



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

Today marks the end of yet another term—how quickly the year seems to pass by!

For the children, I think the highlight of the week was most definitely the school disco last night—it was lovely to see the children enjoy themselves and watch them dancing away with one another! Many thanks to Kerry, Eleanor and all the PSA who organized this, and to the many parents who came along and helped with supervision. Hopefully, we can plan even more events like this for the children in the future.

Our oldest children attended a Summer Sports event at Biddenham on Wednesday, playing cricket, tag rugby and golf. As always, our children competed with pride and demonstrated great sportsmanship towards their opponents—well done, and thank you for being such great ambassadors for our school.

When we return to school after the half term break, Year 6 will be going on their residential trip to Dorset, where they will enjoy a wide range of adventurous activities including abseiling, coastering, mackerel fishing and a visit to Dorset Waterpark. I will be joining them on this trip, so will not be in school from Tuesday to Friday; arrangements are in place to cover my absence, so that the life of the school continues as normal. I will post regular updates on my Twitter feed so you can all follow our time away.

As always, we are phenomenally grateful for the support and friendship you give us throughout the term—the little thank yous and positive comments really help lift us and drive us on in our work with your children. We really are blessed to work in such a supportive and friendly school—thank you for all you do for us!

Wishing you all a very happy, restful and enjoyable half term break,

Maria & all the team at St James'



St James' Summer Raffle

Can you (or your business) donate any raffle prizes for our Year 6 Summer Raffle? Please let Dawn know.

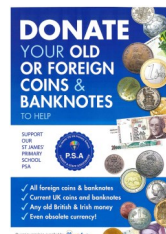
Many thanks for all the donations so far received!

Staffing Update

Our Finance Officer, Rosie Martin, will be leaving St James' at the end of the year, having secured a School Business Manager role in a larger school. This week, we have appointed Mrs Lauren Usher to take over the role. Lauren will start with us just after half term, working alongside Rosie to ensure a good handover. I know you will welcome Lauren and help her settle into our school family quickly.



Please remember to donate any pre-loved uniform to the PSA, and to bring in any unwanted coins (especially if you get to go abroad over the next few months). Thank you!



Important Dates for the Term Ahead

Date & Time	Event	Classes Involved	Staff Lead	Special Notes
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	
Tues 11th June 6.00pm	Induction meeting for new YR parents		CD	
Weds 12th June, 3.30	Pupil Governors Bracelet & Key ring sale	Whole school	CD	
Weds 12th June	Visit from GB athlete & sponsored circuits	Whole school	GH	Details will be sent separately
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.
Mon 17th June 3.00	Story session for new YR		CD	
Fri 21st June morning & lunch	Sports Day & picnic	All years	GH	
Fri 28th June 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 2	SBG	
Tues 25th June 11.30	Story session for new YR children		CD	
Mon 1st July 9.30	Stay & Play session for new YR		CD	
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 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	
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 2.00	Family picnic for new YR starters		CD	
Weds 17th July 2.00	Leaver's Service	Whole School	IL	



Please remember on sunny days to ensure your child has a sunhat to wear at playtimes. Please ensure all hats are named. We don't mind hats not being royal blue, but please don't allow hats which are over the top in terms of decoration, or which contain inappropriate images or messages. Keep them simple, please!

If your child also needs sun cream, please apply this in the morning, using all-day, long lasting product. Unfortunately, we do not have capacity for staff to apply sun cream (imagine 10 staff trying to apply cream to 170 children, there's just not enough of us!). Please do not allow your child to bring in sun cream, as this could pose a risk to other children if shared (skin allergies etc)