

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Collective Worship

Mon 11 th May	Thurs 14 th May		Fri 15 th May	Thurs 21 st May	Fri 22 nd May
Start of Key Stage 2 SATs tests	Final Key Stage 2 SATs tests	Rev. Linda's School Prayer group 2.45 – 3.00pm	Sports Day Morning – KS2 Afternoon – KS1	Ascension Church service Year 1 & 2	Last day of the half term



A message from the Senior Leadership team

It might only have been a three-day week for the children but that hasn't stopped us trying to cram plenty into those days! With a focus on Cultural Diversity in Collective Worship, linked to our work on Global Neighbours, the children have learned about respect and recognising the similarities between people from around the globe. We were fortunate to have Reverend Vicky join us for Collective Worship on Thursday who was able to demonstrate some of those similarities to us.

P.E sessions this week have seen children making an even greater effort, as they practise for Sports Day next Friday. Whilst Sports Day will be happening a week on Friday, dependent on the weather, there is a more pressing challenge for our Year 6 pupils beforehand; the end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. We are extremely proud of the effort the children have made and are sure their dedication will pay dividends next

This week's theme:

Cultural Diversity

This week's bible quote:

We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other
Romans 12:5

At the parish centre; pupils from the past provide praise and promote pride in the present

A primary school has existed in West End since 1838 (being built at the same time as St James Church), with Saint James Primary School being situated on its current Moorgreen Road site since the 1970s. There are clearly many former pupils still living in the locality with many parents and even teachers having fond memories of attending the school as a child. Although we're sure that none of the first cohort of children are still with us (as that would place them at over 190 years old!), we imagine many of their descendants still live in West End.

It was therefore thrilling to meet a number of former pupils at the Annual Community Meeting at the parish centre last Wednesday. Mrs Shotter, Mrs Elder and Reverend Linda attended the meeting to promote Saint James Primary School in the local community, alongside other community organisations, and provide an insight into our wonderful school to anyone who was interested.

The curriculum in 1838 might have included different subjects for boys and girls; with boys focussing on woodwork and manual skills whilst the girls might have concentrated on domestic skills such as cooking, cleaning and embroidery. However, that is no longer the reality for children at Saint James, as regular readers of the newsletter will be aware of the enriching and engaging opportunities we have within our all-inclusive curriculum. We were delighted to share some of these examples with the visitors to our display stand and hear them talk excitedly and animatedly about the provision we are offering the children at Saint James.

As well as the exciting opportunities within the curriculum, visitors learned about our community involvement (both locally and globally) and our strong links to St James Church. Overwhelmingly parents and grandparents, with children currently in our school, commented on how our values of Love, Respect and Courage shine through in everything we do. It made us feel very proud.



The results can wait... it's the effort we'll celebrate!

On many occasions, recognition of success is judged on the outcome or results. When a football team holds aloft the FA cup in May, a sprinter wins the 100 metres final at the next Olympics or a singer wins the Eurovision song contest, their winning outcome is always celebrated. However, what isn't always seen is the dedication, hard work and resilience that is needed to reach the pinnacle of their chosen activity. It is for that reason, with SATs week happening next week, that we have chosen to celebrate our current Year 6 pupils, now.

We would like to celebrate them, not for the outcome of their hard work and dedication, but for the hard work itself. No matter what the results say, when we receive them on 7th July, we cannot fault the children for the monumental effort they have shown. Positive and proactive in their attitude, they have asked for help when needed and sought clarification if there is anything they're unsure of.

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children. As SATs are completed next week, and they launch into the final half-term of their seven years of primary education, we know they'll continue to build positive memories of their time at Saint James.

From the local press to a pundit and past player; Saint James gains recognition for football success

Unashamedly, over the past two weeks, the feature story on the front of the newsletter has included our football success in the Hampshire Cup. With our boys' team winning their final and our girls' team narrowly missing out, we felt it was an achievement that needed to be recognised and celebrated! However, we're clearly not alone.

Anyone who purchased the Southern Daily Echo on 2nd May, will have seen the beaming faces of our boys' and girls' teams looking back at them, accompanied by a story detailing the successes. The 9000+ readers would have learned how the boys were victorious in a penalty shoot-out whilst the girls narrowly missed out in a game in which they were dominant.

Despite the fame afforded by an appearance in Hampshire's largest local daily newspaper, we still feel that this recognition was trumped by the acknowledgement from the Premier League's all-time top goal scorer. Clearly news travels fast to the North East, as the following day, after the boys' victory, a video message arrived from, England superstar, Alan Shearer congratulating the team and Mr Walsh for their impressive achievement! Used to commenting on the performance of Premier League teams on BBC's Match of the Day, his compliments were received enthusiastically by the team, as well as the rest of the school, when they were played during Collective Worship. Please enjoy the Echo article, from May 2nd which is reproduced in its entirety below:

Hampshire primary school football team win county cup

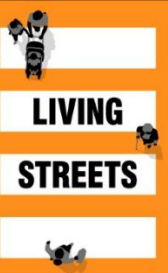
A primary school is celebrating after both its boys' and girls' football teams reached county cup finals

Saint James Primary School reached the milestone in the Hampshire Schools' Hampshire Cup, with the boys' team winning the trophy and the girls' team finishing as runners-up. The boys secured the title following a dramatic penalty shoot-out, while the girls narrowly missed out on victory in extra time.

Michelle Marsh, headteacher at Saint James Primary School, said: "I could not be more proud of both our boys' and girls' teams. "It is incredibly rare to have both teams reach a Hampshire Cup final, and they played exceptionally well throughout their campaigns. "They showed true teamwork, resilience and respect, and we are absolutely thrilled with what they have achieved."

It was the first time either team had competed in the tournament, marking an outstanding debut for both.

The boys' team also attended the girls' final, offering enthusiastic support throughout.



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