

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 **Forgiveness**

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 6A who won the weekly attendance award this week with 95.2%.
Well done the rest of the school with 94%.

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Tuesday 19 March	3.00 pm	Easter Craft & Cake Sale
Wednesday 20 March	2.30 pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 22 March	9.15 am	Easter Service at St James' Church
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

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.**

School Lunches after Easter

From 8 April school lunches will cost £2.71 per meal or £13.55 per week. Please pay via Parent pay, rather than cash. If you haven't received a Parentpay login please ask in the office.

All accounts should be in credit.

Allergies and Photographs

Please let us know if your child has an allergy or reaction to any food. Caterlink require this information if your child has school dinners. Please also let us know if you don't wish your child to have a photograph taken in school for use for our newsletter/website.

Parental Questionnaire – children have been given one of these today. Please complete and bring back by Monday 18th March. Thanks

A huge thank you to **Lovells Homes** who have kindly donated us hi-vis jackets for the children to wear when they are walking to and from swimming and other trips/visits.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

97% = 6 attendance days off

= 30 hours of learning lost

LATENESS

How much time can you lose?

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

5 minutes late each day

= 3 days off

Easter Cake & Craft Sale

St James' C of E Junior School

Tuesday 19 March - 3.00 pm

Hatherley & St James' Parents Welcome



Cake: Parents please bring in some cakes to sell at the sale.

Craft: There will be items which parents can buy to use to make Easter cards, bonnets, etc. over the Easter break.

All the money raised will go to purchasing new playground equipment for the children to play with during the Summer term.





[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](#)

We're raising money to St James City Farm, if the city farm remains closed the school council will nominate another local charity to receive the donations. Support this JustGiving Crowdfunding Page.

www.justgiving.com

Gloucester City HAF holiday activities & food

Progressive Sports

Progressive Active Camps Be happy, healthy and active!

ST JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

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/

PAID SPACES - 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>

Mrs Jones can help with online bookings. Please ask.

Teachers' marathon effort to raise money for City Farm

In April, two members of staff at St James' Church of England Primary School in Gloucester will be taking part in the London Marathon. Ahead of the big day, they share why they are taking on this challenge and how they fit in training around their teaching jobs.

Alice Tredgett, who teaches Y4, and Justin Hutchinson, who teaches Y5, have taken on the challenge of running the London Marathon in the hope of raising money for St James' City Farm and Riding School where the schoolchildren regularly visit to take care of the animals and have horse-riding lessons.

The City Farm connects inner-city children and families with the opportunities in training, employment and leisure found in the countryside. They also run a small riding school, allowing children who would otherwise not have the chance to learn the basics of riding and horse care to have 1-1 lessons. Without the help of donations and volunteers, St James' City Farm cannot offer these services, so Alice and Justin decided to run the London Marathon to help support them.

Last year, Alice, an experienced marathon runner, completed the run in 3 hours 26 minutes – a personal best.

Alice says, "Training is well underway and the early morning runs have begun! At the moment, I am running six days a week, some runs are at 5am before school and some are in the evening. Mr Hutchinson and I both run in the same running club and we are hoping to complete some of our long training runs together so it is not as lonely (he keeps me entertained with his bad jokes). I am hoping to achieve another personal best and raise lots of money for City Farm."

Justin is a regular runner at Gloucester Parkrun and has also completed marathons and ultra-marathons.

Justin says, "My training is going well. I've got my new marathon trainers ready and am wearing them in. As a diverse school, we are tracking the training miles we cover and thinking about where in the world it would take you. The children have used maps and maths to work out we have run enough miles to get to Paris!"

Children are supporting their teachers all the way.

One pupil in Miss Tredgett's class said, "I think she will need a break after she has run the Marathon!"

While another in Mr Hutchinson's class added, "We are going to be watching on the 21st and will be shouting 'Go Mr Hutchinson!' at the TV."

Mrs Gardiner, Operational Headteacher, said, "There are no other words for it; Alice and Justin are inspirational! Dedicated teachers, wonderful team players and exceptional athletes. They run before school when we're all still in bed and after school when we're all having our dinner. True dedication – especially through the winter months. Everyone here at St James' is extremely proud of them and wishes them well in finishing the race and maybe even getting a personal best time!"

St James' Church of England Primary will be joining the DGAT family of schools in the spring.

Mr Millington, Executive Headteacher, adds, "St James' Junior School and Hatherley Infant School are very excited to be joining the DGAT family this April and being able to continue our journey with approximately 22 other schools. We know that this will bring many benefits to our children, staff and families into the future."

If you'd like to support the runners and donate, visit: [Crowdfunding to raise money for St James City Farm & Riding School on JustGiving](#)

Volunteer Panel Members

Gloucestershire County Council are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education). Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)



Ribston Hall High School invites you to our

Admissions Information Morning

Discover your potential

Friday 12th April 2024

Understanding the grammar school process for Year 5 families.

Places are limited so please ensure you book through our website:
www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day

Shine! Shine PND Support Gloucester

Do you know of a new mum who could do with some mental health support? Or are you a mum in need of a little extra help?

SHINE DROP-INS

These are informal, welcoming and supportive group sessions for mums wanting to reach out and find support from others going through similar feelings of isolation, anxiety, uncertainty or sadness.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.facebook.com/gloucestershinepnd
<https://www.shine-support.org/>
Or send us an e-mail at
gloucestershinepnd@gmail.com



"Amazing things happen when women help other women."
— K a s i a G o s p o s



TIME & VENUE

Tuesdays 10.00am - 11.30am

Gloucester Deaf Association
Colin Road
Barnwood
Gloucester
GL4 3JL

£2.50 recommended
voluntary contribution



Are you aware of teenage brain development
and how it impacts on behaviour?



Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this...."

Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset

Two-hour online talk **25th March 7-9pm**

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Tuesday 26th March 7-9pm

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