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**Enabling every child to thrive and succeed**

**Friday Flyer – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have certainly had an action-packed last week of Spring Term with ukulele performances, Maths challenges and Easter celebrations. What a variety of experiences our children have had! It has been wonderful to see so many families joining us for the many events that have taken place both in school and for making St. James' the warm and welcoming place that it is. We hope you enjoy this bumper edition of the Friday Flyer, showcasing the learning and events that have taken place during the past couple of weeks.

**Easter Celebrations**

Easter was celebrated this week with a reflective service at St Giles' Church on Thursday, followed by an Easter Bonnet Parade and the traditional Egg Roll on Friday. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at both events, especially as it gave them the opportunity to meet our new vicar, Canon Martin Poll. He certainly rolled his sleeves up and dived straight in, giving the children palm crosses to raise in the air as we sang at the church and then judging the bonnets and eggs in school. The children's bonnets were marvellous and they all rolled their eggs with great enthusiasm. What a wonderful way to end Spring Term!



The house prizes for the best Easter bonnet went to Robin, Gray and Luna. The prizes for the longest egg roll were awarded to Lucas, Ozzie, Aubrey, Ezra, Kayden and Archer. Well done to everyone.



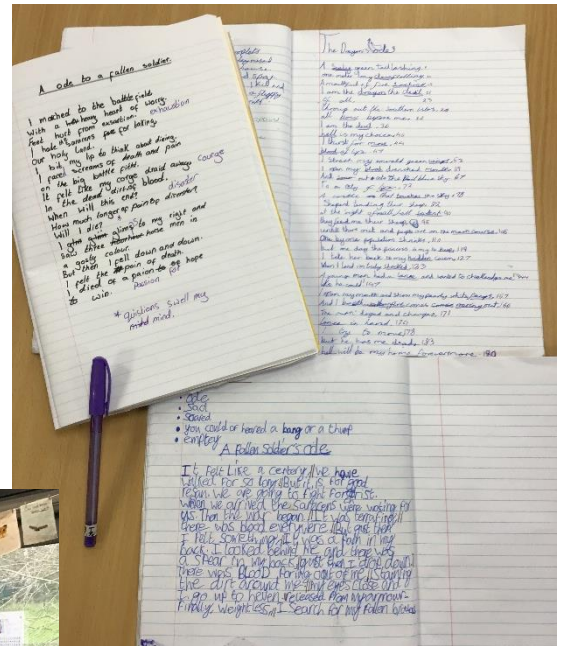
**Rother Valley Arts Festival – Dance Show**

We were so proud of our Dance Club as they performed at the Arts Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> March, where they took to the stage alongside other local primary schools to perform a dance to a song called 'Unity'. Dancing in the MRC theatre was a huge leap from practising in the school hall but the team took it in their stride. As Iris and Imogen explained in their introduction, 'When someone is on their own, we will always welcome them because together we are stronger.'



**News from the Jaguars – “Downscape” Project**

The Jaguars are continuing with their “Downscape” project which is an exciting collaboration with the Arts Society West Sussex. The Jaguars have already visited St Botolph’s Church and they have spent a morning at school with poet, Antosh Wojcik, writing poetry inspired by the visit. The third phase of the project is to film some of the Jaguars reading their work at St Botolph’s Church. The finished film will be shown at Champs Hill, the Pop Up Art Exhibition in July. It will be shown by the Arts Society and it may be shown or shared elsewhere, including on social media. We can’t wait to see the finished film and show off the Jaguars’ talents far and wide.



## Visit from Kelly Simm – Commonwealth Games Gold Medal Winning Gymnast

There was huge excitement and anticipation last last Friday when Kelly Simm visited the school as part of the Great British Athletes Programme. Together with Sportivator, Paula, they ran a sponsored circuit training session with all the children. Kelly explained about how she started in gymnastics and how she became so successful. The children had a chance to ask her some questions. We are very grateful to Jeanie who was in charge of the music and Kaine and Evan who took the photographs.

Thank you to everyone for the sponsorship – an unbelievable amount has been raised and it will be shared between Great Athletes and our school. The money will be counted this week with the rewards for everyone who raised money being distributed after Easter.



