

The week ahead @ Saint James

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

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Friday 18th October

Fri 18 th Oct	Fri 25 th Oct		Mon 4 th Nov	Wed 13 th Nov	Thurs 14 th Nov	Fri 15 th Nov
INSET day	Last day of the half-term	Non-uniform Day £1 donation	First day back to school after half-term	Parents' Evening	Parents' Evening	Children in Need non-uniform day

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A message from the Senior Leadership team

With nearly 600 children in the school, Collective Worship at Saint James Primary School sees participation from more children than many other primary schools. However, this Tuesday's Collective Worship saw that number significantly increase, as we joined with nearly 30,000 other primary aged pupils nationally, to participate in the 'Great Big Live Assembly' for Black History Month.

This week, we have seen some of our Year 5 pupils accepting roles that will make a real difference to our school and wider community, as one team spoke at a conference on Climate Change and another team participated in their first conference as Junior Road Safety Officers.

Please remember, it is an INSET day tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 21st October**.

Collective Worship



This week's theme:

Black History Month

This week we enjoyed:

'The Great Big Live Assembly'.

Saint James pupils practise what they preach about Climate Change

Taylor Swift, arguably the biggest popstar in the world currently, is also the biggest celebrity CO² polluter of this year so far. Taylor's private jet has amassed a vast 22,923 minutes in the air -that equates to 15.9 days. Not an inconsiderable amount. Multi-billionaire television host Oprah Winfrey often speaks out on Climate change, however she has emitted an estimated a whopping 3,493.17 tonnes of CO² from her use of her private jet this year alone. That is 499 times more than the average person's total annual emissions. However, one of the biggest hypocrites is Leonardo DiCaprio. The actor, famed for his role as a fictional passenger on the ill-fated liner RMS Titanic, is one of the biggest consumers of gas guzzling private jets and carbon-emitting super yachts. Transportation that is significantly more polluting (although probably more likely to arrive at its intended destination)! Despite this, DiCaprio has delivered speeches before the UN and even starred in films to bring attention to the issue of Climate change.

No such allegations and aspersions can be levied at the children from Saint James. Last Friday, Adele, Jude and Faye from Year 5 gave a presentation on Climate Action at the Hampshire Governor Services Annual Conference; their form of transport? An electric car, of course!

Accompanied by Reverend Linda and Mrs Callard, the children attended the conference at Norton Park Hotel and presented their learning and perspectives on the Climate Unity projects Saint James has participated in over the last four years. Speaking to an audience of professional adults is undoubtedly a daunting task for a nine or ten year-old child. When that audience numbers over one hundred, it becomes a formidable task for many adults. However, as it appears, not for our courageous and knowledgeable Year 5 pupils. Calmly and with confidence, assurance and authority they spoke about the climate issues we have explored and the sustainable action we have implemented during these projects.

It wasn't only adults who had a lasting impression cast upon them by the pupils from Saint James – new friendships were made with pupils from two secondary schools; Cranbourne and Wildern. The children showed mutual respect as they discussed and exchanged ideas on sustainability.

As the only primary school present, all three of the children represented Saint James to an impeccably high standard and were a credit to the school throughout the visit. We were extremely proud. Well done, Adele, Jude and Faye!



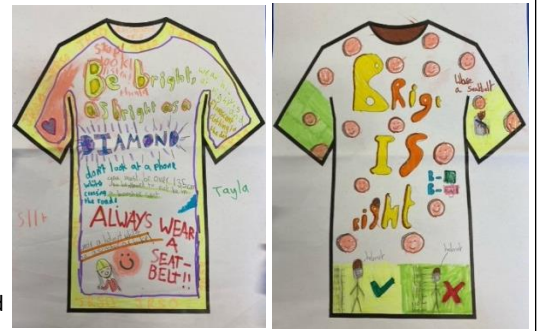
The Junior Road Safety team at Saint James

Currently, in government, the position of the minister in charge of roads falls to MP for Sheffield Heeley, Louis Haigh. However this prestigious position is so fraught with difficulties that some sources predict she may be the first minister in the new government to be forced out of office. So, who at Saint James Primary School, do we entrust with the important position of being our Road Safety Officers? A team of Year 5 pupils, of course!

This week has seen our new JRSO team begin their training under the tutelage of Mrs Shotter. Tayla, Deano, Isabelle, Joey and Ellis have approached the role with dedication and enthusiasm, participating in their first online conference on Tuesday this week.

Saint James Primary School has participated in Hampshire's Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) Scheme for a number of years, with the responsibility always falling to a team of children from Year 5. The initiative allows children to lead on promoting road safety to their school community in a fun way, while sharing serious messages about road safety and sustainable forms of travel.

