

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

22 March 2024

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

Congratulations to our:

### Values Cup Winners



### Good Work Winners



**Congratulations to 6A who won the weekly attendance award again this week with 95.7% and 5B who won the termly attendance with 95.4%.**

## Happy Retirement Mrs Vincent!

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Vincent who is retiring from St James' after 16 years of wonderful service to all the children, staff and everyone else involved with the school.

She was presented with a bouquet of flowers at Church this morning. She will be very much missed by everyone at St James' and everyone would like to wish her well in the next part of her journey.



## Well done to the Easter competition winners!

Year 3A - 1<sup>st</sup> Amelia, Runners-up: Naira, Abeedah and Loki, Year 3B – 1<sup>st</sup> Maya, Runners-up Sereena, Dorothy and Isata, Year 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Praise, Runners-up Rabiah, Grace and Allona, Year 5A: 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan, Runners-up Emmanuella and Dilan, Year 5B: 1<sup>st</sup> Senara, Runners up Chaniru and Daniel, Year 6A: 1<sup>st</sup> Zainab, Runners-up Afifah and Corey.



**Congratulations also to Acquillin for winning the Term 4 attendance award and receiving a toy voucher.**



**Thanks to everyone who supported and helped at the Cake and Craft Sale – we raised an amazing £125.**

**Reminder:** school lunches are £2.71 after Easter. All accounts should be in credit for Monday 8 April. There is also new menus, at the end of this newsletter and always available on our website under 'Parents' - [Lunches & Healthy Snacks](#)

**PE after Easter** – All children will have PE on a Wednesday and a Friday after Easter.

### **Covid, Colds and other nasty bugs!**

Please remind children to sneeze, blow their nose or cough into tissues, and discard the tissue in a bin and wash their hands. This will help to stop the spread of Covid and coughs, cold and other nasty bugs!

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Friday 22 March 1.30 pm End of Term 4 at 1.30 pm

Easter Holidays – Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April

Monday 8 April Start of Term 5

Thursday 2 May School closed all day (Being used as Polling Station)

Friday 3 May INSET Day (School closed all day)

Monday 6 May BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)

Friday 24 May 3.20 pm End of Term 5 at 3.20 pm

Monday 27 to Friday 31 May – May Half Term (Whitsun)

Monday 3 June Start of Term 6

Friday 19 July End of Term 6 at 1.30 pm

## School Hours

8.15 am	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.**

## Attendance

If you leave a message because your child is off sick or has an appointment please speak clearly and tell us the class your child is in, as well as their full name. Thanks

## Hindu Festival of Holi

Last Friday the Year 3 and 4 classes celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi within our RE lessons.







### Easter Craft Club

Mrs Major, Mrs Chew and Mrs Jones were joined by 30 children for a short, but very busy, craft club on Mondays after school. All of the children planned and designed their Easter bonnets, using the resources provided as well as a few extras from home. Photos of each of the children with their bonnets will be handed out to them.

After the Easter break, look out for information about another club, where parents will be invited to join their child too!





### Parent Workshop: An Introduction to Phonics

We value reading and it's clear our parents do too! We had a great turnout for our phonics parent workshop. Thank you for everyone's enthusiasm and engagement.





[Help raise £500 to St James City Farm, if the city farm remains closed the school council will nominate another local charity to receive the donations](#)

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[www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

Gloucester City HAF holiday activities & food

Progressive Sports

Progressive Active Camps  
Be happy, healthy and active!

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**PROGRESSIVE SPORTS EASTER ACTIVE CAMP!**  
**ST JAMES C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER**  
**TUESDAY 2ND APRIL UNTIL FRIDAY 5TH APRIL!**

IF YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOLS MEALS  
YOU CAN BOOK THEM ON FOR ABSOLUTELY ZERO COST!  
**8.30am until 3.30pm!**

**FREE SPACES BOOKING** → [GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/EDUCATION-AND-LEARNING/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES-AND-FOOD-PROGRAMME/](http://GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/EDUCATION-AND-LEARNING/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES-AND-FOOD-PROGRAMME/)