## Bikeability Training

The current Year 6 children will be taking part in Bikeability training on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026. The current Year 5 children have the same session in October 2026, when they will be in Year 6. All the children will have Stage 1 training on the playground and then, those who pass Stage 1, will have Stage 2 training on quiet local roads with an instructor. Full details of the Bikeability sessions will follow th but please note now that the children will need to *have use of a roadworthy bicycle and helmet for the sessions*. If your child's bike needs a little maintenance, it would be helpful to plan for this. Bikeability can provide loaned bicycles for any children who do not have their own but using their own is preferable, if possible.



## Be Nut Aware!



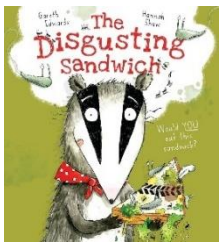
Please don't forget that we are a Nut Aware school and any food that contains nuts should ***not*** be brought into school; this includes hidden nuts that may be an ingredient of Battenberg cake, almond croissants, chocolate spreads, peanut butter, pesto and cereal bars. There has been a change in the statutory requirements for schools regarding how allergies are approached and we really do need to be vigilant; we appreciate and are grateful for your support with this.

## House Point Treat

Well done to Bramber, the Yellow Team, who is the winning team for the housepoint challenge for this term. Housepoints are awarded when children display our values of Respect, Kindness, Honesty, Positivity and Teamwork. Their treat was making chocolate Easter nests, which looked delicious. Well done to Team Bramber!



## News from the Penguins and Rhinos - Sandwich Making



Penguins and Rhinos have been reading 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards and Hannah Shaw. As part of this topic, they wrote their own instructions about how to make their self-designed sandwich; they followed their own instructions and evaluated how successful they were. The most sophisticated sandwich was designed by Jeanie whose sandwich was tiger bread with ham, cheese and lettuce finished off with an olive on top!



## Penguins and Rhinos – Visit from a Police Community Support Officer

Penguins, Rhinos and Chuckleberries were excited to have a visit from PCSO Lloyd from Sussex Police on Wednesday. PCSO Lloyd talked to the children about the work of the police and then everyone had a chance to sit in her police car. This is a wonderful way for the children to understand the work that the police do and that they are people who are here to keep us safe and look after us. Mrs Martin's Dad is a retired police officer so it is important to her that children know what their role is and how special they are.



## Penguins – Drive in Cinema

Penguins have been working on their Drive in Cinema cars this week. They designed and decorated their own cars and got comfortable to watch a film at the "St James' Drive-In".



## News from the Elephants – DT Project

Elephants have completed another DT project, this time designing and making a felt purse or wallet. They began by considering the use of their product and how the design would make it appealing and practical. They then made their money containers and evaluated their work, making recommendations for future improvements.



## Christ's Hospital Maths Challenge

Some of the Year 5 children took part in a Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital this week. The St James' team of Iris, Immie, Raife and Ozzie watched the Christ's Hospital School Band process into lunch before they started the challenge. They worked in pairs to solve the tasks and were excellent representatives of St James'. Thank you to Mr Gradden who kindly accompanied the children for the afternoon.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the Friday Flyer and wish all our families a peaceful and joyful Easter Break.



We look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,


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Mrs N Douse  
Senior Teacher

## Dates for the Diary

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| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                                     | Last day of the Spring Term  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                                     | First day of the Summer Term   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                                     | Jaguars' Trip to Pallant House Gallery – please see our letter dated 06/03/2026  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                                     | First swimming lesson for Jaguars at MXT, Storrington – please see our letter dated 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026        |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026      | SATs week for Year 6   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                       | Post SATS Treat for Year 6 – see our letter dated 19 <sup>th</sup> March for full details                              |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May  | Whole School Trip to Goodwood Farm – details to follow   |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026        | Half Term  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June   | School Photographer to visit – Class Photos  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026                                      | Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral – Year 6 parents and carers are invited to attend this special service |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                                      | Sports Day – Parents and carers are invited to attend from 1.15pm  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                                       | Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm – Key Stage 2 Production  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                                      | Performance of Key Stage 2 Production 6pm – all parents and carers are invited to attend                               |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                                    | Whole School Circus Workshop – more details to follow  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026          | Jaguars' Residential – local activities and camping at school. Further details to follow                               |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                                      | Reserve Date for Sports Day – 1.15pm   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026   | Bikeability Training for Year 6  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                                      | Last day of term for children  |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026 | Inset Days – school closed to children   |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026                                 | Inset Day – school closed to children  |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026                               | First Day of the Autumn Term   |

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child hurt  
you ?*

*Do you walk  
on  
eggshells?*

*Are you scared  
of your child or  
what they may  
do?*

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There has been a real  
change, even in a week.  
[daughter] is so much calmer  
and happier, I can already  
see the difference.

