

ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, COLDWALTHAM

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Friday Flyer – Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

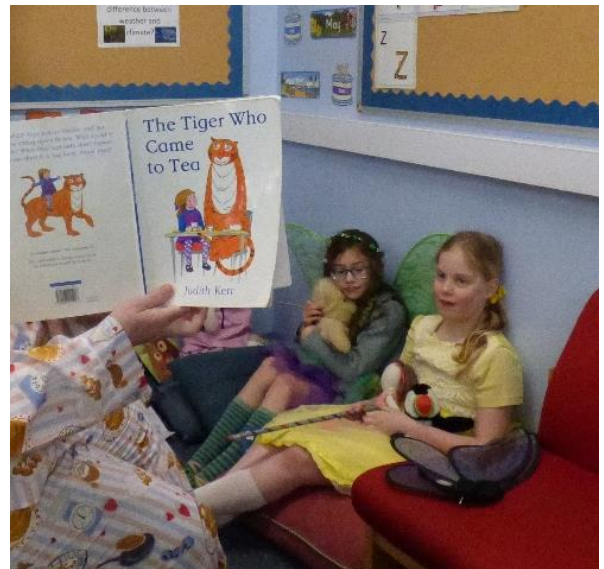
Having had some brief glimpses of the sunshine this week, it would appear that spring is desperately trying to spring! However, as today shows, the weather can still catch us out with drizzle and showers so please ensure that your child still comes to school with a coat each day.

We are very pleased to share this bumper-packed flyer sprinkled with a taste of the last couple of weeks. And what a busy time we've had! From International Culture Day and Cross Country Running to the joy of reading and the appreciation of art in our community, the children have certainly experienced a diverse diet over the past fortnight and we hope you will enjoy hearing all about it.

World Book Day

Today has been a fabulous day of World Book Day celebrations. All the children have taken part in activities inspired by reading, with all the staff taking a turn to read a story to groups of children. 2026 is the 'National Year of Reading – Go All In!' and St James stepped up to the challenge, wearing a fantastic array of literary inspired costumes and sharing recommendations and stories with their peers. A good time was had by all.





Ukulele Performance 9.00am 24th March 2026

The children in Years 1 to 6 have been learning the ukulele this term and there will be a performance to parents, grandparents, carers and younger siblings on 24th March at 9.00am. Please come along and hear what the children have been learning with Chloe from West Sussex Music Services.



Cross Country Running Competition

We are very proud of our Cross-Country runners who took part in the Cross-Country competition at MRC last week. The weather was not particularly kind yet all of them showed great determination and resilience around the course. We couldn't be prouder of the attitudes and spirit on display. Congratulations to Ben who was the first placed boy in the Year 3 and 4 race – a very impressive, medal-winning performance.



Jaguars' Visit to St Botolph's Church, Hardham

The Jaguars have been invited to take part in the "Downscape" project which is an exciting collaboration with the Arts Society, West Sussex. As part of this project, the Jaguars visited St Botolph's Church in Hardham on Thursday 5th March. The Grade I listed building contains the earliest nearly complete series of wall paintings in England. Among forty individual subjects is the earliest known representation of St George in England. The children will use their visit to the Church to draw inspiration for their own art work and poems.



Celebration of International Culture

St James' Celebration of International Culture was a resounding success with all the children learning about other cultures during the day. We were delighted that Dr Wall and Mr Lukowski came into school to tell us about the cultures of Russia and Poland. The children learned what it is like to live in the coldest place on earth, where temperatures reach -54 degrees Celsius, and about the salt mines of Poland, among other interesting facts.



Visit from Kelly Simm – Commonwealth Games Gold Medal Winning Gymnast

We are delighted to announce that Team GB Gymnast, Kelly Simm, will be visiting our school on Friday 20th March as part of a programme run by Great Athletes. Kelly attended three consecutive Commonwealth Games; she was British All Round Gymnastics Champion in 2018 and won a bronze medal at the World Championships in 2015. Kelly will run a fitness circuit with each class and will lead an inspirational assembly where she will talk about how she reached the top of her sport. The children will be sponsored to complete the fitness circuit and the money will be shared between our school and the Great Athletes programme. Full details and sponsorship form will be sent home next week.

