

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

with Chuckleberries Pre School



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Enabling every child to thrive and succeed

Friday Flyer – 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated by a wonderful day of reading, workshops and creativity at St James'. The children spent the morning in their houses, working through a series of workshops and everyone was able to use their World Book Day voucher to buy a book. Thank you for the wonderful array of costumes that were provided – the children looked magnificent!





Forest School – Fire Lighting

Elephants have been practising their fire lighting skills during Forest School sessions. They used a fire steel to make sparks which then caught the dry grass alight. We have said that these skills are for Forest School – please don't try them at home!



Easter Plans at St James'

Easter is fast approaching and there are several events to which parents are invited.

The Easter Egg Roll will take place on Wednesday 2nd April, with an assembly at 9am where the decorated eggs will be judged. Egg rolling will commence after this on the school field. Please do join us for this wonderful event and share a coffee and hot cross bun with us

On Thursday 3rd April, there will be an Easter Service at 9am at St Giles' Church. Each of the classes will share a song or poem, and we will share the Easter Story together.

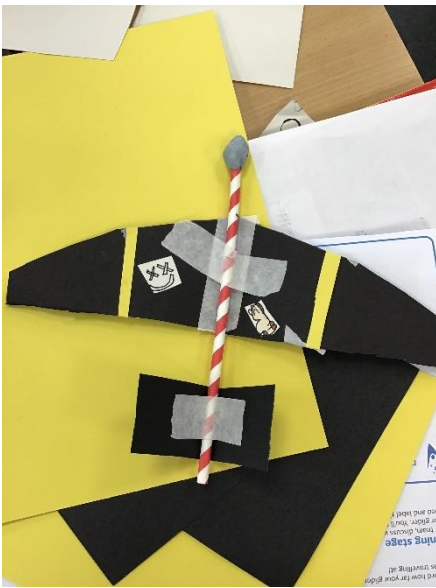
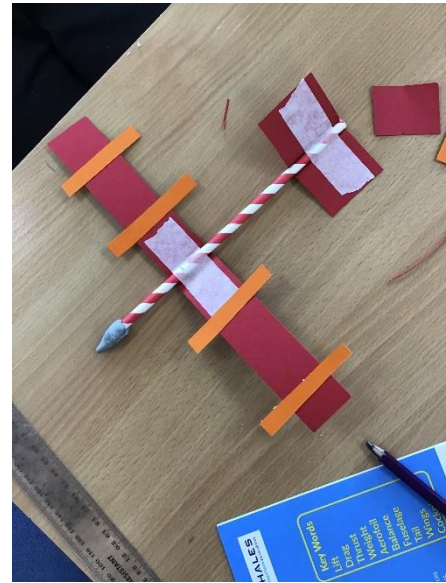
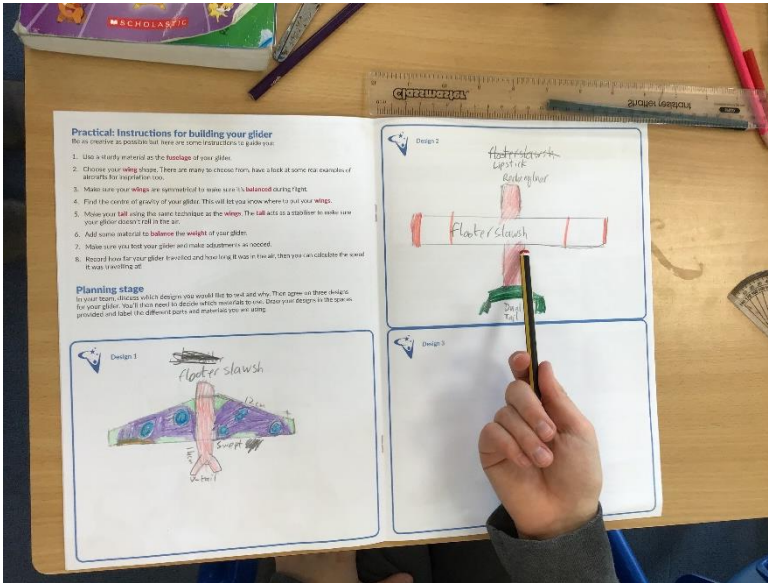


Parent Consultations – Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March

Please remember to make an appointment to see your child's teacher next week. This is an important opportunity to find out how your child is getting on at school and to be able to share any questions/concerns with the class teacher. We look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible.

Jaguars Live Science Challenge

Jaguars took part in a live science challenge this week in which they learned about gliders and then designed their own. They all tested their gliders to see whose was the most successful. The best performing glider flew a distance of 11 metres and was designed by Theo.



