

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

1 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 5B who won the weekly attendance award again this week with 97.2%.
Well done!**

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 7 March		World Book Day
Tuesday 19 March	3.10 pm	St James' Cake & Craft Sale
Wednesday 20 March		Parents' Evening (2.30-7.30 pm)
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.**

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.

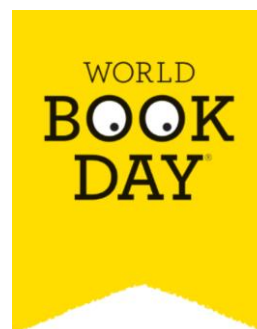
Doctors, Opticians and Dentist Appointments

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.

World Book Day 2024 - Thursday 7 March 2024

We have lots of exciting events planned during the week of World Book day including author visits. **On Thursday 7th March**, your child is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. This is optional.

Your costume does not need to be shop bought, you could simply make a hat, prop or use own clothes you already have at home.



Easter Egg Design competition

Children have been given a sheet for their design. Please bring in a £1 with your design by **Friday 15 March**.

Year 4/5 Visit to Ribston Hall High School

“What a lovely bunch of children you sent to Ribston yesterday. Our teachers thought they were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed teaching them!” *Quote from Ribston Hall High School teaching staff.*

Mrs Jones and Miss Savage were very proud to accompany twelve of our girls from Year 4 and 5 to a Shaping Futures Performance Day at Ribston on Monday. We all had an inspiring day and the girls were a shining example of the well behaved and creative pupils that we have at St James’.

The girls loved spending a day at a Secondary School, where they worked with Ribston pupils, as well as girls from 5 other local primary schools.

The day was organised into four sessions linked to Music, Drama, Trampolining and Dance. The girls were able to use skills they already have as well as being challenged to try out some new ones.



Date for your Diary

Cake & Craft Sale at St James' – 3.10 pm on Tuesday 19 March.

Craft, Coffee & Chat

Parents of children from Hatherley and St James' joined Miss Kirby and Mrs Jones at Gloucestershire Resource Centre this week. There was the opportunity to try a new skill, or in many cases show off some amazing skills that our parents have. It was also a good time to get to know each other and ask questions about all sorts of things, including how children are getting on at school and advice for planning to go to Secondary School. Parents please suggest other activities, to Mrs Jones or any teacher, that you would be interested in attending in the future, eg a maths or reading workshop with your child.



HAF – Change to the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme

During 2024, there will be food and activity support available via the HAF programme (during Spring, Summer and Winter holiday periods). This is a separately funded scheme that provides the children who book and attend events with a meal. The HAF programme is not able to distribute food/ supermarket vouchers. For more information on the HAF programme please visit their webpage here: [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) | Gloucestershire County Council](#)



This Easter 2024 holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the April (Easter) 2024 and May 2024 school holidays. Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for April 2024 and May 2024 (Easter and half term) holidays will be open from midday 27 February until midday on 12 March. We will be unable to accept any applications after this date. Vouchers for **both** holiday periods (1 week (£15) for Easter and 1 week (£15) for May half-term, a total of £30 per eligible child) will be distributed to families the week commencing 18 March 2024.

Please check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 20 March 2024, please encourage them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk before the end of the holiday period (07 April 2024).

The Library

Costume Swap

5 February - 19 February

DONATE a costume to any library (thank you!)

19 February - 7 March

SWAP an old costume for a new one!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap



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7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day – Costume Discount

To support families, we've partnered with I Love Fancy Dress. They have generously granted us permission to share an exclusive 15% off voucher for all World Book Day costumes and accessories.

Here are the details of the voucher:

Voucher Code: GLWBD15. **Discount:** 15% off on all World Book Day costumes and accessories

Seller: I Love Fancy Dress **Website:** www.cazaar.co.uk/world-book-day-costumes

YOUTH HANGOUT

Join us for a chance to explore, grow and create memories that will last a lifetime, with snacks of course.

Years 6 - 9

St James Parish Rooms,
GL1 4JT

Mondays
(term time only)

5pm - 6pm

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AT CHOSEN HILLSCHOOL, GL3 2PL

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TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE:
COMPLETE THE FORM VIA THE QR CODE
OR CONTACT
THEGROWINGATHLETEPROJECT@gmail.com



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Spring Fayre

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FREE for children under 12

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 Leckhampton Court Tea Rooms
 Lots of family friendly activities



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 NEW VENUE!
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 GL3 3HL

Our children love attending, they come home buzzing and excited. Highly recommend!

Easter Holiday Club

Week 1 - Tuesday 26th - Wednesday 27th - Thursday 28th March
 Week 2 - Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd - Thursday 4th April

25+ Sports, Activities And Styles of Dance | Suitable For Reception - Year 6
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Netball Academy at Ribston Hall

Fresh off the back of our successful February Half-term netball camps we are launching a new Netball Academy pathway developing netball in Gloucestershire.

Day: Monday evenings Time: 4:00 – 6:30 Location: Ribston High School

We will be running every Monday evening, during term time, between Monday 4th March and the end of the academic year at Ribston Hall High School, Gloucester.

Our Development Academy, open to children in years 4 and 5, will run from 4:00pm – 5:15pm. This will be immediately followed by our Elite Academy for year 6 and 7, running from 5:15pm – 6:30pm. You can book your place now for the remainder of this term by visiting www.atlascamps.co.uk

Places are limited, and assigned on a first come, first served basis. So, sign up now to avoid missing out!

Fancy an 'Academy Athlete' t-shirt on us? Guess what? The first 20 children to book, will receive our all-new Academy Athlete t-shirts. They're super jazzy don't you know!