



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

1 December 2023

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

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 5A (Mrs Hartshorne and Mr Hutchinson) who won the weekly attendance award this week with 98.6% and the rest of the school 94% - well done!

Important Dates & Holidays

Monday 4 – Tuesday 5 December - Book Fair after school (Card and cash payments)

Wednesday 6 December 9.00 am Open Morning for Prospective Year 3 Pupils

Thursday 14 December 8.30 am Beauty and the Beast at The Roses Theatre – **children need to be in school by 8.30 am so we can depart at 9.00 am prompt for Tewkesbury**

Thursday 14 December 3.20 pm St James' Christmas Fayre – put it in your diary!

Tuesday 19 December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20 December 9.15 am Christmas Carol Concert at St James' Church

Friday 22 December 1.30 pm End of Term 2 at 1.30 pm

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

St James' C of E Junior School



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Open Morning

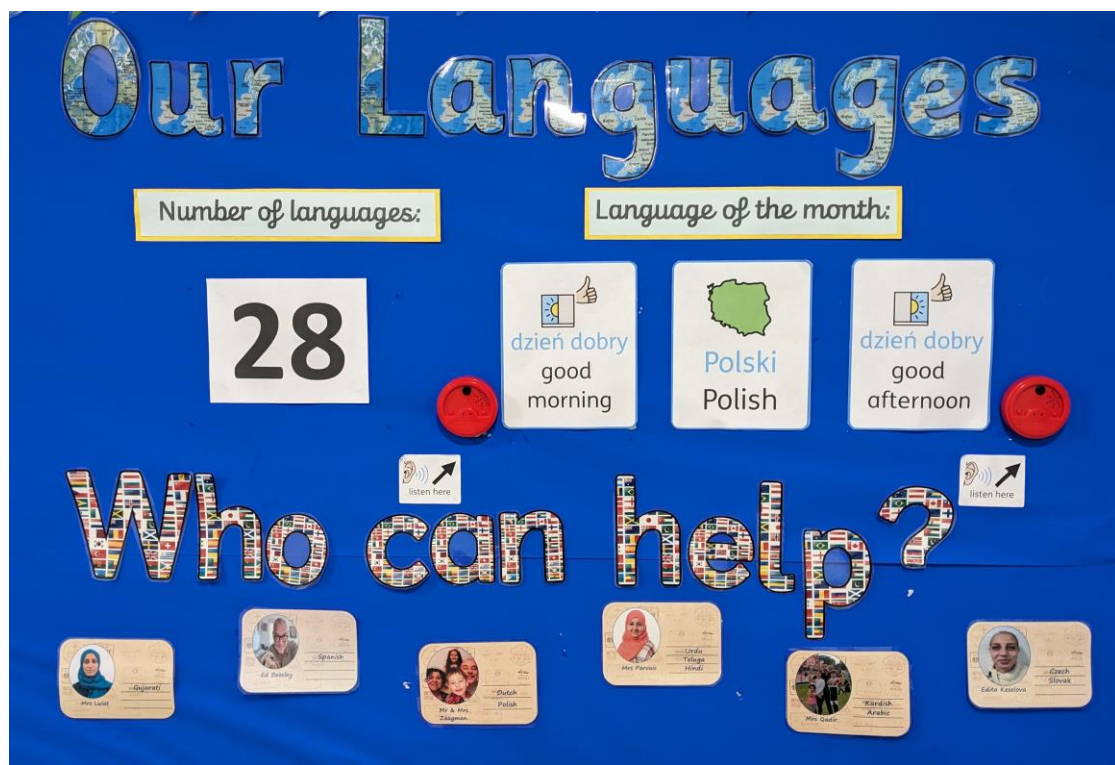
Wednesday 6 December

9.00 - 11.00 am

Do you have a child starting Year 3 in Sept 2024? Children and staff at St James' C of E Junior would love to welcome you to look around and experience learning in action!

Please email admin@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk or telephone 01452 520714 to book your visit





Language of the Month

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



REMINDER: Children should be in school by 8.50 am. The front gate shuts at 9.00 am; all children arriving once the gate is shut are late. All children who are late need to be brought into school by a parent to sign them in. If you know they will be late due to an appointment please ring to pre-order lunch if they have a hot lunch at school.

Important information

Panto – Thursday 14 December

All children need to be in school by **8.30 am** on Thursday 14 December so they can be registered before leaving school at 9.00 am so they can get to the Theatre in Tewkesbury on time. Those children not attending, and staying in school, will also need to be in school at 8.30 am to be registered.

All children will have lunch as usual at school.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Tuesday 19 December

Children should have now brought in their Christmas dinner choices. If they have not chosen a Christmas lunch they need to bring in a packed lunch as there will be no other food choices on the day.

Children can wear Christmas jumpers, t-shirts or appropriate party clothes on 19 December.

