

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

14 June 2024

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Joy & Reflection**

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3B and 5B who both won the weekly attendance award this week with 93.4%.

Important Dates & Holidays

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25 [here](#).

Tuesday 18 June		Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Tuesday 18 June	3.30 pm	Year 2 Parents' Transition meeting at St James'
Wednesday 26 June		Sports Day at Glebe
Wednesday 3 July		Year 6 Trip to Oxford University
Thursday 4 July		School closed (Polling Station for General Election)
Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 July		Year 6 JCA at Croft Farm
Wednesday 17 July		Awards Ceremony at St James' Church
Friday 19 July	1.30 pm	End of Term 6 at 1.30 pm
Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August		Summer Holidays
Monday 2/Tuesday 3 September		INSET Days (No children in school)
Wednesday 4 September		Start of Term 1

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 8.50 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 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 £2.54 and should be paid in advance, in cash or via Parentpay. Please make sure your parentpay accounts are up-to-date. Parentpay logins are available from the office.

KEEP US INFORMED – EMAIL admin@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk with any changes.

If you have changed your telephone number, email address or moved house, please let us know so that you receive texts, emails and letters from the school.

Change to 2023/24 Calendar

School will be closed on **Thursday 4 July** as it will be used as a Polling Station for the General Election.

Car Safety

Please make sure all children are strapped into car seats when they are travelling by car.

Uniform

If your child has grown out of their school uniform and it is still in good condition, please bring it into school so we can let someone else have use of it.

Year 3/4 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

The information letter is [here](#).

Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to Cadbury's World

Last week all of the Year 5 and 6 children had a great day to Cadbury's World, Bournville in Birmingham. The children had an informative session where they learnt more about the Ancient Maya Civilisation and got to see a copy of a Maya Codices which is a folding book that is written in Maya Hieroglyphic's and was really long! The children also got to smell and touch actual roasted cocoa beans!

Once in the factory side of the tour, the children got to see and listen to demonstrations on how the chocolate bars that they buy and eat from shops are made. They even got to eat some!

Thank you to M7 Education <https://www.m7education.org.uk/> for their very kind donation that allowed this trip to go ahead.

Please take a look at the photos [here](#).

Attendance Trip to Cattle Country funded by Rotary Club

The children had a great time at Cattle Country on Wednesday.



Language of the Month

The children and staff enjoyed learning Swahili last month. This June, the Language of the Month is Shona! Why not ask your child what they have learnt?

A blue poster titled "Our Languages" in large, bubbly letters. Below the title, there are two yellow boxes: "Number of languages:" containing the number "30" in a white box, and "Language of the month:" containing the Shona flag and the text "Shona Shona". To the right of the Shona text are two small boxes with thumbs-up icons: "mangwanani akanaka good morning" and "masikati akanaka good afternoon". Below these is the question "Who can help?" in large, colorful letters. At the bottom, there are several small circular photos of staff members, each with a name and a small icon. There are also two red circular buttons with arrows pointing to the right, one on each side of the "Who can help?" text.

Attendance Ladder



Parents Library Visit

Parents can still go at another time to register membership for themselves and their children. Lots of FREE activities after school, at weekends and during the school holidays.



Festivals and Celebrations

At St James we love to celebrate the diversity of our school community and would like to share this. Please can you send any photographs of a festival or celebration event that your child has participated in so that we can fill up our 'Festivals and Celebrations' board. We will display these on the board in the hall so that the school community can see the different festivals and celebrations that our children are involved in.

Send your photographs and a brief explanation to kmcfarland@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk



Year 6 Leavers' Cathedral Service





Next week (15th – 22nd June) is the Royal Life Saving Society, Drowning Prevention Week
[Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week \(rlss.org.uk\)](http://RoyalLifeSavingSocietyUK.org.uk)

Drowning prevention week is aimed at children aged 5 to 15 years old with the aim of educating them about water safety. It is deliberately timed ahead of the summer holidays when children will be spending time outdoors and around water.

Offers:

Offer 1 –50% off the first month direct debit for GL1 weekly swim lessons

Offer 2 – £5 off summer holiday crash courses at GL1

Parents/guardians just need to call or drop in to GL1 and tell the reception team they are attending your school. These offers must be claimed by 30th June 2024.

Are you attending School Swimming Lessons?

Join our Learn to Swim programme at GL1 Leisure Centre & get **50% OFF** your first months Direct Debit payment*

ENQUIRE NOW!

GL1 Leisure Centre: **01452 396666**
Bruton Way, Gloucester, GL1 1DT
www.freedom-leisure.co.uk

*Must be attending school swimming lessons at the point of purchase



Learn to Swim Programme





Crash Courses at GL1 Leisure Centre

**22 - 26 July, 29 July - 2 August
& 5 - 9 August**

Stage 1 (complete beginner): 9 - 9.30am / 9.30 - 10am /
10.45 - 11.15am / 11.15 - 11.45am / 12.15 - 12.45pm

Stage 2 (confident non swimmers): 10 - 10.30am /
11.45am - 12.15pm

Stage 3 (can swim 10m front & back): 1 - 1.30pm / 3.15 - 3.45pm

Stage 4 (can swim 10m front & back): 1.30 - 2pm

Stage 5 - 7 (working towards 25m in 4 strokes): 2 - 2.30pm

Rookie (must be stage 7+ or swim 50m): 2.30 - 3.15pm

GL1 Leisure Centre
01452 396666

www.freedom-leisure.co.uk

30mins: £35 / £30 swim school members

45mins: £45 / £40 swim school members



Learn to Swim Programme



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

97% = 6
attendance days off
= 30 hours
of learning lost

