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Friday Flyer – Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our first Flyer since returning from the Easter break - welcome to the Summer Term! The Easter holiday feels a long time ago now but we hope you all enjoyed the break with your families. It's been a fantastic start to the term, helped along by some beautiful sunshine and lots of smiling faces returning to school, embracing the opportunities in front of them. Year 6 are building up to their SATs week and, as is the way at this time of year, we have so many things to look forward to – our whole school Goodwood Farm trip, Sports Day and the Key Stage 2 production to name but three! We hope you enjoy catching up with the news from school over the past fortnight.

Great Athletes Sponsorship

The sponsorship money has been counted and verified and we are amazed to see how much money has been raised by the children!

Well done and thank you to everyone who raised money for our school through this sponsored challenge.



Meena raised the most money with an incredible total of £158.06.



Millie was the second biggest fundraiser with £100 raised.



Thomas was the third biggest fundraiser raised with £80 raised.



As a result of this event, our school have received a voucher for £550 to put towards sports equipment. Watch this space for details of how this money will be spent.

Thank you to the Labouring Man

We are very grateful to The Labouring Man in Coldwaltham which recently held a quiz night and raised £100 to donate to the school.

Welcome to our new Chartwells Cook and Our New Families

We are delighted to welcome Kerry, our new Chartwells Cook, to the St James' team. We are also pleased to share that four children joined St James' after Easter; a huge welcome to them and their families – we hope that you will be very happy as you become part of the St. James' family!

Perform Drama Workshops

This week, all the classes took part in a drama workshop with Perform. Jaguars and Elephants explored A Mid-Summer Night's Dream with a modern twist, learning a fabulous dance routine and using their improvisation skills to bring a scene to life involving the characters Oberon, Titania, Puck and Bottom.

The Penguins and Rhinos took part in a Peter Pan themed drama workshop that transported the children to a mystical land of imagination. They embraced their roles with enthusiasm, and used creativity and teamwork to help bring the story to life. The highlight was working together as a class to outsmart Captain Hook and stop him from capturing Tinkerbell! It was a wonderful experience that helped fuel the children's love of storytelling.

The Perform workshops are an opportunity for the children to take part in the dramatic arts and will set the scene for our upcoming production. [Perform](#) run local drama classes and also have a [summer show](#) in the West End which is aimed at primary school aged children.



Jaguars Trip to Pallant House Gallery

Jaguars had a wonderful trip to Pallant House Gallery in Chichester. They had a guided tour of the house, learning about the historical background as well as looking at the artwork on display. They then focused their attention on a still life mixed media painting by the artist Mary Fedden. The children had time to look closely at the artwork and discuss what they could see. After a close inspection, they were given sketchbooks and colours to capture the artwork in their own way. They then moved on to the studio space in the gallery, where an artist led them through a workshop creating their own mixed media collages inspired by both Mary Fedden and the still life display set up on the tables. The children were so inspired and created fantastic art work which they were very proud of.

In Jaguar Class, we have been continuing to think about mixed media art work. We have looked at a range of landscape artists and are developing a variety of skills in order to eventually work on our own independent project.



Jaguars Swimming

The Jaguars have embarked on a course of swimming lessons at MXT. After their first lesson, they were all commended by the swimming instructor for doing such a good job. Every pupil joined in enthusiastically and had a great lesson. We're looking forward to the rest of our sessions and becoming more confident swimmers.



Use of Devices at Home

The NSPCC website has useful information regarding the use of phones, devices and technology at home. [Children and technology: Age-appropriate usage advice | NSPCC](#)

Whole School Goodwood Farm Trip – Thursday 21st May

We are looking forward to the farm trip on 21st May; please look out for the letter with details of the day and don't forget to give consent on Parentpay. We would love for all the children to attend; if any parents will have difficulties paying for this trip, please contact Mrs Kirby in confidence.

All Sing at MRC

In the first week of the Summer Term, the Elephants visited Midhurst Rother College for a morning of singing. They sang as part of a choir alongside over 100 children from other primary schools and each school also performed a song they had practised for the occasion. The Elephants performed "*Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*" with confidence and exuberance. Well done, Elephants!



News from the Elephants

Elephants have been learning about the human digestive system as part of their Science topic. They recreated the stomach, small and large intestines with the use of food bags, tights and paper cups and saw what happens to food as it is digested by mixing bananas, crackers and

orange juice and feeding it through the system. They then consolidated this learning, creating the shapes of different teeth, the small and large intestine in an active Science lesson.



Kind regards,

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Mrs N Douse
Senior Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 th May to Thursday 14 th May 2026	SATs week for Year 6
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Little Lifesavers to visit Jaguars in the afternoon
Monday 18 th May 2026	Post SATS Treat for Year 6 – see our letter dated 19 th March for full details
Thursday 21 st May	Whole School Trip to Goodwood Farm – see our letter dated 28 th April 2026 for full details
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Friday 12 th June	School Photographer to visit – Class Photos
Monday 22 nd June 2026	Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Chichester Cathedral – Parents and carers are welcome to attend
Monday 29 th June 2026	Sports Day – Parents and Carers are invited to attend from 1.15pm
Monday 6 th July	Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm – Key Stage 2 Production
Tuesday 7 th July	Performance of Key Stage 2 Production 6.00pm – parents and carers are invited to attend
Wednesday 8 th July	Whole School Circus Workshop – more details to follow
Thursday 9 th to Friday 10 th July 2026	Jaguars Residential – local activities and camping at school. Further details to follow
Monday 13 th July 2026	Reserve Date for Sports Day – 1.15pm
Thursday 16 th July and Friday 17 th July 2026	Bikeability Training for Year 6
Monday 20 th July 2026	Last day of term for children
Tuesday 21 st July and Wednesday 22 nd July	Inset Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Inset Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 2 nd September	First Day of the Autumn Term

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Session 2 - 11am - 12pm
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Wednesday 27th May

Fun on the Green, 12pm - 3pm

Fun FREE afternoon for all the family on the
green outside Chanctonbury Leisure Centre



Friday 29th May

Ceilidh, 7pm - 10pm

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Wondering what goes on inside a Brick Festival event? Well, we throw away the instruction books as Brighton Brick Festival brings ALL NEW LEGO activities such as our adrenaline inducing speed building competitions, Master Builder led build challenges, scavenger hunts, a dedicated building area, gaming zones, LEGO RC car zone, and so much more. This event is a LEGO lover's dream come true!

Browse through a totally updated selection of trader tables selling a huge range of loose bricks, brand new or rare & retired LEGO sets, minifigures, accessories and all other LEGO themed items you could imagine – it's the ultimate treasure trove for LEGO enthusiasts and collectors alike! There really will be something available for everyone, with every budget in mind too.

But that's not all – Brighton Brick Festival showcases a brand new, unique selection of LEGO displays crafted by master LEGO builders from across the country! Get up close and personal, chat with these LEGO artists about their latest projects, snag some insider tips, and leave brimming with inspiration!

Book your tickets now to secure your preferred entry time at this brick-filled day, as timeslots regularly sell out! Early Bird tickets fly off the shelves, so make sure to snap these up before they all go! These give you an extra hour of LEGO fun inside the show (from 10am) and a FREE LEGO gift upon entry too!

Whether you're a die-hard collector or a casual LEGO fan, the Brighton Brick Festival at AMEX Stadium is the place to be. Secure your entry tickets online now – adults from £8, children from £6, and there's even an extra value family ticket available for just £20 too!

Don't miss the chance to be a part of this awesome LEGO celebration! Grab your tickets and get ready for a day filled with LEGO building, creativity, and brick-stacking fun!

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