Mum of 8 yr old

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**CapaFirstResponse.org**

**info@CapaFirstResponse.org**





*Empowering families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex*

## Support Us

Reaching Families support parent-carers and families of children with special educational needs and disabilities in their daily lives through delivery of the projects and services shown overleaf. If you would like to support our work, either through making a donation, volunteering or fundraising for us, then please visit: [www.reachingfamilies.org.uk/support.html](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk/support.html).

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## About our services

Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.



### Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood



### Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families



### Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice and claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP and Carers Allowance



### Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom



### Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects



### Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom



### Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis



### NDP Navigation

PILOT service supporting parents of children on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway



### Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support



allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com

01895 649211

<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

## Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) -Summer term 2026

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| <p><b>All things visual strategies</b><br/>Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them?<br/><b>Monday 18th May 2026</b><br/><b>10 - 11.30am</b><br/>Online - via Zoom<br/>£36 plus VAT per person</p> | <p><b>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</b><br/>Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support<br/><b>Tuesday 12th May 2026</b><br/><b>7-9pm</b><br/>Or<br/><b>Wednesday 8th July 2026</b><br/><b>9.30 - 11.30am</b><br/>Online - via Zoom<br/>£44 plus VAT per person</p>  |
| <p><b>All things communication and play:</b><br/>Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together<br/><b>Thursday 11th June 2026</b><br/><b>9.30am - 12</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£51 plus VAT per person</p>   | <p><b>Autism and Girls</b><br/>Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them<br/><b>Tuesday 9th June 2026</b><br/><b>10 - 11.30am</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£36 plus VAT per person</p>   |
| <p><b>All things behaviour</b> - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children<br/><b>Monday 6th July 2026</b><br/><b>9.30am - 12</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£51 plus VAT per person</p>                               | <p><b>All things sensory processing</b> - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs<br/><b>Friday 5th June 2026</b><br/><b>9.30am - 12</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£51 plus VAT per person</p>  |

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| <p><b>All Things Toileting</b><br/>Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them<br/><b>Monday 15th June 2026</b><br/><b>7 - 8.30pm</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£36 plus VAT per person</p>   | <p><b>Gestalt Language Processing</b><br/>How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners<br/><b>Tuesday 16th June 2026</b><br/><b>10 - 11.30am</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£36 plus VAT per person</p>                       |
| <p><b>Supporting Children's Transitions</b><br/>Supporting transitions for children with autism or social communication difficulties. This course covers transitions into school and nursery and between classes<br/><b>Thursday 14th May 2026</b><br/><b>10 - 11.30am</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£36 plus VAT per person</p> | <p><b>ADHD</b><br/>Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them<br/><b>Thursday 7th May 2026</b><br/><b>10-11.30am</b><br/>Or<br/><b>Thursday 2nd July</b><br/><b>7 - 8.30pm</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£36 plus VAT per person</p> |
| <p><b>Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss</b><br/>Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them<br/><b>Thursday 18th June 2026</b><br/><b>10 - 11.30am</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£36 plus VAT per person</p>  | <p><b>Promoting positive mental health in young children</b><br/>Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma<br/><b>Monday 22nd June 2026</b><br/><b>9.30 am - 12</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£51 plus VAT per person</p>  |
| <p><b>Selective Mutism</b><br/>Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary<br/><b>Thursday 4th June 2026</b><br/><b>9.30 - 11.30am</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£44 per person plus VAT</p>                                       | <p><b>New Understanding AuDHD</b><br/>Supporting children who have a dual diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help.<br/><b>Wednesday 24th June 2026</b><br/><b>7 - 8pm</b><br/>Online via Zoom<br/>£28 per person plus VAT</p>             |

**Attention Autism 2 day Foundation training**

The complete training package taught by an Attention Autism Advanced Practitioner. This covers stages 1 - 4 of the Attention Autism programme, equipping you to run this programme within your school, setting or home.

