

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

15 September 2023

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Kindness**

Congratulations to our:

### Values Cup Winners



### Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 5A (Mr Hutchinson/Mrs Bingham-Morrison's class) who won the weekly attendance award this week with over 98% attendance. Well done to the whole school – the attendance was 96% - Keep it up!



# PARKING!

Dear Parents and Carers

It is extremely important that you do not park on either the double yellow lines, the school zigzags or in front of the school gates at any time of the day, but especially at the start or at the end of the day when you are dropping off and picking your children up. Parking on the zigzags when the children and their parents are entering or leaving school is extremely dangerous, as well as illegal. I fully appreciate that the road is quite narrow, however, this is even more of a reason for not parking illegally and dangerously.

There is always space available to park in the streets very close to the school if you do have to drive to drop off or collect your children. Please can I ask that you just give yourselves a few extra minutes to allow you to find a spot, rather than park dangerously. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Also, it is important that no parents or children enter the school via the main gate when staff are entering school in their vehicles. This is very dangerous. Please wait until the gates are opened for pedestrians at 8.15 am.

Please note that students/parents should not cycle or use motorised scooters in the playground.

**Mr Millington, Executive Headteacher**

## Important Dates & Holidays (Term dates always available on our website)

Monday 25 September	3.20 pm	Year 5 Residential to Wick Farm – Information Meeting (All Year 5 parents and pupils welcome)
23-27 October		Year 5 Residential to Wick Court
Wednesday 25 October	9.15 am	Harvest Festival at St James' Church
Friday 27 October	3.20 pm	Last day of Term 1 – school finishes at 3.20 pm
<b>Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November - Half-term</b>		
Monday 6 November		First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 15 November		School Photos

**REMINDER: School meals are £2.54 and should be paid in advance, in cash or via Parentpay. Parentpay codes have been given to all non-free school meal Year 3 parents. Parentpay codes are available from the school office, all day Monday and mornings Tuesday-Friday.**

## School Hours

8.30 am	Pupils should arrive on playground
8.45 am	Pupils come into school
8.55 am*	School starts - Registration
9.00 am*	First session
3.20 pm	End of school day

**Pupils should be in school by 8.45 am.** All children who are late need to be brought into school by a parent to sign them in. If children arrive in school later than 10.30 am we may not be able to order them a hot lunch so they should bring in a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club is available from 8.15-8.45 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.15 am unless they are going to Breakfast Club.**

**From September 2023 school will start at 8.50 am so children need to be in school at 8.45 am and school will finish at 3.20 pm.**