Elephants – Hindu Festival of Holi

Following on from the school worship focus on the Hindu festival of Holi, the Elephants made Rangoli patterns using powdered paint. It was quite a messy experience!



Penguins and Rhinos – Little City Workshop

Little City Workshop visited last week with all their role-play equipment. The Penguins and Rhinos were enthralled by the role-play opportunities at the veterinary surgery, garage, doctor, hair salon and fire station.



It has been an incredibly busy and happy two weeks with the arrival of Spring, being able to play on the field and take part in some wonderful learning. Have a very restful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday!

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!

Mother's Day Shop

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

Dates for the Diary

Monday 17 th and Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Parent Consultations. Appointments can be made on the clip boards in the foyer
Friday 21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day – wear something red with usual school uniform or PE kit
Friday 21 st March 2025	Penguins and Rhinos Class Worship 9.00am
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – wear something purple with usual school uniform or PE kit
Friday 28 th March 2025	Jaguars Class Worship 9.00am
Week of 31 st March 2025	No after school sports clubs will take place this week.
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	Ukulele Performance for parents and carers 10.45am to 11.45am
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Easter Egg Rolling 9am
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Easter Service at St Giles' Church 9am
Friday 4 th April 2025	Last Day of the Spring term
22 nd April 2025	First day of the Summer term
26 th May to 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Inset day – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Children return to school
Monday 30 th June 2025	Dress Rehearsal – End-of-Year KS2 Production
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	End-of-Year KS2 Production – 6pm
Wednesday 2 nd to Friday 4 th July	Year 5 and 6 School Sleepover – more details to follow.
Monday 7 th July 2025	Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.15pm
Monday 14 th July 2025	Reserve Date for Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.15pm
Week of 14 th July 2025	Bikeability for Year 5 and 6.
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last Day of term for children
Monday 21 st July and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Inset Days – School closed to children

1 Day Course for parents

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH AUTISM RIGHT NOW!

**Saturday 22nd March 2025 - 10am - 4.30pm
Felpham, West Sussex**

Are you fed up being on the CAMHS waiting list?

If your child is diagnosed with autism, or you question whether your child is on the spectrum, this invite is for you.

As every child with autism is unique and the challenges you face are unique to you, we would like to invite you to our training day, where we will ensure that you will get every opportunity to ask any questions and discuss any situation that are relating to you and your child.



In our training session, we will support you with the following:

- Helping you to help your child regulate their feelings & emotions
- Understanding and managing your child's challenging behaviour
- School / home education / EHCPs
- Calming your child's sensory overload & overwhelm
- Reducing your child's anxiety
- Nurturing your relationship with your child
- Increasing your child's willing engagement
- Creating opportunities to move from isolation to friendships
- The importance of your own wellbeing.

We see you as the expert of your child and your family. Through asking questions, we will help you think about what you can do right now to make a positive difference to your child's life.

This training day is run by Sally & Erik Wagter in Felpham, West Sussex.

Erik is an experienced Family Social Worker, a Solution Focused expert, a coach, a trainer and has years of experience supporting families with children on the autistic spectrum.

Sally is a teacher, author, trainer and a coach. She has worked as an advocate for families with children with autism and has been a 1-1 tutor for over 10 years. She is an EHCP expert, has SEN law knowledge and trains teachers on how to support pupils with autism in their classrooms.

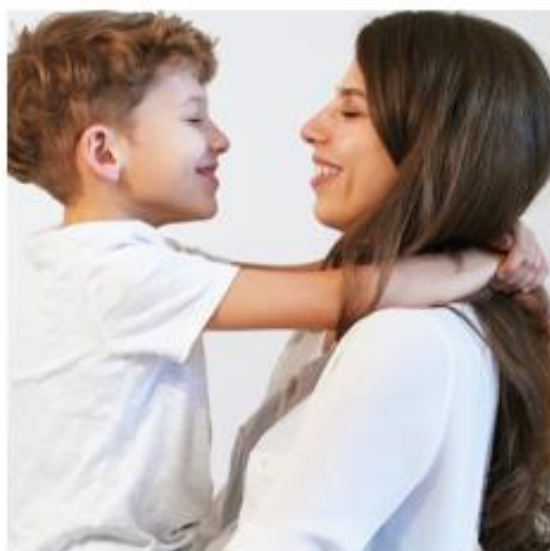
More importantly, both Erik and Sally are parents of a child, diagnosed with autism at 2, and have been through school systems, personal educational budgets, home education, various therapies and approaches and much parental training.

You will see you are not alone, you will connect with like-minded parents and you will gain many strategies you can use immediately to help your child calm down, connect and develop socially, emotionally and academically. Our aim is to help you to support your child in the most nurturing, compassionate way, to inspire great relationships and growth.

