**ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, COLDWALTHAM**
*with Chuckleberries Pre School*

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**Enabling every child to thrive and succeed**

## Friday Flyer – Friday 2nd October

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our second edition of the Friday Flyer as we whizz towards the end of our 5th week back at school. It has been wonderful to look out across our beautiful grounds this week and see the crisp signs of autumn arriving, from the changing leaves to the cooler, fresher mornings. Inside the classrooms, the energy is just as vibrant, with learning and curiosity filling the air. It has also been a busy week outside of the school gates, sending pupils to MRC for a taster of a Secondary School day and celebrating the success of our football team, coming a creditable second in the locality tournament at Alban Head – well done team!

**Benedict's Law – Allergy and Anaphylaxis Information**
We have pupils in our school community who suffer from severe, potentially life-threatening nut and seed allergies (anaphylaxis). Even trace amounts or the tiniest contact with nut proteins can trigger a serious medical emergency. In line with updated health guidelines from **Anaphylaxis UK** and **Allergy UK**, we operate as a "Nut-Aware" school rather than claiming to be "nut-free." It is impossible to completely guarantee an allergen-free site, and absolute bans can create a false sense of security. Instead, we rely on the cooperation and vigilance of our entire school community to significantly reduce risk.

We kindly ask that you:

- Do not provide peanuts, tree nuts, sesame seeds, or nut based spreads, dips or sauce (like peanut butter, hummus, pesto or Nutella) in lunchboxes or for breaktime.
- Check ingredient labels carefully on baked goods, muesli bars, and snacks, avoiding items labelled "contains nuts" or bearing precautionary "may contain nuts" warnings where possible.
- Reinforce with your children that they should never share food, drinks, or utensils at school.

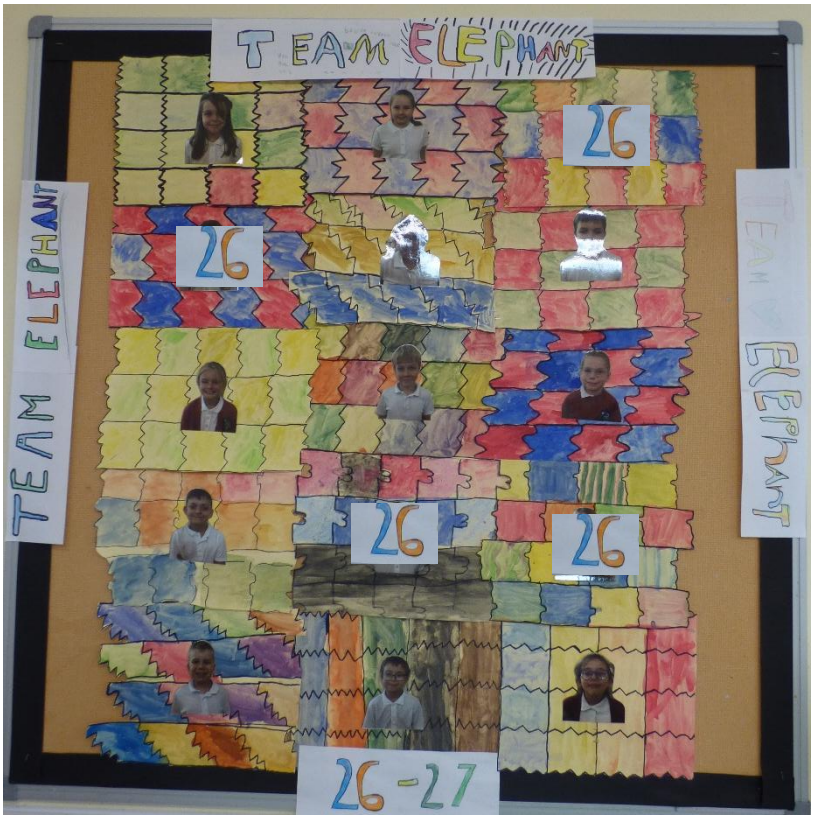
Thank you so much for your understanding, support, and partnership in helping us maintain a safe, inclusive environment for all of our children.

**Raise Money for the Friends of St James' Using Easy Fundraising**

Friends of St James Coldwaltham have recently registered on easyfundraising! Everyone can raise FREE donations for the FOSJ with every online shop. Over 8,000 retailers will donate – at no extra cost to you. Currently there are 11 supporters registered for St James' who have raised £5.12 so far. Every extra supporter will help to contribute to extra fundraising for our school community so please support the FOSJ by asking family and friends to register with Easy Fundraising, particularly in the lead up to Christmas. Please click on this link to register [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/friends-of-st-james-coldwaltham/?utm_campaign=pmcapp](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/friends-of-st-james-coldwaltham/?utm_campaign=pmcapp).