**12th and 19th June 2026**

**9am - 4pm**

Venue: St Giles' Church Hall  
Corner of Swakeleys Road  
High Road  
Ickenham  
UB10 8BG  
**£240 per person plus VAT**

**All Things Mealtimes**

Understanding the issues and supporting eating and mealtimes for autistic children

Tuesday 30th June 2026

**10- 11.30am**

Online via Zoom

£36 plus VAT per person



Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at [allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com](mailto:allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com) or 01896 649211 to book your place/s



## Easter Activity Offers

Reduce Student Screen Time, Increase Physical Activity






### 50% OFF at Out of Bounds

We know how important it is to keep young people active, engaged, and away from screens - especially during the long summer holidays. That's why **Out of Bounds** is excited to offer a **special summer promotion** exclusively for schools.

#### Offer 1: 50% OFF our High Ropes & Zip Lines Adventure!

This is a **fantastic opportunity** for your students and their families to enjoy an exciting, outdoor activity that promotes **physical exercise, confidence-building, and fun**.






Here's what's included:

-  **High Ropes & Zip Lines** – a thrilling aerial adventure course designed for ages **8 and up**
-  A safe, supervised environment that encourages **teamwork, resilience, and outdoor play**
-  **50% discount** on all bookings using the code at checkout: **NOSCREENHR**
-  **Valid from now until 13th April 2026**
-  **Unlimited use** – families can use the code as many times as they like throughout the Easter Break!

#### Offer 2: 50% OFF Adventure Nets

A thrilling adventure designed for ages 5 and up!

Here's what's included:

-  Access to our **Adventure Nets**—perfect for active, **high-energy play**
-  A safe, supervised environment that encourages **teamwork, resilience, and outdoor play**
-  **50% discount** on all bookings using code: **NOSCREENAN**
-  **Valid until 13th April 2026**
-  **Unlimited use** – families can use the code as many times as they like throughout the Easter Break!

Why we're doing this:

At Out of Bounds, we're passionate about helping young people stay active and healthy. With screen time on the rise, especially during school breaks, we want to give families engaging, accessible ways to get outdoors, move their bodies, and have fun together.





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# EASTER EVENT FOR SEND CHILDREN

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



**Friday 10 April**  
**10am - 11.30pm**  
**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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### Perform Worthing

Tuesdays at 4.15pm (4-7s), 5.20pm (7-12s). St John The Divine Church Hall, Ripley Road, BN11 5NQ

**Until 2 Apr, new joiners can use **WSZH020426** for a **£40** introductory discount.**

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# EASTER

At Worthing Theatres and Museum



## Sisters 360

Fatima and Salima are skateboarding hijabi-wearing sisters with one goal: win the Tiny is Mighty skateboarding competition. But when family tensions threaten their dream, only a daring super-plan can save the day in this funny, heartfelt play for ages 8-12.

Sat 11 April, 3pm · Connaught Studio

### Book Tickets



## Zog

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's classic, feel-good story is brought to roaring, soaring life in this delightful musical for children. Ages 3+.

Fri 3 - Sun 5 April  
Pavilion Theatre

### Book Tickets



## Rollercoaster

Wes Peden shares his cutting-edge juggling tricks inspired by corkscrews, adrenaline, and high-tech seatbelts. All ages.

Wed 22 Apr, 7:30pm  
Pavilion Theatre

### Book Tickets



## Worthing Museum reopens!

We're delighted to welcome you back to Worthing Museum this Easter as we reopen our doors to visitors.

Join us on Saturday 28 March for a day of meeting the curators and family friendly workshops, and be among the first to explore the changes we've made whilst the museum has been closed.

### Museum opening times from Sat 28 March

Thursdays 10am - 8pm

Fridays 10am - 5pm

Saturdays 10am - 5pm



## SATURDAY MORNING PICTURES

**£3.50**  
PER TICKET



## SpongeBob: The Search for Squarepants

Sat 4 Apr, 10:15am

### Book Tickets



## Bugsy Malone

Sat 11 Apr, 10:15am

### Book Tickets



## The Magic Faraway Tree

Fri 27 Mar onwards, various times

### Book Tickets



## Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Fri 3 Apr onwards, various times  
(plus autism friendly on 8 April)

### Book Tickets