**PAID SPACES** → [PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS-NORTH-GLOS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/CAMP/59](http://PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS-NORTH-GLOS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/CAMP/59)

**Ages 5-13**

**More than 20 sports on offer!**

HAF BOOKINGS OPEN 11TH MARCH

**J.KNIGHT@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK**  
**- 01889 343120**

Booking page for children entitled to Free School Meals:

<http://gloucestercitydistrict.coordinate.cloud/project/53129>

Booking page for places to pay. It's £22 per day from 8.30-3.30, or £80 for the full 4 day week:

<https://progressive-sports-north-glos.classforkids.io/camp/59>

**Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps?**

Sidra Hussain, Beezee Families Nutritionist

**We are here to help!**

Our free healthy lifestyle programme can support families like yours make healthy habits. Help yourself to our sweet tips below.

1. Create a shopping list for the family, before going shopping.
2. Have a weekly sweet voucher. Your children choose when to "cash in" for a portion of sweets.
3. Use the **NHS Food Scanner** app to help find healthy swaps in the shops.
4. Try having a mix of fresh and dried fruits to help the sweet cravings, i.e. dried mango, bananas.
5. Remember to have dried fruits in small amounts as the sugar is more concentrated.
6. Mix things up and make fruit more fun - try making fruit cocktails, smoothies or ice lollies.
7. Look for healthy sweet treat recipes online. We might be biased but we think [beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes](http://beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes) is pretty good!

**Sign up today!**

Like these tips and want to know more? Check out our website now.  
\*Our courses are for families with children aged 4+.

Scan the code  
-or click here to find out more

**Beezee Families** | Gloucestershire County Council

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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

**JET AGE**  
MUSEUM

**SPECIAL EASTER**  
**Wed. APRIL 3rd 2024**  
**OPENING**  
*Museum open 10am- 4pm*





**No Admission Charge**  
*but all donations welcome to our all volunteer museum*

Meteor Business Park, Cheltenham Road East, Glos GL2 9QL



**Gloucestershire**  
Wildlife Trust



# Nature Nurtures

## 2024



*Connecting children with nature to  
improve their wellbeing*



Activities include nature art, foraging, birding, mindfulness, wildlife games, making dens and more.

Nature Nurtures aims to help anxious children with low self-esteem to promote confidence, positive mental health and reduce anxiety.



*Robinswood Hill  
Country Park*

Eight Saturday sessions  
every week -  
6 April to 25 May 2024.  
Booking essential.







Ages 5-8: 10-12.30pm.  
Ages 9-11: 1.45-4.15pm.





Contact Georgie to discuss and book: 07485321730  
georgina.hoare@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk



# New Menus - after Easter

GCC Central Spring Summer 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 08/04/2024 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 17/06/2024 08/07/2024 02/09/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024	<b>Option One</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Minced Beef & Onion Pie with New Potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Two</b>	Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Three</b>	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	<b>Dessert</b>	Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	<b>NEW</b> Syrup Snap Biscuit	
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 24/06/2024 15/07/2024 09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024	<b>Option One</b>	Summer Vegetable Risotto	Pork Sausage in a Bun With Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Two</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with New Potatoes	Mexican Five Bean rice	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausages with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
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	<b>Dessert</b>	Ice Cream	Marble Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie with Apple Slices	Peach Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread	
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 22/07/2024 14/08/2024 07/10/2024	<b>Option One</b>	<b>NEW</b> Vegetable Fajitas with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Paella	Fish fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	<b>Option Two</b>	BBQ Quorn with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Potato Wedges	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
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	<b>Dessert</b>	Ice Cream	Pear & Chocolate Upside Down Cake with Custard	Apple Flapjack	Banana Sponge with Banana Slices and Custard	Fruity Shortbread	
<b>MENU KEY</b>		🌱 Added Plant Power    🍷 Wholemeal    🌿 Vegan    👨‍🍳 Chef's Special				<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.	
<b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection							






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<b>DESSERT</b>	Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Sauce 	Vanilla Shortbread 	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard 	Syrup Snap Biscuit 
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