However, this is never the case for our humble Saint James team. Once again, the girls played with great respect for their opponents and pride in themselves. We can't wait to watch them represent our school so proudly in the COUNTY FINAL. Thank you again, to all of the parents for their ongoing dedication to the Saint James taxi service, and also to Mr Whitlock, who travelled to help support with the game. It is the boys' turn next Tuesday in their own Semi-final. We couldn't have a double final could we?



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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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