**Class Flags – pics to be checked**

At St James, one of our core school values is that of Teamwork. At the start of the year, each class created their own team flag to foster a sense of belonging, drive positive behaviour, and build collaboration among our young learners. The flags are proudly displayed in the classes – we think you'll agree, they look fantastic!



**Harvest Service**

The children showed great confidence, sharing their poems, artwork, prayers and research in Church last Thursday and it was lovely to see so many families who were able to join us. Thank you for all the generous donations that the children brought to St Giles to be blessed as part of our Harvest Festival Service. We were overwhelmed by the kindness of our community. The donations were gratefully received by the Petworth Foodbank and will be distributed to those in need within our local area.

**Science: Exploring our Solar System**

Last week, the Jaguars took their learning outside as they explored the vast scale of our Solar System. Using the school field, the children worked collaboratively to estimate the relative distances between the planets from the Sun, carefully discussing and justifying their ideas before placing themselves in position. Once their predictions had been made, the actual scaled distances were revealed, and the children were amazed by just how far apart the planets really are! Walking out the enormous gaps between some of the planets helped bring this abstract concept to life and sparked lots of thoughtful questions and discussion. The activity was highly engaging, and the children found it fascinating to see the true scale of our Solar System in a way that a classroom diagram simply cannot show. Jaguars are now certified space fanatics and have been loving what this topic has had to offer so far.

**A Request from the Office**

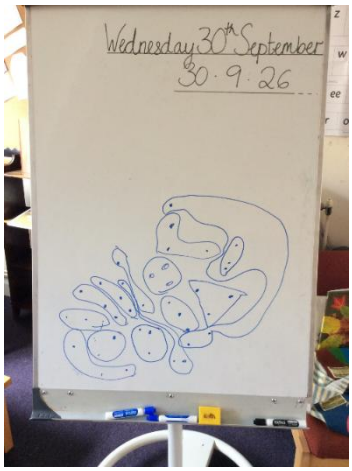
We are delighted to offer children at St James' a range of exciting trips and activities throughout the year. To help these events run smoothly, we ask parents and carers to return consent forms and make any necessary payments as early as possible and before the stated deadline. Late responses can create extra work for office staff, who may need to follow up for replies, and can also require teachers to make last-minute changes to arrangements, risk assessments and transport plans. Your prompt response helps us plan effectively and ensures that we can continue providing these valuable opportunities for all our pupils.

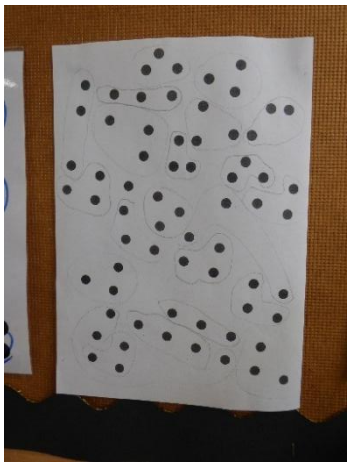
**Parent Consultations**

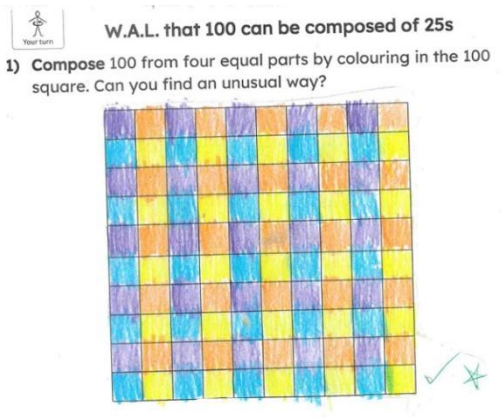
Parents consultations will take place on 19th and 20th October. A letter with further details will follow.

