



Star sails in for school barbecue

By Lisa Omar

Singer and songwriter James Walsh, from internationally famous rock group Starsailor, made a special guest appearance at the St Theresa's RC School barbecue.

James took time out from his busy touring schedule to sing some of his own songs along with a few cover songs which were all a great hit with the audience.

When Starsailor received their first review back in summer 2000, the group was hailed as "the new Coldplay" and went on to sell well over a million copies of their debut disc.

The annual event at the school in East End Road on Friday 10 July provided many attractions for parents, pupils, teachers and friends, including an



Starsailor's James Walsh

auction with an impressive list of items to bid for. Children enjoyed a variety of activities such as a bouncy castle,

circus skills (including plate spinning), sumo wrestling, a caricaturist, a balloon modeller and a DJ for all their favourite songs.

Summer activities for primary school children

By Diana Cormack

A new concept in play schemes will take place this summer at Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk. The Summer Chill Out Academy offers a range of weekly courses, including art and craft, cartoons, singing and dancing, drama, fashion, nature and science, sport and yoga to name but a few. They are designed for primary school children who will be aged 5 -10 (Year 1 and above) from September 2009.

The Academy is run by Mapalim, an Ofsted-registered company which has been in the business of running holiday play schemes for 10 years. Its staff are experienced, qualified and have CRB checks. They aim to cater for all needs and abilities and to give youngsters the chance to experiment, explore and learn but, above all, to have fun.

The weekly cost is £70 per child with a reduction to £65 per week for multiple book-

ings (where you book more than one week or you book more than one child). Bookings are for full weeks though there are £20 one-day tasters for which you just turn up on the day (subject to availability). Mapalim recommend advance booking with places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For more details contact martina.clarke@mapalim.com or phone 020 7284 3215 or visit www.summerchillout.co.uk

YOUNG ARCHER

Young girl to dance in West End final

By Caterina Incisa

Nine-year-old Jessica Baker of Holy Trinity School stepped out on to the West End stage when she took part in the All England Dance finals at the Peacock Theatre.

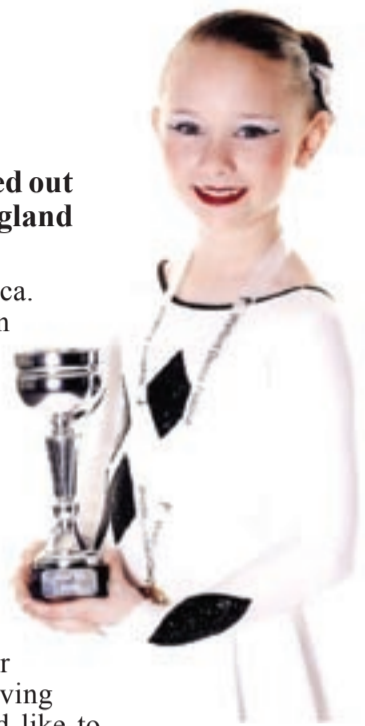
According to her mother Nancy, Jessica was always "showing off" singing and dancing, often on the living room table.

She recognised her daughter's talent and signed her up to the Morgan Aslanoff dance school at the age of four. Jessica quickly flourished, abandoning the living room table for a stage, and now competes at numerous festivals across the south east of England, rehearsing twice a week for four hours.

"I really enjoy it," said Jessica.

She was competing in seven different categories in the All England Dance competition as *THE ARCHER* went to press. These included two duets, one tap and one modern, and five troop pieces.

Like many girls in her dance school Jessica hopes to go on to theatre school and would love to become a professional dancer in either tap or ballet. She also admits loving *Britain's Got Talent* and would like to dance on the show.



Tudor style at Tudor School. Photo by Diana Cormack

Tudor style for Tudor School

By Diana Cormack

Staff at Tudor School dressed in clothes befitting their school's name at their annual summer fair on 3 July. Henry VIII, his family and servants posed for *THE ARCHER* with a hawk, courtesy of First Class Falconry who gave a display to the school that day.

There will be a new look to the uniform at Tudor School after the summer holidays, when it

changes colour from red and navy to green. It will not, however, have a 16th century look!

Busy month for Manorside

July was a month of outings and arts for Manorside School. Pupils enjoyed an exchange with children from Akiva School when storytelling and workshops made a big impact on children throughout the school.

Trips took place to the Phoenix Cinema, local places of worship and London Zoo. Year 6 enjoyed a Junior Citizens Afternoon in Avenue House Park. Children were treated to a school assembly with Spurs freestyler Billy Wingrove. The annual arts week was another great success. A performance of the opera *Tosca* at the school captivated an audience of more than 200 children from Manorside and some neighbouring schools.

Trips to the National Gallery for Years 2 -5 inspired young artists to produce amazing

works that were on display, and available to buy, in the Art Gallery for the International Food Festival.

Did you know...?

- Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.
- Bubble gum contains rubber.
- Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
- The original colour of coca-cola was green.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite.

Review: Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (12A)

By Letizia Maiavacca
After watching *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* there is one thing of which we can be 100% certain. Harry Potter is no longer the young magician who captured his younger fans and their parents at the very beginning of the saga in 2001.

This sixth episode is a far more interesting film for an older audience, probably the same people who have grown up together with the actors, sharing the curse and the pleasure of being a teenager...

It presents a very dark atmosphere, a little bit of which we already had a taste of in the *Prisoner of Azkaban*. It shows us, too, that it doesn't matter if you are a magician and can tame anything. When it comes to love, we are all the same, especially grown up teenagers with a lot of hormones.

Harry is in love with Ginny, but she already has a sort of boyfriend. Hermione is in love with Ron but he is chased by a new entry, Lavender Brown, who will give him the very first passionate love kiss, and...but hey, we don't want to spoil the plot anymore.

We were anxiously waiting for the release of this film, and our expectations have been totally and beautifully achieved. It is an exciting film and the special effects, fortunately, don't overwhelm the story.

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