



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

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

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been such a pleasure to see all the children back at school this week. Sadly, the Autumn weather seems to have followed us back to school! However, all the children are looking extremely happy and delighted to be back with their friends and already working hard in class. It has also been lovely to see you all as parents again; especially so many of you I'm used to seeing at Hatherley. I thoroughly enjoy meeting you all at the gate and being able to just exchange a quick 'good morning'.

This year will once again be a busy one here at St James and there are a few things we ask of you as parents.

A few reminders:

- **Please can you always ensure the school office has your most up-to-date contact details** (phone numbers and email addresses and emergency contacts). A Data Sheet will be sent out shortly for you to check and return with any amendments, to the office.
- **School gates are open at 8.15 am** to enable children to go to Breakfast Club. However, parents who arrive between 8.15 and 8.35 am must stay with their children until a member of staff is on the playground at 8.35 am. From then, parents/carers do not need to stay and we hope that this helps allow many of you to get on with your busy day. All children should be in school by 8.55 am. Please remember that school finishes at 3.20 pm. Please be prompt in picking up your child(ren).
- Please can you ensure that you do try and read all the information that we send home to you.
- Please let us know if you have a problem of any kind (if you don't let us know, we can't help you.)
- Most importantly, unless your child is really poorly, please do send them to school every day. This is important for all areas of their education.

Finally, from me, thank you again for your support. It remains an absolute pleasure for me to be the Executive Headteacher of both St James' and Hatherley Infants and to see how the staff and governors of both schools are working so well together for all the children who attend both of our schools.

Regards

Mr Millington
Executive Headteacher

Important Dates & Holidays

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2024-25 [here](#).

Monday 9 September	9.00 am	Welcome Service at St James' Church
Friday 13 September	9.00 am	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 25 September	9.00 am	School photographs
Tuesday 8 September	9.00 am	Harvest Festival at St James' Church
Wednesday 23 October		Parents' Evening
Monday 14 October – Friday 18 October		Year 5 Residential to Wick Farm
Friday 25 October	3.20 pm	End of Term 1

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November – October Half-Term

School Hours

8.15 am	Gates Open/Breakfast Club
8.30 am	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
8.50 am	Pupils come into school
9.00 am	First session
3.20 pm	End of school day

Pupils should be in school by 8.55 am. All children who are late (when gates are shut) 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 when the gates open.**

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. If you have to make an appointment for your child at the beginning of the day, please inform the school.

REMINDER: School meals are £2.71 per day and £13.55 for a week and should be paid in advance via Parentpay. Please make sure all accounts are up-to-date and in credit.

Parentpay logins for all new children are available in the office. The school office is open from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm.

PE t-shirts, ties, book bags and rucksacks are available to buy from the office from 8.30 am. Cash only please.

All children will bring home a letter today – please remove it from their bags!

FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11) This year it has been confirmed that the National Flu Vaccination Programme for 2024/2025 is being offered to all school aged children from Reception up to and including Year 11. Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. **It is important that you consent or decline the flu vaccination as soon as possible.** If you do not respond, we will contact you again to make sure that you have received the offer of vaccination. **They are in school Friday 13 September.**

Giving consent - Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the following link ensure you use the Unique School Code below: Flu Vaccination Consent Form (ghcimmunisations.co.uk) St James C of E Junior School – **Unique Code: GC115606**

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



Reading Café



Join your child and their teacher to share a book and find out more about their learning!



Where? St James' Junior School Hall

When? 8:45—9:15am

6B: Wednesday 11th September

6A: Thursday 12th September

5A: Thursday 19th September

4A: Thursday 26th September

4B: Thursday 3rd October

3A: Thursday 10th October

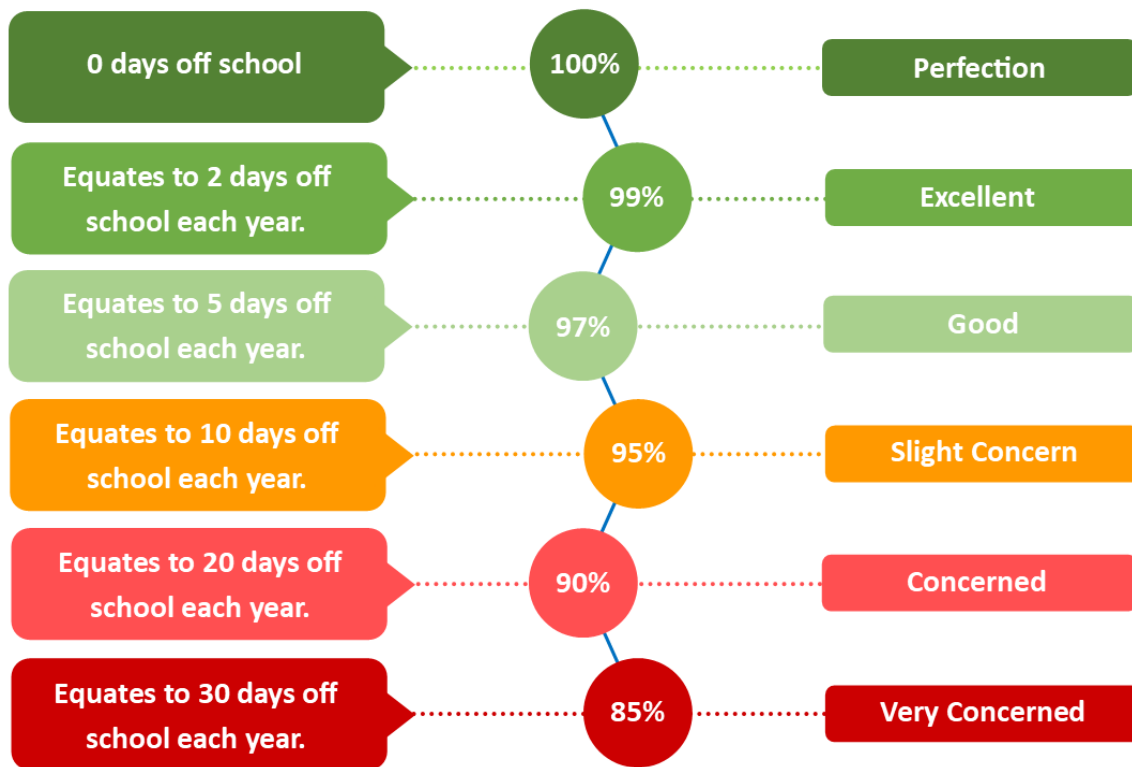
3B: Thursday 17th October

These times are for your child's new class in September.

Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar

Please take a look at the website first before ringing us – www.st-james-junior.co.uk



Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		