

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Fri 24 th Oct	Fri 31 st Oct	Mon 3 rd Nov	11 th Nov	12 th Nov	13 th Nov
Last day of school before half-term break	Closing date for secondary school applications	First day of school after half-term break	Parents' book look 3.00 – 3.30pm	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm

A message from the Senior Leadership team

What a half-term it's been! In the first week back, we told you that we had an action-packed half term ahead. However, looking back it still surprises us how much we've managed to cram into the first eight weeks of the year!

We've seen our oldest children, in Year 6, enjoy a residential visit and a week of Bikeability, whilst we've welcomed a new cohort of children into Year R and look forward to seeing them grow over their next seven years at Saint James. As a whole school, we've enjoyed two non-uniform days and a disco as well as Harvest celebrations and plenty of sporting success!

In a half-term that's seen Summer turn to Autumn, the leaves on the trees turn from green to brown and the bright sunny days turn to overcast and cloudy, we're now looking forward to another exciting half-term ahead and the lead up to Christmas. Have an enjoyable, peaceful and relaxing half-term break.

Collective Worship



This week's theme:

Light

This week's story:

You are the light of the world

Matthew 5:14-15

Mrs Rogers, over and out: we bid a fond farewell to our inimitable Finance Manager

At first glance, it might appear that 2003 was a year of disease, disasters and war. Allied forces launched an invasion of Iraq, the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated during re-entry and the SARS epidemic became a major public health concern. However, at Saint James, we would like to focus on the positives from that year. In the UK, December saw the release of the classic Christmas movie 'Love Actually' however at Saint James Primary School it was more a case of 'Love, Respect and Courage Actually', as a new member of staff joined our fantastic admin team – the inimitable Mrs Rogers.

As Finance Manager for the past twenty-two years, Mrs Rogers has held tight control of the school budget through Saint James' expansion to a three-form entry primary school and a major building project of an entire new building and seven new classrooms. In a time of financial uncertainty in education this has been no mean feat!

Over the past few weeks, Mrs Rogers has been working closely with Mrs Lancefield to ensure there is a smooth transition and that Saint James continues to be in financially safe hands. For the final time today, she will be logging off her computer and beginning to enjoy her retirement; following the fortunes of Manchester City (which are admittedly much different now than they were in 2003) and spending valuable time with her four grandchildren.

We're sure that she will still keep a tight control on the finances, however it will be as 'Nanny Ninette' and not 'Mrs Rogers' and is more likely to be over whether her grandchildren can have an ice cream or a treat rather than the budget of a large primary school! We would like to express an enormous 'thank you' to Mrs Rogers for everything she has done over the past twenty-two years and wish her well in her well-earned retirement.



Southampton Grad band delighted their audience with movie tunes: we wonder if they were from 'Bach to the future' the 'Liszt-le Mermaid' or 'Hayd'n Prejudice'?

Whilst last weekend may have been wet and windy, we doubt many people would claim to have been *frozen*. Similarly, although they may have been using an umbrella to protect themselves from the elements, we would be surprised if many people were using it to float down from the sky Mary-Poppins-like. Since the last of Africa's biggest cats at Marwell Zoo died in 2001, we also doubt that many people witnessed the Lion King, either. That is, unless they visited Saint James Primary School last Saturday!

Those who attended were fully expecting to experience the Southampton Grad Band performing live music for their enjoyment. That was definitely true. However they were also introduced, through instrumental pieces from the films, to *Frozen*, Mary Poppins and *The Lion King* (amongst other favourite movies).

In addition to hearing some familiar tunes played by a live band, the children were also invited to join in with percussion instruments. Some were even given the chance to take the part of conductor and instruct the orchestra! A truly enjoyable event, the band could justifiably be named after another of the films from which they performed the theme tune; *The Incredibles*!

Thanks to the generous contributions from the audience, an incredible £170 was raised for Mountbatten Hospice.



Saint James staff think pink in their non-uniform choices to support Breast cancer research

You may have noticed a number of members of staff wearing non-uniform today, with the majority sporting at least one item of clothing, or accessory, in pink. Don't worry, it wasn't a planned, whole-school, non-uniform day that you missed. It was an opportunity for staff to raise money for Breast Cancer awareness. As a staff, over the years we have supported *Wear It Pink Day* by wearing pink in return for a donation to this worthwhile cause. Whilst this non-uniform was for staff only, if you feel strongly about this charity you are welcome to donate to the via the following link:

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NOW** The research & support charity

Come and be a chorister at St James church

Does your child or young person love singing? They are warmly invited to come along to our 'Come and be a Chorister' information session on Sunday 2nd November from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at St James Church, West End. They will enjoy singing, refreshments and finding out more about what's involved in being a young chorister at the church. Contact Chris for more information - stjameswe.music@gmail.com.

Young Singers for St James Church Choir - we are starting a weekly rehearsal for young singers age 8+ on Thursdays 6pm to 6.45pm during term time in the church, starting from 6th November. The young singers will have lots of fun receiving voice and musical theory tuition and will work towards Royal School of Church Music awards - and it's free! They will sing at the 9.30am Service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and at other times if they wish. Contact Chris for more information - stjameswe.music@gmail.com.

St. James Church
Come and join the Choir

We are starting a weekly rehearsal for young singers 8+

When: Thursdays (from 6 Nov.) from 6pm to 6.45pm
Where: St. James Church (during term time)

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To find out more come along to our 'Come and be a Chorister' information session
When: Sunday 2 Nov. from 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Where: St. James Church

Enjoy singing, refreshments and hear more about what's involved!

Contact Chris Fay stjameswe.music@gmail.com or Rev Vicky stjameswe.vicar@gmail.com for more information.

SCHOOL TRENDS
GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT

With the autumnal days becoming colder, thoughts might be turning to purchasing more jumpers, cardigans and warmer clothing. If so, we would like to share with you a 10% discount code for the purchase of new uniform from School Trends. This code is valid until 31st October 2025.

PROMO CODE
KEY1025



Secondary School Places

Please remember that secondary school places need to be applied for by 31st October (Friday of half-term). If applications are not completed by this time, your child will be placed in the nearest school with available places.

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NEW
FOR 2025

NHS
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	3 September
7 May	1 October
4 June	5 November
2 July	3 December
6 August	

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NEW

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse Clinic

Who are we?

School Nurses are public health professionals who work with parents, children, and young people to support health and wellbeing needs.

What will be doing?

We are trialling a bookable school nurse clinic once per half term for your school. This will give you the chance to meet face-to-face with a team member to discuss any concerns you may have about your child.



Call the Eastleigh School
Nurse team on 02382 318752
to book your appointment.

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Osborne & Shepherds Down School Outreach Services Parent Workshop:



Tuesday 25th November 2025

10.00am – 2.00pm

Venue: Shepherds Down School, Compton,
Winchester SO21 2AJ



This workshop will provide you with an insight into autism and how it affects your child. Our aim is to provide you with a range of practical strategies to support your child in the home environment.

The course will cover:

- ❖ An introduction to autism and the areas of difference
- ❖ Positive behaviour management
- ❖ Communication

Led By:

Carson Eiday

(Osborne School Outreach Service)

Laura Watts (Shepherds Down Outreach
Service)



Free of charge

To book a place please contact Osborne School Office

Please do not contact Shepherds Down to book.

N.B. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Refreshments will be provided, please bring a packed lunch.

Email admin@osborne.hants.sch.uk

Phone 01962 854537

Parking – On site. Overflow parking if required at Compton Tennis Club SO21 2AB



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