Have you heard?
**Team GB Gymnast
KELLY SIMM**
is coming to our school

Scan to sponsor
Search our school



- Get the children moving in a fun fitness circuit
- Witness the strength, talent & resilience of a top gymnast
- Raise money for new sports equipment



Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Roll

On the last day of term, the annual St James' Egg Roll will take place in school. This year we thought it would be an added bonus to invite the children to make Easter Bonnets at home to bring into school on Friday 27th March for a parade and prize giving. Parents are invited to join us for worship at 9am and then cheer on the egg roll, wrapping up the morning's festivities with refreshments in the hall. This is always a popular event that the children thoroughly enjoy and we hope that as many families as possible will be able to join us.

Reporting your Child Absent from School

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, or any other reason, please remember to tell us on each day of absence by 9.30am. Parents and carers can email office@coldwalthamschool.com or telephone the office and press 1 to report an absence. Schools are required to check any unexplained absences, sometimes this can be very time consuming for the office staff when we are unable to get hold of parents and carers.

Class Dojo

Our school is using class dojo more often to share information and send brief reminders to parents and carers. Users will find a stream of "Whole School" news as well as updates from individual classes. If you have not signed up to class dojo, please ask your class teacher to send a link. It is possible for more than one carer to sign up and receive the updates.



Goodbye to Philly, our Chartwells Cook

After such great news about the kitchen audit in the last Friday Flyer, we are very sorry that Philly is leaving St James' and today is her last day. Philly will be greatly missed but we wish her well for the future.

We hope you have enjoyed all the fantastic pictures and news and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Mrs N Douse
Senior Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Friday 13 th March	Penguins and Rhinos Class Worship 9.00am – Parents and Carers of Penguins and Rhinos are invited to attend.
Friday 13 th March	Rother Valley Arts Festival – Evening performance for Dance Club
Friday 13 th March	FOSJ Mothers' Day Gift Shop 3.15pm (parents should collect their children prior to attending the gift shop)
Friday 20 th March	Jaguars Class Worship 9.00am – Parents and Carers of Jaguars are invited to attend.
Friday 20 th March	Great Athletes Visit and sponsored event with Kelly Simm
Week of 23rd March	There will be no school clubs during the last week of term
Tuesday 24 th March	Ukulele Performance to parents 9.00am
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter Service 9.00am – venue TBA
Friday 27 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Roll 9.00am
Friday 27 th March	Last day of the Spring Term
Monday 13 th April	First day of the Summer Term
Friday 17 th April	Jaguars Trip to Pallant House Gallery – please see our letter dated 06/03/2026
Friday 24 th April	First swimming lesson for Jaguars at MXT, Storrington – details to follow
Thursday 21 st May	Whole School Trip to Goodwood Farm
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half Term



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St James Primary school 12.5hrs per week

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*For more information, please contact
email*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
MOTHERS DAY
GIFT SHOP

AT SCHOOL PICK UP

FRIDAY 13

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Dates: Thursday 2nd April and Friday 10th April

Time: 9.30am- 2pm

Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!

✦ What to Expect:

- 📖 Mindfulness Time with Ponies**
- 🐾 Pony Care**
- 🐾 Riding and Mounted Games**
- 📖 Connect with Arts and Nature**
- 👤 Make New Friends**

Click the links or scan the QR code to book the day of your choice:

[Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

[Friday 10th April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)



Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27th MARCH.

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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EASTER SEND EVENT

**TUESDAY
31 MARCH 2026**

at Horsham Family Hub
10:00am - 11.30am or
1.00pm - 2.30pm

ACTIVITIES:

Messy Play
Sensory Play
Arts & Craft
Fun Games
Fun Outdoors
Sensory Room
Magic Carpet

Open to families with
children with Special
Educational Needs (SEND)
up to 11 years,
and their siblings

call to book your free place
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