**Maths Mastery**

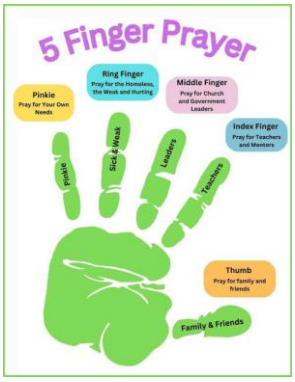
For the past 2 years, Mr Armitage, Maths Lead for AVF and Mrs Douse, Maths Champion for St James', have been joining the Sussex Maths Hub to develop the way that Maths is taught across the Federation. This year we are introducing a new scheme of learning that follows the principals of Maths Mastery. This is an approach to mathematics in UK primary schools that enables children to build a deep, long-term, and adaptable conceptual understanding for all pupils. The research-informed approach, promoted across England by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM), holds the core philosophy that all children can succeed in mathematics. With a strong emphasis on using concrete resources and 'seeing the Maths', here are a few snapshots from the maths learning that has been taking place so far this term at St James.





**5 Finger Prayer**




You may have heard your child talking about something called 5 finger prayer. As a church school we pray daily as part of our active worship. This year we have introduced five finger prayer which helps us to focus on who our prayer is for. The children are learning this at the moment, but this picture will help you to understand what each finger represents. The children have enjoyed learning about this and are taking to this really well and have picked it up ever so quickly.

**Attendance Reminder:**

A polite reminder that our school day starts at 08:45 each day, this is when the children go in and start their Early Morning Work and start learning. Children who arrive after this time are missing out on what is a really important part of the school day. We operate a flexible drop off between 08:35 and 08:45, please can we ask that all parents aim to get their child to school by 08:45 at the latest.

**Open Mornings**

There will be Open Mornings at our school on the following dates:

- Friday 9th October 9.30am to 11.30am
- Thursday 12th November 9.30am to 11.30am and
- Friday 4th December 9.30am to 11.30am.

Please shares the dates with friends, family and neighbours with pre-school children and encourage them to consider our school.

We hope you have enjoyed catching up with all the latest news. Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

With best wishes,

Mrs N Douse
Senior Teacher

**Dates for the Diary**

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| Friday 9th October | Open Morning - 9.30am to 11.30am |
| Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October 2026 | Year 6 Bikeability – please see our letter dated 03/07/2026 for full details |
| Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th October 2026 | After School Parent Consultations – more details to follow |
| Friday 23rd October 2026 | INSET Day – school closed to all pupils |
| Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026 | Half Term |
| Monday 2nd November 2026 | Back to school for all pupils at 8:45am |
| Thursday 12th November | Open Morning - 9.30am to 11.30am |
| Friday 4th December | Open Morning - 9.30am to 11.30am |
| Friday 18th December 2026 | Last Day of Autumn Term |

FREE

# HALF TERM EVENT FOR SEND CHILDREN

Storrington and Sullington Neighbourhood Wardens
in partnership with WSCC Horsham Family Hub

## Friday 30 October

**10am - 11.30am**
**or 1pm - 2.30pm**

**Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,**
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

**A fun packed session for young people to enjoy lots of new activities!**

Enjoy the Sensory Dome with sensory toys and games. We also have a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play and quiet area. Parents are required to supervise, siblings welcome.

BOOK TODAY

For bookings and enquiries please call: **01403 213590**
For any further information please email:
**Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk**

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CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE
Providing a healthy community

west sussex county council

Horsham District Council

**Free Sessions**
**9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th Sept**
**7th,14th,21st Oct**

# STAY AND PLAY FOR SEND CHILDREN

## Wednesdays
## 4pm - 5.30pm
## Term time only

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We have a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play area, quiet area and other activities. Parents are required to supervise, siblings welcome.

For more information please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:

Email: Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk

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Horsham District Council

# OCTOBER HALF TERM

# Holiday CLUBS

## AT LODGE HILL

LODGE HILL
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**9AM – 4PM**

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JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE...
LODGE HILL'S SPOOKY STROLL
24th – 26th October 2026
5pm – 8:30pm (last entry at 8pm)
£15 per child | £6 per adult
Enjoy spooky fun for the whole family!
Halloween Light-Up Trail
Pumpkin Carving
Biscuit Decorating
Marshmallow Toasting
Face Painting
Sno-tubing
Raffle & Tombola
Food & Refreshments (charges apply)
Book now via our website!

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# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Player Development Centre Trials give young players the chance to showcase their skills and join one of our local centres. Successful players will be invited to join our Player Development Programme (PDP).

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| **Price:** | Free to attend |
| **Age groups:** | Under 6 – Under 16 (Boys & Girls) |
| **Locations:** | Chichester, Crawley, Cuckfield, Horsham, Haywards Heath, Lancing, Littlehampton, Ringmer and Steyning |

Scan the QR code to view the full list of trial sessions taking place near you and register your child today!