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**Enabling every child to thrive and succeed**

## Friday Flyer – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back after the half-term! We hope that you all feel rested and are enjoying Spring finally making an appearance. Whilst we have only been back for a week, all the children have been busy and have thrown themselves enthusiastically into learning (more below).

At this time of year, many of the six major faiths have significant celebrations and we have started a series of collective worships to explore some of these this half-term. We explored the Islamic period of fasting, Ramadan, last week and will be exploring Lent, the Christian period of preparation for Easter in the coming week.



Towards the end of the half-term, we will be holding our annual egg-decorating and rolling competition. Thank you to Friends of St. James for organising a supply of eggs for this; we will be asking parents/carers to help with hardboiling these in preparation for the event. There are other lovely events happening throughout the half-term so please do check the Diary Dates below.

### Dojo Awards

All our children work incredibly hard with their learning and also to uphold our school values of Respect, Kindness, Honesty, Positivity and Teamwork. When we see great examples of effort, learning and behaviour, the children receive Dojo points which build up to them receiving certificates and medals! Well done to all those children who received these on Friday – we're looking forward to celebrating even more children as the half-term continues.



## Jaguars – Entomology Study

Jaguars have completed an entomological study of the Peppered Moth, including its habits, distribution diet and appearance. They have produced some amazing pictures and fact sheets as part of this learning.



**Peppered Moths**

Size  
peppered moths are 12-26mm  
3-6cm in size  
The size is egg, larva pupa and Adult

Where they live  
peppered moths are found in England, Europe and North America

Winter holidays  
peppered moths go to England, Europe and North America

Wing span  
is 45mm to 63mm (median is 55mm)

Did you Know!  
peppered moths are solitary

Diet  
They eat fruit, pumpkins, flowers, nettles and sometimes even plant seeds

Homes  
peppered moths can live in gardens in England, America, Russia and China

We Live  
peppered moths live for about a year (only a year)

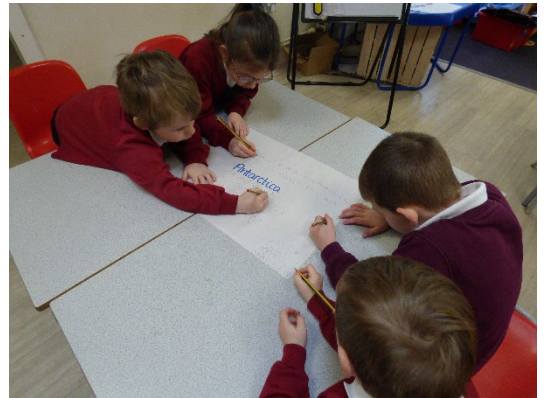
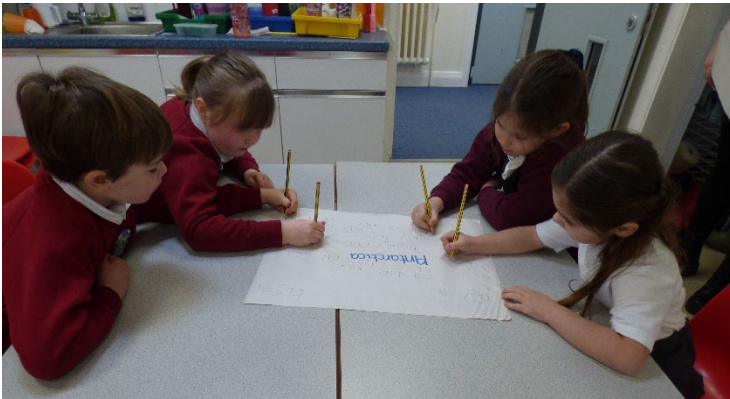
Did you Know!  
peppered moths can be grey or brown





### **Penguins and Rhinos - Antarctica Project**

Penguins and Rhinos have been collaborating to create fact sheets about Antarctica, including information about the environmental conditions and the animals that live there.



### **Elephants – Scratch Computer Coding**

Elephants have been using Scratch in their Computing lessons. Scratch is a programming language that teaches children the basics of computer coding. Elephants have been using the programme in class to move "Sprites" at different speeds and in different directions. Scratch is available for everyone to use free of charge – further details can be found on the Scratch website: [Scratch - For Parents](#)



### **Dance Club – Preparation for the Rother Valley Arts Festival**

The St James' Dance Squad are preparing for the Arts Festival. They have had their first practice and have started to choreograph their dance to "You Can't Stop The Beat". This is a wonderfully joyous song from the musical 'Hairspray' and it will be great to see the children perform!



