

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 **Integrity**

The Reverend Juliet joined us for our Christingle service today.



Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 8 February 9.00 am Coffee Morning

Friday 9 February 3.20 pm End of Term 3

February Half-Term – Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February Start of Term 4

Friday 22 March 1.30 pm End of Term 4

Easter Holidays – Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April

Monday 8 April Start of Term 5

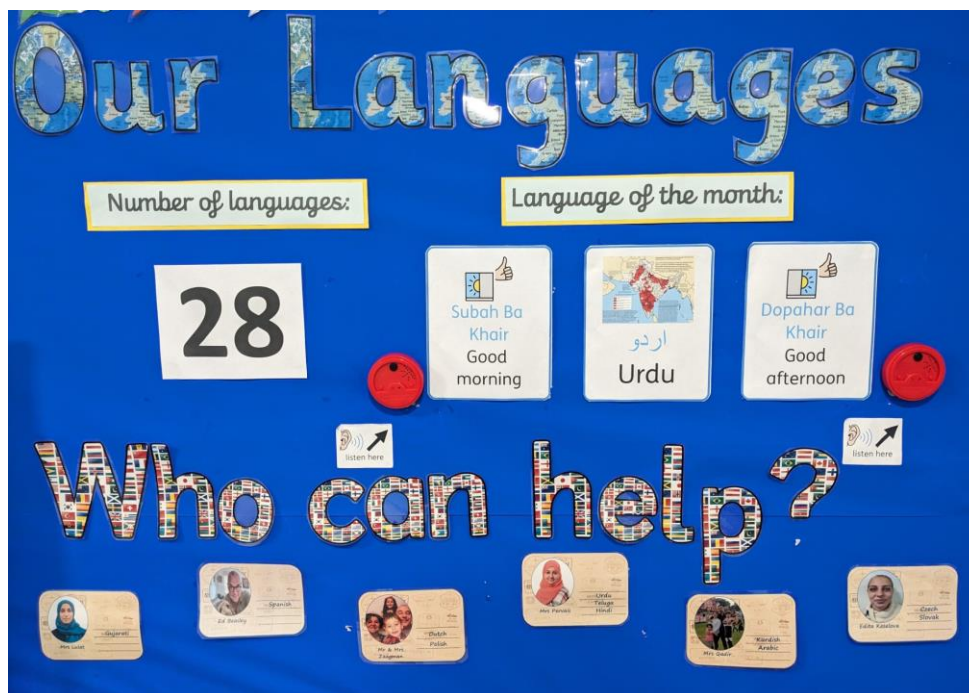
CHANGE TO 2023/24 CALENDAR

Please take a look at the new calendar on the last page of this newsletter. There is no longer an INSET Day on Monday 8 April – this has been changed to **Friday 3 May**. The school will also be closed on **Thursday 2 May** due to being used as a Polling Station.

REMINDER: School meals are £2.54 and should be paid in advance, in cash or via Parentpay. Parentpay codes have been given to all non-free school meal Year 3 parents. Parentpay codes are available from the school office, all day Monday and mornings Tuesday-Friday.

Language of the Month

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



School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing correct school uniform. Only on PE days should they be wearing trainers and t-shirts, preferably house t-shirts. On other school days they should be wearing the correct uniform and black shoes. Navy jumpers or cardigans should be worn over pale blue/white polo shirts/shirts with trousers or skirts. No hoodies should be worn into school. Now the weather is colder and wetter they need to bring a waterproof, warm coat with a hood. The full school uniform is available in our prospectus (available from the office) or on our website.

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.**

Tredworth Residents Association Annual General Meeting

Thursday 18th January at St James' Church - 6.30-8.30pm

All Tredworth residents are welcome to come along and help shape TETRA and what we do over the next year. We will be voting on a new constitution and name change and electing a new committee.

Back-to-school illness advice

Winter often sees a rise in common viruses like chickenpox, norovirus and flu which can keep children off school. UK health officials say by following the advice parents can protect children, as well as the wider community.

The advice is to:

1. Teach good hygiene habits, such as regular hand-washing

It is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of viruses, the experts say, because they can live on our hands. Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds or hand sanitiser to clean hands regularly. To stop infections spreading, use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, bin them afterwards and then wash hands (again).

