



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

A warm welcome back to school for the start of the summer term, I hope you all were able to enjoy the amazing weather we had over the Bank Holiday, I'm hopeful for more of that during the coming term. Your children have returned, as always, full of energy and enthusiasm, and have shared with us all stories of some very exciting Easter breaks.

On Tuesday, the teaching staff gathered together to receive training in RE from Ryan Parker, our Diocesan adviser—we were given lots of ideas to take our teaching in RE to the next level, leading to even better outcomes for children.

We're pleased that Mrs Hawkins is back to full fitness; her absence from school meant that yesterday's rounders event was overlooked—apologies for this, and many thanks to all of you who were able to step in at the last minute and help with supervision as we walked to Biddenham School.

Next week, the term gets into full swing—I've included the term ahead dates at the end of the newsletter. These will be updated each week, with new dates inserted through out the term (these will be highlighted in red for you). On Wednesday next week, we are holding an information evening for parents about our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, please do come along if you are able.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend,

Maria & all the team

Class Photographs

If you would like to place your order via the school office, please do so no later than **9.00am Wednesday 8th May**. Unfortunately we can't accept orders after this date but you will be able to still book online.

Keeping in Touch

There are lots of ways you can keep in touch with school life:

Make sure Dawn has your most up-to-date contact details so you can receive texts & newsletters via GroupCall

Download our school app onto your phone—search for School Jotter in your app store

Sign up to Marvellous Me (via your app store)

To stay in touch with PSA activities, join the PSA Facebook page ('Friends of St James' Primary School Biddenham) and download Class list (via your app store)

Follow our Twitter account ([@StJamesHead](https://twitter.com/StJamesHead))

Essential information is also uploaded onto our school website <http://www.stjamesprimary.org.uk/>

You can email the school via the office@stjamesvaschool.co.uk email address, but please be aware this email account is not continuously monitored throughout the school day, so urgent or last minute messages (such as collection arrangements) should be made by telephoning the school.



PSA are planning a second hand uniform sale for later in the Summer term. If successful, this will become a regular event. This will not only be a fundraiser, but help parents reduce the cost of school uniform. It will enable outgrown uniform to be re-used by other families. We will be collecting any unwanted, good condition items between Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th May. This can include garments both with and without the school logo and PE kit. *Please clearly label any donations as 'uniform' so that they are not confused with Bag 2 school donations (see below).*



St James PSA has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to fundraise. Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and has now paid out over £32 million since 2001. By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles— this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Bag2school bags will be sent home with children as soon as we have received them. We will be collecting the bags in school between Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th May.

Please leave donations outside the Mobile Classroom—help us by clearly labelling your bags **UNIFORM** or **BAG2SCHOOL**.

Important Dates for the Term Ahead

Date & Time	Event	Classes Involved	Staff Lead	Special Notes
Tues 30th April	Nene Valley trip	Years 1 & 2	SBG, NB	Re-scheduled visit from last term, letters have been sent out already
Weds 1st May	Athletics event	Years 3 & 4	GH, LR	Letters have been sent home
Weds 1st May	Recorders begins	Year 3	GH	Weekly lessons during summer term
Weds 1st May—6.00pm	Sex & Relationships Education Information Session	All years	MS	Information for parents about how we teach SRE at St James'
Fri 3rd May	Bend the Rules Day	All years	PSA	See attached letter
Fri 3rd May 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 4	LR	
Mon 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED			
Fri 10th May	Multi Sports	Years 3 & 4	GH, LR	
Fri 10th May 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 3	GH	
Mon 13th-17th May	KS2 Statutory Tests	Year 6	IL	
Fri 17th May	Choir to sing at Village Hall	Choir	MS	Information letter will be sent home in due course
Fri 17th May 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 1	NB	
Weds 22nd May	Summer Sports	Years 5 & 6	IL, TKL	
Fri 24th May 2.30	Class Assembly	Robins	CD	
Mon 27th-Fri 31st May	HALF TERM			
Mon 3rd June	Fire Service visit	Year 2	SBG	
Tues 4th—7th June	Year 6 residential	Year 6	IL	
Thurs 6th June	Visit to St Albans	Year 3	GH	
Thurs 6th June	Summer Sports	Years 1 & 2	SBG, NB	
Mon 10th-14th June	Phonics Screening	Years 1 & 2	NB	
Mon 10th June	Athletics	Years 5 & 6	TKL, IL	
Tues 11th June	Height & weight screening & hearing checks	Year 6, Robins	DS	
Fri 14th June	Tennis	Year 6	IL	
Fri 14th June 3.00-3.30	Book Blink	All years	Class Teachers	Please allow enough time so that you can be finished by 3.30
Mon 17th June	Tennis	Years 3 & 4	GH, LR	
Fri 21st June morning & lunch	Sports Day & picnic	All years	GH	
Fri 28th June 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 2	SBG	
Tues 2nd, Weds 3rd July	Biddenham Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Thurs 4th July	Sing On performance @ Corn Exchange	Year 4	LR	
Fri 5th July 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 5	TKL	
Tues 9th, Weds 10th July	Lincroft Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Weds 10th July	Moving Up morning	All classes	MS	
Weds 17th July 2.00	Leaver's Service	Whole School	IL	