We look forward with anticipation to the actions and initiatives that our current team will lead this year.



Parents' Evening at Saint James

We are at the time of year again where we would like to welcome you to Parents' evening at Saint James. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's development and have the chance to ask any questions directly with their teacher.

Parents' evenings are being held on **Wednesday 13th** and **Thursday 14th November 2024** and you are offered a ten-minute slot to discuss your child's progress. Time slots are booked using your on-line Arbor account - if you are having difficulty with this, please contact the school office. The booking system will close at 10pm on **Monday 11th November 2024**.

All parent interviews will be held in the main hall. For this reason, please arrive promptly to avoid congestion. We recommend you do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your appointment. We would discourage you from bringing children to these meetings as this is an opportunity for the teacher to give you a very brief update and space is limited.

For those parents who are unable to find childcare, we are providing a small crèche in a classroom next to the main hall, supervised by school staff. This crèche is for Saint James school children only and not for younger toddlers and babies. Please enter the hall via the side doors near the office, walk to the opposite end of the hall and go through the right-hand side doors. The crèche is the first room on your right.

Teachers will talk to you about how your child is getting on generally, whether their Reading, Maths and Writing are at age-related expectations, and how you can support your child at home. This is also a good opportunity for you to talk about any concerns, however if you have difficult and lengthy concerns please make a separate appointment, as Parents' evening will only offer you a 10-minute opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our first Parents' evening of the academic year.



Last week, we were thrilled to inform you that a number of parents have been elected to the vacant roles on the SJSA, meaning that we now have a new committee. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered, as it means the SJSA can remain active, enriching the lives of pupils at Saint James Primary School. We would like to introduce you to our new team;

Chair: Francesca Sweeney

Vice-Chair: Emily Rawlings

Treasurer: Jennie Lyon-Marrian

Secretary: Michelle George

Marketing and Social Media: Elena Colley

Grant officer: Emma Lofthouse

Lottery and Lock-up officer: Amy Johnson

Communication officer: Melissa Pitcaithley

Assistant treasurer: Leesa Wilkins

Non-Uniform Day

As a way to signal the end of one of the longest first half-terms of the year that we can remember, we have decided to hold a Non-uniform day next Friday, 25th October.

If your child would like to participate in this event, please bring a donation of £1 to school next Friday and hand it to the class teacher.

This will be the first event held by our new SJSA committee so it would be great to see lots of support.



Community Lunch

You are invited to join us and share a free meal from 12noon - 2pm on **Thursday 31st October** at Eastleigh Market Place, Leigh Road Precinct



Multiply Maths: Free events over half-term

In the past two years, we have hosted events led by 'Multiply', a government funded group created to improve attainment, attitudes and understanding of Maths in children and young people. They are seeking to do this by promoting Maths skills in a positive and fun way, through using engaging contexts and activities. In school, this involved holding a Games evening with commercially available mathematical games such as Uno, Battleships and dominoes.

Over the course of half-term, they are holding free workshops and fun days at local venues and attractions including Milestones Museum, Eastleigh Steam Railway, Beaulieu Motor Museum and Marwell Zoo. These will be held on the following dates:

Milestones Museum - Tuesday, 29th October 2024

Eastleigh Steam Railway - Wednesday, 30th October 2024

Marwell Zoo – Thursday, 31st October 2024

Beaulieu National Motor Museum - Friday, 1st November 2024

Each of the events at these venues is completely free and includes admission to the attraction after the session. Please note that you may only register for the event at Marwell Zoo, if a family member does not have a Maths Level 2 qualification (e.g., GCSE Maths Grade 4/C and above).

If you are looking for something to do over the half-term break, this is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a day of free fun, whilst also engaging in some fun maths-related activities.

FREE Family Fun Day at Milestones



The Multiply team are hosting a FREE family fun day at Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. Come along and join in with some maths related activities and fun challenges. After the event, you are welcome to stay and explore the museum. The event includes entrance fee into the museum and parking.

Date: Tuesday 29th October 2024
Time: 10.00-11.30am **or** 11.30am-1.00 pm
Venue: Milestones Museum, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG

Eligibility:

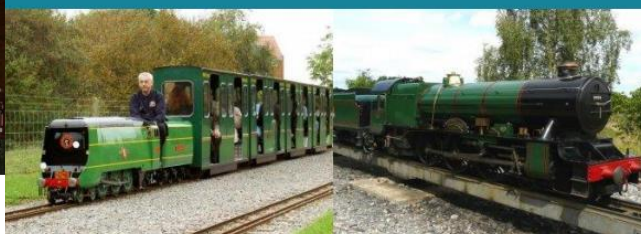
This event is free for families who live in Hampshire and includes the museum entrance fee and parking.

