



## Newsletter

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### This Week at St James'...

Next week, our Year 6s will take their end of KS2 Statutory Tests (SATs) - these test knowledge and skills in maths and English from the whole of the 4 year KS2 curriculum, and our children have been working really hard to revise and consolidate their understanding. We try to take a measured approach to these tests, and encourage children to simply do their best, recognizing that a child's total achievement can not (and should not) be judged on the snapshot performance on one day in a test, and we hope that our children are not feeling unduly stressed or pressured. That said, obviously we want them to do well, because we know that they are really brilliant!

It was good to see so many children come along to our Active Breakfast this week, despite the awful weather—well done! We'd like to see even more people leaving the car behind and coming to school on foot (especially when the weather is better).

Thank you for supporting our Pupil Governors' MUFTI Day today—they're raising money so that each class can choose some more resources for use at playtimes. Some families weren't aware it was MUFTI today—please remember to check the dates on the newsletter, on the website school calendar and sign up for GroupCall, so that you receive our reminder texts.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend,  
Maria & all the team at St James'

### Well done Chloe!



Chloe has been showing great resilience, dedication, perseverance and discipline in gymnastics outside of school, and is achieving some outstanding results. She is the 2019 Tigers Acro Cup Champion and the 2019 Inter-Regional Gold Champion representing Falcon Gymnastics and the Eastern Region. Chloe, this is fantastic to hear—your dedication and hard work is an inspiration to us all—well done!



#### Don't Forget...

- Batteries
- Bottle tops
- Second hand uniform
- Bag2School



### THANK YOU!

Bend the Rules Day raised  
**£401.18**

Mother's Day Flower Arranging raised **£283.00**

### Important Dates for the Term Ahead

Date & Time	Event	Classes Involved	Staff Lead	Special Notes
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	
Thurs 23rd May	PSA Disco	All classes	PSA	See separate letter
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	
<b>Weds 12th June, 3.30</b>	<b>Pupil Governors Bracelet &amp; Key ring sale</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>CD</b>	
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	
Mon 17th June	Dental Checks	Years R & 1	DS	Consent forms & information will be sent home shortly.
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	
<b>Fri 12th July 2.00</b>	<b>Music Concert</b>	<b>All children who have received instrument lessons this year</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Guitars, drums, recorders, piano—parents invited</b>
<b>Mon 15th July 5.00</b>	<b>Summer Show</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>GH</b>	<b>'Proms in the Playground'</b>
Weds 17th July 2.00	Leaver's Service	Whole School	IL	

### From Dawn Until Dusk

Children have enjoyed some fun activities and craft so far this term including, making a rain cloud rain using water, shaving foam and food colouring, planting a bean and observing its growth, making characters from 'Jack and the Beanstalk', playing football, basketball and den building outside along with scooter riding and other activities.

Next week we plan to have the 'Football Theme Box', keep an eye on our board outside the club for the date.

This week we would have had a cookery afternoon and made delicious Mars Bar Cake! We plan to do a food activity with the children every other week, so again keep an eye on our board by the main reception for details.

Cathy, Sharon and Jess.

caterlink  
feeding the imagination



Italy



16th May 2019 Menu

*Spaghetti alla Pollo Mediterraneo con Garlic Bread*  
(Mediterranean Chicken on a bed of spaghetti with Garlic Bread)

*Penne Arrabiata con Garlic Bread*  
(Pasta in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread)

*Fagioli Verdi & Mais Dolce con Peperone*  
(Green Beans & Sweetcorn, Pepper mix)

*Neopolitan Spugna*  
(Neopolitan Sponge)

New! St James Biddenham New!

# All Age Worship

(An informal service accessible to all)

4.00pm

In the Church Barn  
every third Sunday  
Starting: 19 May

# THE 3LOVE fest

25-26 MAY 2019 Springfield Farm St. Albans

**DJs**  
Pressure - KC - Ace  
Elijah Miller - Limb - Flax  
X-Dance Take Lo - Eddie Hubbard

**ACTS**  
**BANG BANG ROMEO**  
ELIJAH MILLER EVERYTHING ASIDE  
THE SCRUFF SARAH SALBA JBIG  
SAVING SEBASTIAN THE REFORMERS  
THE GREAT FLUD ALTERED MINDSET  
LEE SIMONS ABANDON ALL HEROES  
LOUISE SEAN GOODWIGHT VENICE  
LUNA SUN JAY-SIM JENNY SALMON  
THAT KID DEJ BENZ WISDOM  
THE HATS LILY AGNES  
THE COVASETTES COBY TOM

**FINAL LINE-UP**  
SAVING SEBASTIAN  
THE SCRUFF  
JAY-SIM  
THE COVASETTES  
SATURDAY Live DJ sets till late till 02.00!!!

fair food & bar  
Live DJ sets  
Kids & family zone

PANTHA Doublemood Bens SOB

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: WWW.SKIDDLE.COM  
limited availability on the gate.

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christian aid week  
13-19 MAY

Soup Lunch for Christian Aid

Everyone welcome

Friday 17th May 12.30 – 2.00

Biddenham Village Hall

With music from the St James' School Choir

Raffle and Bring and Buy

No tickets, donations welcome



# Messy CHURCH

'Church' with a difference!

Be creative  
Have fun  
Hear bible stories  
Sing songs  
Tea for the children!

Biddenham  
Tuesday 21 May  
Tuesday 18 June  
4.30pm – 6.00pm  
St James's Church Barn, Biddenham

Kempston  
Please note that the Kempston group is not currently meeting.

For children of all ages (accompanied by an adult)

Free - No need to book - Just come along!  
**Everybody Welcome!**

St James's Church, Biddenham  
All Saints Church, Kempston

Ms Soulsby & the choir will be going over to the Village Hall on Friday at 1.00 to sing a few songs they've been practising. Parents are welcome to go along to the lunch if they would like. Please note, however, that the children will be returning to school after their performance.



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May 2019

Dear Parent

### **Measles outbreaks**

A number of children have been diagnosed with measles in the Luton, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire areas since 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and we would like to make you aware of this.

### **What is measles?**

Measles is a highly infectious disease which spreads very easily. People with measles can get a cough, runny nose, rash, sore red watery eyes and fever. Complications of measles can be serious and include ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea and brain infection. Measles presents more risk for people whose immune system is not working normally and pregnant women.

The best way to prevent measles is through vaccination.

If you are unsure if your child is protected from measles, check with your doctor. Your child is at greatest risk if they have not been immunised with 2 doses of MMR vaccine. If they have missed one or both of their doses of MMR vaccine contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment.

If you or your child become unwell and think it could be measles you should see a doctor and show them this letter. You should ring the doctor or clinic beforehand, so they can make sure you do not pass the disease to others in the waiting room.

If you would like more information on measles visit :

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Yours faithfully

Cath Fenton

Consultant Lead Screening and Immunisation