## Chartwells Lunches

Please remember that the deadline for ordering school lunches is on the Thursday, *ten days before the start of the week when you want your child to have the school lunch*. If you forget to order, please remember to provide a packed lunch for your child as we are unable to order any extras on the day.

## Bikeability – Week of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability during the week of 14<sup>th</sup> July. Both Year 5 and Year 6 will take their Stage 1 on the playground. Year 6 will go on to complete Stage 2 which will involve cycling on a safe route with an instructor. Jaguars will require use of a roadworthy bike during this week; if there are any difficulties with this, please let the Office know as we may be able to assist.



## Reporting an Absence Due to Illness

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please remember to let the office know by 9.30am **on each day** of absence. Parents can email the office or telephone the school and leave a message on the absence line. **Please do not ask a sibling to report absence; if we do not hear from a parent/carer, Government guidelines require the school to call and check that all is well.** It greatly helps the office when parents/carers let us know before we call them. Thank you for your support with this.



I truly hope that you have had a beautiful weekend and we look forward to seeing all the children this coming week for more fantastic learning and fun!

Kindest regards,

*L. Martin*

Mrs Lizzie Martin  
Executive Headteacher  
Arun Villages Federation  
Amberley CE Primary School and St James' CE Primary School, Coldwaltham

## Friends of St James' News

### Tesco Tokens

Please keep putting the blue token into our section at Pulborough, Storrington and Billingshurst stores and tell all your friends to do the same!

### FOSJ Ground Force Day – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Please bring the family to help the Friends tidy up the school grounds on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Refreshments will be provided.

### Match Box Challenge

Thank you to everyone who entered the match box challenge, between them they raised £180.00. There are prizes for everyone which have been awarded today.

### Mothers Day Shop

Look out for further details of the Mothers' Day Shop which will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day at St James'
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	FOSJ Ground Force Day 12 – 3pm – please see the flyer below for more details
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Elephants Class Worship 9.00am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parent Consultations – letter to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Red Nose Day – wear something red with usual school uniform or PE kit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Penguins and Rhinos Class Worship 9.00am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – wear something purple with usual school uniform or PE kit
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	FOSJ Mothers Day Shop – further details to follow
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Jaguars Class Worship 9.00am
Week of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	No after school sports clubs will take place this week.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Ukulele Performance for parents and carers 10.45am to 11.45am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Egg-Rolling Event – more details to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Easter Celebration – more details to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last Day of the Spring term
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	First day of the Summer term
26 <sup>th</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Inset day – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Children return to school
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Dress Rehearsal – End-of-Year KS2 Production
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	End-of-Year KS2 Production – 6pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 School Sleepover – more details to follow.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.15pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Reserve Date for Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.15pm
Week of 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Bikeability for Year 5 and 6.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last Day of term for children
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Inset Days – School closed to children



# Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday, 17th April,**  
St Botolph's, Hardham at 7pm,  
led by Canon John Bundock

**Good Friday, 18th April**  
St Giles, Coldwaltham at 12 noon  
St Nicholas, Houghton at 2pm  
both services led by Fr. Russell Dewhurst

**Easter Sunday, 20th April**  
St Botolph's, Hardham at 9.15am  
St John's, Bury at 10.30am  
led by Fr. Russell Dewhurst





**FOSJ**

# **GROUND FORCE DAY**

We need your help

**FREE SAUSAGE BAP &  
TEA & COFFEE  
for every helper!!**

We need help with:  
Jet Washing  
Sweeping  
Planting flowers  
& general tidy up

All the family welcome

- 📍 **St James Primary School , Coldwaltham**
- 🕒 **From 12PM - 3PM or any time you can spare**

## **SATURDAY 8TH MARCH**

Please contact Mike on  
07731 996543 to register  
your interest or for further  
details



The menu is set against a vibrant pink background decorated with several colorful Easter eggs in shades of yellow, white, orange, purple, and pink. A white silhouette of a rabbit is positioned above the word 'EASTER'.

# EASTER TREATS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

## MAINS

Beef Burger  
Chilli No Carne  
Jacket Potato & Beans

## SIDES

Spring Vegetables  
Seasonal Salad

## DESSERT

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025



*Please Note: Special diets will remain in place.*



FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# CHARLTON'S FIXTURES AT THE VALLEY

USE CODE: SCHOOLS-12967 | FOR FREE TICKETS



SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND | KO 2PM  
AT THE VALLEY, SE7 8BL



SCAN HERE TO BOOK  
YOUR TICKETS NOW!

