



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

Such a lovely week this week, with some really lovely Autumnal weather to enjoy. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Harvest Service—it was great to see so many of our families joining us for this festival—next time, we promise to find some more chairs for you all! Services like these give us an opportunity to be together as a whole school family, which is something I really value and I am determined that, as we grow into a larger primary school, is something which we will never lose. Many of you passed on very positive feedback about how lovely the service was, and how impressive the children were—we think so, too, but it's always nice to hear from you as well, thank you! Many thanks to Mrs Hawkins and her class for organizing the service and to all the staff who worked so hard with the children to bring together all the different elements.

Our new Pupil Governors held their first meeting this week, and are already coming up with lots of ideas about to help make our school an even better place to be. I'm looking forward to seeing them in action and hearing more about their plans! Today, I have had the pleasure of welcoming Barney Geen to St James' - he is our new school improvement adviser from Bedford Borough, tasked with helping us further on our journey towards excellence. I'm so proud to be able to share our happy, focused and successful school, and I am delighted that Barney was able to meet with such happy and enthusiastic children!

Today is World Teacher's Day—celebrated around the world, in recognition of the exceptional work teachers all over do. At St James', every member of staff is a teacher, and I would like to pay tribute to every one of them—having worked in a variety of schools around the country, our current team is the finest I have encountered, and I appreciate their commitment and passion for your children. They are really quite brilliant!

On Monday afternoon, we will put up sign up sheets for parents evenings (16th/18th October), so please ensure you book your appointment.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend,

Maria & all the team at St James'



Ms Soulsby's Rainbow Moment this week is awarded to **Oscar**. Oscar has been on a real journey since I first met him in 2015, and over the past few weeks, I have noticed how much he has matured and how much more confident and relaxed he is at school. I really love the fact that he is able to laugh at himself, and shows resilience at times of difficulty. Well done, Oscar, you're growing into an exemplary Year 6 role model, and I'm so proud of you!

Children MUST have a coat and their PE kit in school EVERY DAY

If children want to use the field at playtimes they must also have a pair of trainers or boots to change into.

Macmillan Coffee Morning—we raised over £300 and donations are still coming in. THANK YOU!

St James' School App for Smartphones

If you haven't already done so, please download our school app. Through the app you can view the school calendar, newsletters and other handy links.

To download the app, locate 'School Jotter' in the search bar of your app store. The app icon has a pencil logo. Once downloaded, search for the school's postcode – MK40 4BD. The old school logo should appear, select this and the app should then download.

Any problems, speak to Dawn in the Office for help.

Can You Help?

We're looking for donations of equipment to supplement our existing lunchtime resources and toys. If you have any items which might be useful, we'd be pleased to receive them:

- Good quality board games, jigsaws, lego, duplo suitable for wet play activities
- Plastic tea sets
- Tarpaulins, picnic blankets
- Plastic crates (bottle crates, for example)
- Good quality decking planks or similar (sanded, so no danger of splinters)
- Guttering pipes
- Old tents, camping chairs
- Old tyres
- Plastic boxes, with lids, for storage
- Old goal posts
- Any good quality sports equipment or outdoor games
- Good quality dolls and dolls clothes (the younger children are enjoying playing babies!)

Thank you!

Main Road

It looks like an interesting week ahead for Main Road. We've been notified about two activities which may affect your journey to school:

From Monday 8th October for 2 weeks, there will be work to install a new sewer connection. Some degree of disruption and delay should be expected. Contact enquiries@miparrott.co.uk or 01767 691638.

On Friday 12th October, a road traffic survey will be conducted as part of the National Road Traffic census between 7am and 7pm. It shouldn't affect traffic, but you may notice people with clipboards!

Finally, thank you to those of you who observed last week's request regarding parking at The Three Tuns on Monday—your respect and consideration for the mourners was very much appreciated.



Twitter users.....Follow St James': [@StJamesHead](https://twitter.com/StJamesHead) for regular school updates



Head Lice are a common problem in all schools, and St James' is unfortunately no exception. Please check your children's hair every week, and if you find any evidence of head lice, please take appropriate action! All parents should be doing this on a regular basis (we suggest checking every week) - ignoring the problem makes it impossible to keep St James' a nit free school. Regular combing will help reduce the numbers of eggs in your child's hair. Some useful advice and resources can be found here: <https://www.chc.org/>

Coming Up...

