



## Newsletter

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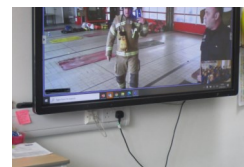
A really brief newsletter this week as I am on a training course today and I am time limited.

Children have enjoyed another busy week and continue to work hard. There's been a lot of music going on this week—Green Jays have started to learn to play ukuleles, Kingfishers the steel pans and Sabrewings are learning to become song writers, all led by specialist music teachers from the Bedford Music Hub. Our Pupil Governors are planning a children's summer fair, with each class running a stall—more information about this will come home in due course. Peacocks attended a multi-sport event at Biddenham on Monday, and they represented us all brilliantly. Canaries enjoyed a virtual visit from Bedfordshire Fire Service, helping learn more about ways to stay safe, and in Robins, children have been exploring household objects from the past.

Next week sees the start of May—in school this is the month of SATs for children in Years 2 and 6. we aim to keep these assessments as low key as possible so please help us do this by keeping things as gentle as possible at home. Please remember that Monday is a Bank Holiday—school will be closed. Many of our Muslim families will be celebrating Eid next week—we all wish you much happiness and joy at this very special time.

As always, we wish you all a peaceful long weekend,

Maria & all at St James'



#### Dawn Until Dusk

This week we would have enjoyed a visit from a lamb. This is a favourite with the children and something that we have missed for the last couple of years due to the pandemic.

It's great to be getting outside on the field again and enjoying some warmer weather also.

We are sad to inform you that Jess will be leaving us on 13th May. Jess will be committing more time to her other employment. She will be greatly missed by us all and has been a wonderful asset to our club. We all wish Jess the very best in the future and would like to say a huge thank you for being such a wonderful member of our little team.

Our busiest afternoons are Wednesdays and Thursdays and we are unable to guarantee an AdHoc booking for these. We have availability on the remainder of the sessions throughout the week.

Our office hours are 07.30-09.00, 15.00-18.00 and 15.00-17.30 on a Friday. Tel-07826 100013

Have a good weekend!

Cathy, Jess and Kelly

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## Welcoming Ukrainians to our neighbourhood

An organisation and fund to support Ukrainian refugees settling locally has been set up through St James' Church, Biddenham and Great Denham. The plan is to urgently build an initial emergency fund, to enable a quick response to assist the Ukrainians who are arriving here.

We will be seeing Ukrainian children in our schools, local clubs and neighbourhoods and this will be an opportunity for you to make them feel welcome and to offer equipment, clothes or toys in good condition. The journeys through Ukraine to reach here are terrifying with the risk of violent assault and murder. The loss of their homes and jobs and potentially their fathers and husbands is traumatising. Ukrainians settling here are starting life with virtually nothing, so any financial donations are also greatly appreciated.

Funds raised will be held in a restricted account and will be used only to help meet the many needs of those refugees arriving in Biddenham, Great Denham, St Mary's and wider Bedford for however long our support is required.

Please consider giving to this fund. There are a number of ways you can make a donation:

1. By bank transfer – sending your donation to the following account:

Name: Biddenham PCC

Sort Code: 60-02-13 (NatWest Bank)

Account No: 5131 7710

In the reference field please enter "Ukraine" followed by your postcode and house number. Gift Aid will be claimed where possible – adding 25% to the value of your donation.

2. By cheque – payable to “Biddenham PCC”.

Please include a note of your name and address so as to allow Gift Aid to be claimed and add "for Ukraine".

3. Place your donation in a yellow Gift Aid envelope (available in St James' church). Please mark the envelope "Ukraine".

Donations can be sent to the St James' Church PCC treasurer at 32a Church End, Biddenham, MK40 4AR. Alternatively, donations can be handed to a churchwarden or simply placed in the weekly collection in St James' church. Also you can call 01234 353662 or 07973 264647.

Thank you for your invaluable support in welcoming refugee Ukrainians to our neighbourhood.

### St James' CEVA Primary School Term Dates 2022-2023

**Legend:**

- INSET Day
- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- School Open

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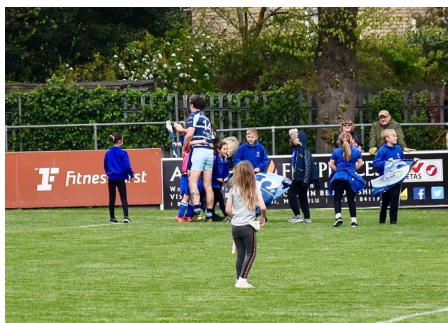
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Saturday, 23rd April  
St James' Guard of Honour at Bedford Blues



We had a wonderful day playing tag rugby, waving the flags, watching Mr Tapley play and cheering on the whole team. With thanks to Mrs Spratt and Mr Gooch for giving up their Saturday to help out and to the many parents who helped look after us all. Special thanks to Jaki Whittred for being our official photographer, and to all Bedford Blues for welcoming us.