



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

## 17 May 2024

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

**Congratulations to 4A who won the weekly attendance award this week with 97%.  
Also, well done to the whole school for attendance of 94.9% Keep it up!**

### Important Dates & Holidays

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

Wednesday 22 May	Morning	Year 6 and Class Photographs (Children need to wear full school uniform)
Wednesday 22 May	1.30 pm	St James' Dance Festival at Kingfisher Church – sold out!
Thursday 23 May	4.00 pm	St James' Dance Festival at Kingfisher Church – tickets All children will need to stay at school for this performance
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	<b>3.20 pm</b>	<b>End of Term 5 at 3.20 pm</b>
<i>Monday 27 to Friday 31 May – May Half Term (Whitsun)</i>		
<b>Monday 3 June</b>		<b>Start of Term 6</b>
Thursday 6 June		Year 5 and Year 6 Trip to Cadbury's World
Wednesday 12 June		Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral
Tuesday 18 June		Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Wednesday 26 June		Sports Day at Glebe
Wednesday 3 July		Year 6 Trip to Oxford University
Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 July		Year 6 JCA at Croft Farm
Wednesday 17 July		Awards Ceremony at St James' Church
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>End of Term 6 at 1.30 pm</b>

### School Hours

<b>8.15 am</b>	Gates Open/Breakfast Club
<b>8.30 am</b>	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
<b>8.50 am</b>	Pupils come into school
<b>9.00 am</b>	First session
<b>3.20 pm</b>	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.**

PE T-shirts are now available in the office to buy in all house colours, and sizes, for £4.

### Medication in school

If your child has to take medication in school a parent needs to bring the medication into school and fill out a form.

**Glasses in school** – please make sure your child has their glasses in their bag if they don't wear them all the time and need them for schoolwork.

**Inhalers** – if your child needs an inhaler in school please make sure they bring it every day or we have a spare in school. They may not be able to go on a trip/off site if they don't have an inhaler.

### 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).

### Year 5 Parents - Secondary Timetable 2025 Intake

Grammar Test Registration - Noon 20 May to noon 28 June 2024

Application facility opens - September 2024

Grammar School Test - Saturday 14 September 2024

Closing date for applications - Midnight, Thursday 31 October 2024

Late Grammar School Test - TBC - February 2025

Allocation day (and late test results sent to parents) - Monday 3 March 2025

Closing date for waiting list requests - Midnight, Monday 10 March 2025

Waiting list round outcomes sent to parents - After Friday 28 March 2025

Closing date for waiting list round acceptances - Wednesday 2 April 2025

Appeals - May-July

### Attendance Ladder



# St James' Dance Festival



**Kingfisher Church, Moor  
Street, Gloucester**

**Please come and cheer  
on your child at  
St James' Dance Festival  
at one of the following  
performances:**

**Wednesday 22 May - 1.30 pm**

**or**

**Thursday 23 May - 4.00 pm**

**Tickets required**

**Please come and get your FREE  
tickets for one of the performances  
from St James' C of E School office.**

## Dance Festival

We will be holding two performances so that all parents/carers can see their child(ren) dance. Children will perform at both performances. Only a few free tickets remaining for Thursday – please get from the office. A ticket will be required for each person attending (except the child(ren) performing). Children's plain black clothes (no words on) need to be in school for Monday 20 May.

### Further Information

#### Wednesday 22 May – 1.30 pm

The performance will finish at approximately 2.30 pm.

If you are attending this performance you may take your child home after.

**If you are not attending the performance please pick up your child(ren) at 3.20 pm as normal from School.**

#### Thursday 23 May – 4.00 pm

Children will stay in school and will be taken over to Kingfisher Church by staff.

The performance will start at 4.00 pm and finish at approximately 5.00 pm.

All children will then be collected from **Kingfisher Church, Moor Street** if you have attended this





Denmark Road High School  
Discover Realise Honour Shape



**OPEN MORNING**

Thursday 13th June  
8.45-10.30am  
Headteacher Welcome Talk at 9am

Join us for the Denmark Road experience. No booking required.  
Denmark Road High School, Gloucester, GL1 3JN

## Crypt School

### Main School Open Events

Our next Open Morning being held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 is now **fully booked**. We are **holding an additional Open Morning on Thursday 27th June at 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.** - numbers will be restricted, so we are asking if possible **only 1 parent attend with their child please, thus enabling as many as possible to attend.**

**Open Morning 27th June - Link here:** <https://www.cryptschool.org/admissions/open-events>

A virtual tour is also available on our homepage.

## Ribston Hall

### Open Morning and Evening

Open Days and Evenings are a fantastic opportunity for families with children in any year groups to find out about Ribston Hall, take a student-guided tour and get a real feel for the school.

Our Ribston community provides an environment where students can excel academically, personally, and socially. During these events, you will have the opportunity to engage with students and explore the school.

We hold events in April and October and further information and booking details will be available here as dates are confirmed.

**Our next Open Morning and evening will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Further information and how to book will be available from September 2024.**

<https://www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day>

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.