2. Stop the spread of stomach bugs

Sickness bugs such as norovirus and E. coli are on the up, and that means more children could have diarrhoea and vomiting. If affected, using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help prevent bugs from spreading (along with washing hands with soap).

Don't prepare food for others if you have symptoms, or for 48 hours after they stop.

Avoid visiting vulnerable relatives in care homes and hospitals to avoid passing anything on to them, and not to return to work, school or nursery until two days after symptoms end.

3. Know when to keep your child at home

Children should stay at home from school or nursery if they have a high temperature (fever) and wait until it has passed before going back. A child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should also wait for 48 hours before going back, to stop the spread of stomach bugs.

But if they have a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough - without a high temperature - children are encouraged to go to school, nursery or childcare.

Scarlet fever and chickenpox can also spread at this time of year, and cases usually peak in late winter and early spring, health officials say.

Scarlet fever symptoms include:

Sore throat, fever, swollen neck glands, a bumpy rash on the tummy, flushed cheeks, "a strawberry tongue" - so called because it means the tongue looks a bit like a strawberry.

Contact your local GP if you see the signs and keep children away from school and nursery for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

Chickenpox is highly contagious - the most common symptom is an itchy, spotty rash. Keep children off school until all the spots have crusted over.

4. Get vaccinated

There is a "quick and painless" nasal spray for children which offers the best protection against flu, if your child hasn't been vaccinated at school.

5. Take online advice from NHS resources

The health service has plenty of advice for parents, such as:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



5 REASONS TO START VOLUNTEERING TODAY

Take care OF YOURSELF

Improve your wellbeing

Volunteering is a great tool in supporting your overall wellbeing. Research shows us that 75% of individuals report feeling better about themselves as a direct result of their volunteering.

Learn new skills

Have you ever wanted to try learning a new skill? Volunteering is a great way to try your hand at new activities. Most organisations often provide lots of training opportunities too, giving you the perfect chance to learn.



Make A Difference

Make a difference

Volunteering enables you to make a significant difference to causes that you are passionate about. Whether it's advocating for vulnerable individuals or you are dedicated to supporting climate change campaigns. Every volunteer makes a difference.

"Our volunteers literally change lives" - A Go Volunteer Glos organisation

Make new friends

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make new friends. There is often a great sense of shared purpose in your volunteer role and organisations often host social events for volunteers too.



Career development

Are you looking to take your career in a different direction? Or perhaps you are looking for employment after some time off? No matter what your circumstances are, volunteering is a great stepping stone to boost your skills, experience and professional connections - whilst doing something worthwhile!



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volunteering in Gloucestershire

Find your role in 4 easy steps

1

**Browse
opportunities on the
Volunteers page**

Create an account

2

3

**Apply for the
opportunity that you
feel is right for you**

**Wait to hear back
from the organisation
hosting the role**

4

Browse hundreds of opportunities
right across Gloucestershire. No
matter your interests, skills or time
commitment - there is something
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School Term Dates & Holidays 2023-24

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues		5	12	19	26	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	
Wed			6	13	20	27	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur			7	14	21	28	Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri		1	8	15	22	29	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	3	10	17	24	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26		
DECEMBER					JANUARY 2024					FEBRUARY							
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27		
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Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25		
MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	7	14	21	28		
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JUNE					JULY					AUGUST							
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Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25		

Term Time School Holiday Bank Holidays INSET Day School used as Polling Station

Term 1	Wednesday 6 September – Friday 27 October	38 days
Term 2	Monday 6 November – Friday 22 December	35 days
Term 3	Tuesday 9 January – Friday 9 February	24 days
Term 4	Monday 19 February – Friday 22 March	25 days
Term 5	Monday 8 April – Friday 24 May	33 days
Term 6	Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July	35 days

Total 190 days

NB: Change to calendar: The school will be closed on **Thursday 2 May** due to being used as a Polling Station and INSET changed to **Friday 3 May** instead of Monday 8 April 2024.

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 December 2023 26 December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	1 April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 May 2024
Whitsun Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2023/24 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).