Monday 2019)	Tours for Prospective Parents (starting school
Wednesday	Y5 Trip to Higgins Museum Tours for Prospective Parents
Friday	Book Blink 3.00-3.30

Book Blink is a time for parents to come into classrooms to look at children's books with their child. Classrooms are open at 3.00, and close at home time (3.30)

New dates

15th Oct	Y5/6 Tag Rugby
17th Oct	Y2 Trip to Bedford Market Y3/4 Multi-sports
19th Oct	PSA Social @ The Three Tuns 7.30pm
1st Nov	PSA AGM 5.30-6.30
9th Nov	Y1&2 Multi-skills
29th Nov	Christmas Wreath Making (details to follow)

We need to re-charge our PSA. Please come along to the AGM to find out how you can help & support our school; especially important in these difficult financial times when school budgets are being squeezed.

If you need to talk about your child, please follow the process below:

- Speak with the class teacher first—this is the person who knows your child best and can address queries directly, and therefore most effectively.
- Speak with the Assistant Head Teacher (Mr Leach) if your child's teacher can not address your concerns
- Speak with the School SENDCo (Miss Bailey) if your concern is about your child's Special Educational Needs
- Contact the Head Teacher only if you have exhausted all the above approaches.

OCTOBER H/T FUN MULTI-ACTIVE

HOLIDAY COURSES

Week 1	Mon 22 nd Oct	Tue 23 rd Oct	Wed 24 th Oct	Thur 25 th Oct	Fri 26 th Oct
Bedford	Super Hero	Activity	Spooky Day	Activity	Activity
Trinity Leisure, Bromham Rd, MK40 2DD					
Biggleswade	Spooky Day	Activity	Activity	Activity	Super Hero
Biggleswade Academy, Mead End, SG18 8JU					
Harlow	Activity	Activity	Super Hero	Spooky Day	Activity
Harlow Fields Sch, Tensing Rd CM18 8RN					
Henlow	Activity	Spooky Day	Activity	Super Hero	Activity
Denvent Lower Sch, Hachin Rd, SG18 9BA					
Houghton Regis	Super Hero	Activity	Spooky Day	Activity	Activity
Hawthorn Park Sch, Parkside Drive, LU5 5GN					
Luton	Activity	Super Hero	Activity	Activity	Spooky Day
Denbigh High Sch, Alexandra Ave, LU3 1HE					
St Neots	Activity	Spooky Day	Activity	Super Hero	Activity
Priority Jnr, Longsands Rd, PE19 1TF					

Week 2	Mon 29 th Oct	Tue 30 th Oct	Wed 31 st Oct	Thur 1 st Nov	Fri 2 nd Nov
Biggleswade	Activity				
Biggleswade Academy, Mead End, SG18 8JU					
Bishops Cleeve	Spooky Day	Activity	Activity	Super Hero	Activity
Northgate Sch, Cricketfield Lane CM23 2RL					
Henlow	Activity				
Denvent Lower Sch, Hachin Rd, SG18 9BA					
Hartford	Activity	Super Hero	Activity	Spooky Day	Activity
Simon Ballie Sch, Mangrove Rd, SG13 8AJ					
Hitchin	Super Hero	Activity	Activity	Activity	Spooky Day
Priority Sch, Bedford Rd, SG5 2UR					
Hemel Hempstead	Activity	Spooky Day	Super Hero	Activity	Activity
Kings Langley Sch, Long Lane, WD4 9HN					
Roydon	Activity	Activity	Spooky Day	Activity	Super Hero
Sturdlands Rise Sch, Sturdlands Rise, SG8 9HD					

Price: £17.99 per day (15% sibling discount)
Child care vouchers and Tax Free Childcare scheme accepted.
All courses are open to children aged 5-12 years old.
Biggleswade and Henlow venues accept children aged 2+

Times: All courses run 9-4pm each day.
Extended hours 8-5.30pm and half days also available.
Biggleswade and Henlow extended hours 7.30-6pm

Swimming at Bedford, Harlow, Hertford & Luton:
Swimming will be a fun pool session and is only available at Bedford, Harlow, Hertford & Luton.

Full pricing along with terms & conditions can be found online at www.multi-active.co.uk

HOW TO BOOK:
WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK
TEL: 07561-416208





Dawn Until Dusk

Holiday Club (under 5s)

- 7.30 am -1.00- Morning session - £25.00 early bird rate £ 28.00 thereafter
- 1.00 pm -6.00- Afternoon session -£27.00 early bird rate, £ 30.00 thereafter.
- 7.30 am -6.00 pm -Full Day £ 40.00, early bird, £ 45.00 thereafter.

Holiday Club (5-12 years)

- 7.30 am -1.00 pm Morning session -£22.00 early bird rate £25.00 thereafter.
- 1.00 pm -6.00 pm Afternoon session -£20.00 early bird rate, £25.00 thereafter.
- 7.30 am -6.00 pm -Full day £ 33.00. early bird, £38 thereafter.

Clubs Running this Half Term

- Balliol 22-26-29 th October
Shortstown 22-26-29 th October
Greenfield 22-26-th October
Lakeview Pre School - 22-26-29th October

info@kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk for more information