Book your place NOW!

To register your interest, use the QR code or link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/GUrCFf028j>



Multiply Family Fun on the Eastleigh Lakeside Steam Railway



The Multiply maths team are hosting a FREE family fun session at Eastleigh Lakeside Steam Railway.

Come along to this family fun packed event and ride the railway for **free**, while discovering the maths around trains and travel. Everyone who is participating in the activities will receive two free train rides.

Date: Wednesday 30th October 2024
Time: 11am to 1pm
Location: Lakeside Country Park, Wide Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 5PE

Register your interest:

To register your interest, use the QR code or link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/GUrCFf028j>

Please note that spaces are limited so register today!



FREE Family Fun Day at Marwell Zoo



Join the Multiply team for a day of family fun and learning! Discover more about Multiply and enjoy our engaging maths-related activities. After the session, you have free family access to explore Marwell Zoo.

Date: Thursday 31st October 2024
Time: 10.00am-12.30 pm
Venue: The Marwell Hotel, Thompson's Ln, SO21 1JY

Eligibility

At least one adult in the party must **NOT** have a Level 2 Maths qualification (e.g. Maths GCSE at grade 4/C and above, or a Functional Skills Level 2 in Maths).

Book your place NOW!

To register your interest, use the QR code or link below:
<https://forms.office.com/e/66Gc21T8Pd>



FREE Family Fun Day at Beaulieu National Motor Museum



Join the Multiply team for a day of FREE family fun and learning! Discover more about Multiply and enjoy some engaging maths-related activities. After the session, feel free to explore this fascinating motor museum!

Date: Friday 1st November 2024
Time: 10.00-11.30am **or** 11.30am-1.00pm
Venue: Beaulieu National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, SO42 7ZN

Eligibility

This event is free for families who live in Hampshire and includes the museum entrance fee and parking.

Book your place NOW!

To register your interest, use the QR code or link below:
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Half-term musical fun with Hampshire Music Hub



MUSIC PRODUCTION
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
 DJ & iPad Production Workshop
 9am-3:30pm
 Suitable for children in year 5,6,7 and 8
 The Kings School, Fair Oak

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.

REGISTER NOW!

WWW.HANTSMUSICHUB.ORG.UK/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES/

Music Production Enrichment Day

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.

The workshop is suitable for children in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Below is a video about Music Production.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REZwgHiGrls>

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link: [Music Production Enrichment Day - 31 October 2024](#)

For more information: [Holiday Activities - Hampshire Music Education Hub \(hantsmusicclub.org.uk\)](#)

Cost: £35



VOCAL WORKSHOP
FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER
 Musical Theatre-Pop Up Vocal Workshop
 10am-3pm
 Suitable for ages 8-18
 The Kings School, Fair Oak

No previous experience required - just a love of singing and having fun!

REGISTER NOW!

WWW.HANTSMUSICHUB.ORG.UK/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES/

Musical Theatre Vocal Workshop

No previous experience required – just a love of singing and having fun!

This is a one-day vocal workshop suitable for children in years 3-13.

If you would like to come along, please sign up here: [Musical Theatre Vocal Workshop - Friday 1st November 2024 \(office.com\)](#)

For more information: [Holiday Activities - Hampshire Music Education Hub \(hantsmusicclub.org.uk\)](#)

Cost: £30

Shergolds – a big ‘thank you!’

Although the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 brought unquestionable horrors and devastation, it also saw the best in people, as communities came together to help and support each other. This was certainly evident in the generosity shown by Shergolds Nursery and Farm Shop in West End. It was during this time that Shergolds started delivering a weekly supply of fruit for our Key Stage 2 children.

In a newsletter in 2020, amongst the information about Covid measures and restrictions, we thanked Shergolds for their unconditional generosity. At that point, we could not have imagined that we would still be receiving these kind and delicious donations well into 2024! As the government scheme to provide a piece of fruit each day for Key Stage 1 children keeps our Year R, 1 and 2 pupils satisfied, Shergolds’ generous donation ensures the Key Stage 2 children don’t miss out. We feel very fortunate that Shergolds have managed to maintain this kind donation and that the children have continued to enjoy delicious fresh fruit as a snack each day. Shergolds have never requested anything in return for this kind donation however, if you happen to be shopping there, please feel free to thank them for their generosity.

**Please remember, you are welcome to send your child with their own choice of fruit for breaktime but this can only be fresh or dried fruit and does not include fruit-flavoured cakes or confectionery! **



Non Uniform Day

Friday 25th October



Wear your favourite clothes, football kit, pjs or autumnal themed clothes!

(no costumes or fancy dress please)

Suggested donation £1*

*Please give money to class teacher

