



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

It's been a busy couple of weeks! Since I last wrote to you, we've had Sports Day, International Week, Road Safety Week, and various additional sporting events. I've also been out of school attending various conferences, collecting great ideas for our next steps for school improvement and development.

Coming up this week, our Year 6 children start to get ready for their move to secondary school, with transition days being held at Biddenham and Wixams. Robins are getting ready for their Forest School trip tomorrow and Kingfishers are making last minute preparations for their Sing On concert on Thursday. The whole school is busy rehearsing for the summer show 'Proms in the Playground'. Peacocks will be attending the STEM Fair on Thursday, and on Friday they will enjoy their Ancient Greek day. On Thursday and Friday Green Jays will be enjoying a special maths & rugby project. The end of the school year might be in sight, but there's still lots going on and lots to do!

Wishing you all a happy week,

Maria & all the team at St James'



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Summer Break ** To receive your order before the start of term **

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2 nd August 2019	Delivery to your home / work	Free - over £50 £3.95 - under £50

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!

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Important Dates for the Term Ahead

Date & Time	Event	Classes Involved	Staff Lead	Special Notes
Mon 1st July 9.30	Stay & Play session for new YR		CD	
Tues 2nd July	Robins Forest School Trip	Year R	CD	See separate letter
Tues 2nd, Weds 3rd July	Biddenham Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Weds 3rd July	Canaries visit to Biddenham Pond	Year 2	SBG	
Thurs 4th July	Sing On performance @ Corn Exchange	Year 4	LR	
Thurs 4th July	STEM Fair @ Biddenham	Year 5	TKL	Details will be sent home in due course
Thurs 4th & Fri 5th July	Bedford Blues Community Maths Project	Year 3	GH	PE kit required both days
Fri 5th July 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 5	TKL	
Fri 5th July	Governors Open Day	Whole school	MS	Governors visiting school throughout the day
Fri 5th July	Greek Day	Year 5	TKL	See separate letter
Fri 5th July	Pupil Governors Bracelet Sale Part 2	Whole school	CD	After school, outside Robins classroom
Sun 7th July	Summer Fair		PSA/SM	
Mon 8th July	Kingfishers Class Trip to Big Rock	Year 4	LR	See separate letter
Tues 9th July 9.30	Stay & Play session for new YR		CD	
Tues 9th, Weds 10th July	Lincroft Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Weds 10th July	Moving Up morning	All classes	MS	
Weds 10th July	Parents Evening 4.00-6.00	Whole school		This is a drop in evening (no appointments) for parents who wish to discuss specific aspects of their child's report. Doors will close 5.50pm
Thurs 11th July	Biddenham Transition Day	Year 5	TKL	See separate letter
Fri 12th July 2.00	Music Concert	All children who have received instrument lessons this year	MS	Guitars, drums, recorders, piano—parents invited
Mon 15th July 5.00	Summer Show	Whole School	GH	'Proms in the Playground'
Tues 16th July	Music Play Day	Year 3	GH	See separate letter
Tues 16th July 2.00	Family picnic for new YR starters		CD	
Weds 17th July 2.00	Leaver's Service	Whole School	IL	

Term 1 2019 Dates:

Children return to school
Half Term
End of Term

Wednesday, 4th September
Monday 21st-Friday 25th October
Friday 20th December



PSA Summer Fair Sunday 7th July

Dear Parents / Carers,



We will be holding a Summer Fair on Sunday 7th July 2019, 12-3pm on the school field. We'll have a BBQ, bar, bouncy castle and face painting, as well as a variety of fun stalls.

We are asking for volunteers to help run the stalls during the afternoon, but have broken this up into timed slots so that everyone still has plenty of time to enjoy the Fair with their families. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on classroom doors so please sign up for a slot if you can. We really appreciate your support.

In order to make sure that we have plenty of BBQ food for everyone who wants it, we're asking for BBQ food to be pre-ordered. If you would like to order BBQ food to enjoy at the fair, please return the slip below by Monday 1st July, along with your payment, and you will receive tickets for your food.

Entry to the fair is free and everyone is welcome, so please invite family and friends along, and spread the word.

Jam Jar Tombola

We are asking all families to fill a jam jar (or a few) for our children's tombola stall.
Some ideas for contents are:

- small toys e.g. Lego, whistle, glowsticks, torch, figures
- craft items
- sweets
- Packets of seeds and plant markers
- stationery, small notebook, stickers, pencils, rubber
- DIY cookie jar - layered ingredients & cooking instructions
- Playdough/plasticine and cutters
- Hair accessories
- beads and thread

Please bring in your filled jam jars by Monday 1st July

Thank you for your support



International week gave the children an opportunity to study other parts of the world. This year there was a particular focus on climate change and issues affecting global communities and oceans.

In year 5, the children examined the importance of bees in our ecosystem. Bees are an essential part of nature, and through pollination are the reason we can enjoy so many delicious food. The class tasted a variety of Greek food and really enjoyed infusing honey and oil with garden herbs like rosemary and mint. They wrote cinquain poems about bees looked at alternative ways of wrapping lunches using beeswax wraps and some children made bee bombs to encourage wild flower growth around our local community to attract bees.



In Robins, the children read the story of Duffy the turtle who lived near the Great Barrier Reef. They learned about how the turtle hospital in Townsville, Australia helps turtles like Duffy who have swallowed plastic in the ocean when they mistake it for food. The children looked at everyday plastic items and some alternatives. They then created posters and some 'Duffy friendly' advice to share with you:



- Use plastic bottles again and again
- Take your own bags when you go shopping.
- Look for things that are not wrapped or packed in plastic.
- Pack your lunch or snack in reusable containers.
- Say no to plastic straws and "throw away" plastic plates, knives, forks and spoons.
- Put leftover food in a glass container or reusable plastic container.



Want to learn to play a musical instrument?

Then come along to our Saturday Morning Music Centre

Come along, meet new friends, try new things and learn to play!



TO FIND OUT MORE



Email music@bedford.gov.uk or phone Music for Bedford Borough 01234 718088

- New lessons are starting in September, only £3.50 a week! (remissions available)
- As well as lessons there are lots of other groups to join - choirs, musicianship, [music tech](#).
- Remissions available for full membership as well as lessons
- Address, Castle Newnham School, Polhill Avenue, Bedford. MK41 9DT
- During lessons parents can stay and wait in our wonderful coffee shop!
- Hurry as there are limited places!



'Church' with a difference!

Be creative
Have fun
Hear bible stories
Sing songs

Tea for the children!

St James's Church Barn, Biddenham

Tuesday 16 July
(No meeting in August)
Tuesday 17 September

4.30pm - 6.00pm
St James's Church Barn, Biddenham

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