The cost for 1 place is £100 or £150 for 2 people who are representing the same child. To make sure that everyone has quality time to discuss their child, we have places for 6 families.

To ask any questions or to book a place., please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com or phone Sally on 07395 056807..

TESTIMONIAL: 'I have worked with Sally for the last few months, she has extensive knowledge of Autism. Sally's teachings were brilliant and helped with both of my autistic children. My son has gone from completely non verbal to speaking a lot more and he has overcome so many of his difficulties. Sally made me feel at ease straight away and was more than happy to help me with any difficulty we had, Sally was very easy to talk to. Thank you so much for all you have done' Emma Kinsella.



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

EASTER TREATS

Thursday 3rd 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 20th March 2025



Please Note: Special diets will remain in place.

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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for children

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for-places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



7 - 9 April

BOGNOR REGIS - Rap & Lyric Writing

CHICHESTER - Interactive Soundtrack & Music

CRAWLEY - Music Production & DJ

- Interactive Soundtrack & Music

LITTLEHAMPTON - "Soundz" Contemporary Choir

WORTHING - Rock & Pop Band

- Interactive Soundtrack & Music

AGES 8 - 16YRS

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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





- The Boathouse Ballet School is relocating to Sandham Memorial Hall, Coldwaltham.
- Please get in touch if your child would like to start ballet lessons after school on Wednesdays.

Email: info@boathouseballetschool.com

Website: www.boathouseballetschool.com





Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



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

Umbrellas

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

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

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Fact sheets

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

Benefits Advice Service

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

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Facebook Group

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

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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Reaching Families

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

March Umbrellas

10.00 am to 11.30 am



Shoreham Tuesday 4th Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham) with Social Prescriber	Littlehampton Wednesday 12th Creative Heart Community Hub with Autism & Social Communication Team	Worthing Tuesday 18th Durrington Community Centre
Horsham Wednesday 19th Family Hub with Southern Water	Burgess Hill Tuesday 25th The Cherry Tree Centre with West Sussex SENDIAS	Chichester Thursday 27th Donnington Parish Hall with South Coast Sports
Online Via Zoom Thursday 13th 7.30pm		

For more information or the link to join the online group, contact:
outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Horsham Parent/Carer Support Group for families with children with SEND from Reaching Families - Wednesday 19th March at The Horsham Family Hub - 10am until 11.30am

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or you think may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join Reaching Families at our Shoreham Umbrellas parent/carers support group! Umbrella's provides an informative, supportive, relaxed and non-judgmental environment within which parents can swap life experiences, share hints and tips, seek advice and share information and resources.

You are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday 19th March** at The Horsham Family Hub, Three Acres, RH12 1RS. This month we will be joined by Southern Water who will be advising ways they can support you in your homes.

Please do join us anytime between 10am and 11.30am for a warm welcome and a chance to connect with other local parent carers in a safe and supportive space - there is no need to book, just pop in for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note, your child does not need a diagnosis to access our services.

If you would like more information, please email us at outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

To find out more about Reaching Families services, please watch our new animation [here](#)

Best wishes

Reina

Reina Mallett
Outreach and Training Team Lead
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Training

Spring 2025

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



Training Workshops

February

Understanding ADHD	Friday 28th	10.30am
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March

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding & building resilience	Tuesday 4th	7.30pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Thursday 6th	10.00am
Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 11th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Key skills to improving communication	Tuesday 18th	10.30am
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 20th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Wednesday 26th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Transition to Secondary School	Thursday 27th	7.30pm

April

Understanding Autism	Thursday 3rd	10.30am
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The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 5th March / 12th March / 19th March (3-part course)	Wednesdays	7.30pm-9.30pm
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All training above will be delivered via Zoom

For further information visit our website or email:
outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



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Umbrellas

Parent Support Group Spring Term 2025

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

14th Jan / 4th Feb / 4th Mar / 1st Apr

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

22nd Jan / 12th Feb / 12th Mar / 2nd Apr

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

21st Jan / 11th Feb / 18th Mar

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

15th Jan / 26th Feb / 19th Mar

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

30th Jan / 27th Feb / 27th Mar

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

28th Jan / 25th Feb / 25th Mar

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email:

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

16th Jan	7.30 pm - 9 pm
6th Feb	7.30 pm - 9 pm
13th Mar	7.30 pm - 9 pm
3rd Apr	7.30 pm - 9 pm



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TASTER SESSIONS

You are invited!



Netball for all

- Saturday morning U5-11 Club. Dorset House.
- Thursday evenings U12-16 Club. Chanctonbury Leisure Centre.
- Monday evenings U11-16 Performance. Bohunt school, Horsham.



Contact us for more details : starsncaffiliations@gmail.com



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