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gates**

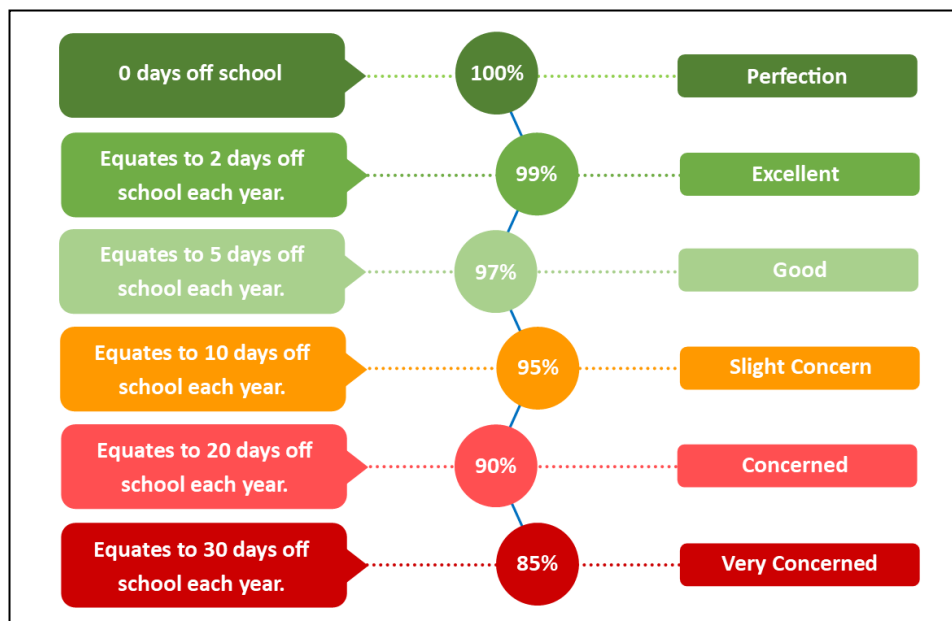


## Football Report

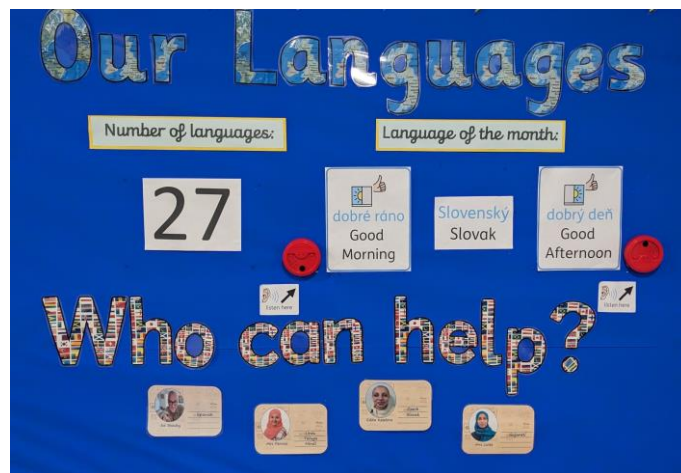
Thursday saw the first outing of the boy's football team, where they took part in a 7 a-side tournament. The first game was against Finlay. The boys battled hard and for the majority of the game it was a 1 - 1 with Mohammed scoring. However, with the last kick of the game Finlay's striker scored in the top right-hand corner making the final score 2-1 to Finlay.

The second match was against Widden, with the final scoring being 2-0 to Widden. The final game was against Linden who had already played against the other teams and comfortably beaten them, so the boys knew they had a tough game to play. Sadly, the final score was 1-0 to Linden. However, the boys didn't give up and they took the game to Linden. Ayman produced some great saves, Harvey had several great shots on goal, Mamadu worked tirelessly and our 'Man of the Match' was Ryan who was solid in defence and midfield throughout the whole tournament.

Well done boys, you made Mr Hutchinson and Mr Matthews very proud!



## Language of the Month



At Hatherley and St James', we value the multilingualism in our schools. That's why we celebrate Language of the Month. This month, we are celebrating Slovak! Children will be taught how to say 'good morning' and 'good afternoon' in Slovak. Why not ask them to teach you too?

### Coughs & Colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly, at home and at school.

### Sickness & Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they shouldn't come into school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

### Chicken Pox and other infectious diseases

If you think your child has Chicken pox or any other infectious disease please do not bring them into school and let us know asap. If you do not know what the rash is please see a pharmacist.

**Head lice and nits** are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please look up the advice from the NHS or ask your pharmacist on how to treat head lice if you find them.

### Hayfever

Children who are suffering from hayfever should take tablets/liquid hayfever medicine at home before they come into school. We can give liquid medicine (provided by parent) if we are provided a note from parent giving us permission.

### Items for sale from the school office

**House PE t-shirts, rucksacks, book bags and school ties** are available to purchase from the school office from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. Please bring correct change. We do not take payment with cards. T-shirt (£4). Book bag (£7.50), Rucksack (£11.60), School tie (£3.25).

### Doctors, Opticians and Dentist Appointments

Routine doctors, opticians and dentist appointments **SHOULD NOT** be made during school time. Only emergency appointments and hospital appointments should be made during the school day. All other appointments should be made after school, at weekends or during the school holidays. If an appointment has already been made children should be in school before, if possible, and should be brought into school after the appointment, if time. A whole day is not required for a local appointment. Please email or text if your child is going to an appointment.



Apply online for

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.



Hello, Parents & Guardians!



We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Gloucestershire Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.\* We run [BeeZee Families](#) courses after school across Gloucestershire. Please see our timetable below for venues, dates and time. Come along for free!



<b>MONDAY</b> (from 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	Kingfisher Church Moor Street, Gloucester, GL1 4NJ 16:30 - 18:30
<b>TUESDAY</b> (from 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	St Barnabas Church Stroud Road, Gloucester GL1 5LJ 16:30 - 18:30
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> (from 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	Miners Welfare Hall Wesley Rd, Cinderford GL14 2JN 16:30 - 18:30
<b>THURSDAY</b> (from 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept)	St Marks & Hesters Way Community Center Brooklyn Rd, Cheltenham GL51 8DS 16:30 - 18:30

Stressed out after a summer of feeding the kids?? We've got you! 😊

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is now LIVE on

**BAC<sup>Hh</sup>** BeeZee Academy

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BeeZee Live times

5-8 yrs Monday 5:30pm	9-12 yrs Tuesday 5:00pm
9-12 yrs Monday 6:30pm	9-12 yrs Tuesday 6:30pm

\*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to a school in Gloucestershire and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.



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