Christmas Fayre – Thursday 14 December

Raffle tickets

All the children have taken home an envelope with a book of raffle tickets. We have some great prizes to win in the raffle – **2 amazing food and drink hampers, a chocolate/sweet hamper courtesy of Asda, a wonderful The Mountain Hamper, a £20 Smyth toy voucher, catering tubs of coffee, a huge bag of teabags, a bottle of rum, bottles of fizz, signed Gloucester Rugby shirt, mulled wine and more great prizes!**

Each ticket is **50p** and the whole book of 5 tickets is **£2.50**. Extra tickets available in the office.

Please send back into school, in the envelope provided (sealed) all completed stubs of raffle tickets (keep the tickets for yourself) and the money in cash as soon as possible. If you don't want to buy the whole book let Gran, Grandad, Aunts, Uncles and friends buy the other ones. If you cannot sell the raffle tickets please bring the unsold tickets back into school so we can sell them at the Christmas Fayre on **14 December**. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre.

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	CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE	St James' C of E Junior School	COMPLETE IN CAPITALS
	Thursday 14 December 2023	Name _____	
	1st Prize: Christmas Hamper	Child's Name _____	
	2nd Prize: £20 Toy Voucher	Phone _____	
	+ loads of other great prizes!		
50p per ticket £2.50 per book	Being drawn at the Fayre on 14 December	PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE WITH MONEY BY TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER	

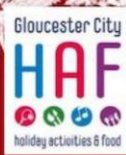


Thank you to all the parents who brought in bottles/tin etc for the bottle tombola.

There will be lots of other stalls at the Christmas Fayre – please bring lots of spare change.

Lantern Parade – last Sunday





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HAF PLACES
AVAILABLE
TOO!

TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY UNTIL FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024!

BOOK HERE [PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS-NORTH-GLOS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/CAMP/51](https://progressive-sports-north-glos.classforkids.io/camp/51)

HAF PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS WEBSITE IN DECEMBER!

8.30AM UNTIL 3.30PM

CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL JAMIE ON:
[J.KNIGHT@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK](mailto:j.knight@progressive-sports.co.uk)
OR CALL US ON 01889 343120.

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20+ SPORTS
ON OFFER!



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OR CALL US ON 01889 343120.

OUR HAF PLACES ARE OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGED 4 TO 13 YEARS WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS-RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

ELIGIBLE FREE SCHOOL MEAL FAMILIES CAN ACCESS AND SIGN THEIR CHILDREN UP TO OUR CAMPS WITH ABSOLUTELY NO COST.

PLEASE NOTE THE HAF (FREE SCHOOL MEAL) BOOKINGS CAN ONLY BE MADE THROUGH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS WEBSITE AND NOT US.

FOR MORE INFO ON HAF PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/EDUCATION-AND-LEARNING/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES-AND-FOOD-PROGRAMME/](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/)

On the Farm this week



Free Winter Activities for Children, Young People & Families



An update on HAF bookings this winter...

Families told us they would like time to read through and browse our range of HAF activities before making the decision to book.

That is why this winter we are trialling something new. We are allowing families time to browse all of the activities that are on offer one week before they are available to book online.

From 27th November at 12pm, you will be able to view all of the activities on offer in December/January. This means you'll be ready when activity **booking goes live at 12pm on the 4th December.**

We hope this gives you enough time to choose and book your family's HAF activities this winter.

Activities for families living in Gloucester City can be found here: www.gloscityhaf.co.uk

Setting up a CABS account is easy:
Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

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For the Winter school holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) will provide families in receipt of FSMs, who sign up to this offer, with 1 week of vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays which will complement the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) taking place over the Christmas Holidays. The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-related) FSMs and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for December 2023 holiday vouchers - they will already have been included.

Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances. Please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

ONE POUND WEEKENDS at GL1 Leisure Centre



- Swimming
- Squash
- Exercise classes
- Badminton
- Table tennis

All activities
£1
per person/per activity

*T&Cs apply. Available on Saturdays & Sundays only until 17 December 2023.
Activities can be booked in advance.
www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/gl1



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WIN A YEAR'S FREE MEMBERSHIP

SCAN ME!

T's & C's apply.

Enter now for our FREE prize draw to WIN a year's FREE membership at either GL1 or Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre in time for Christmas!

GL1 & Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre NOW OPEN!

GL1 Leisure Centre
Bruton Way, Gloucester, GL1 1DT
01452 396666
www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/gl1

Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre
Tewkesbury Road, Longford, GL2 9DW
01452 396969
www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/oxstalls



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Christmas Fayre

Thursday 14 December – 3.30 pm

❁ Raffle – prizes donated by staff and local suppliers ❁

❁ Bottle Tombola ❁

❁ Stalls ❁

❁ Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake ❁

❁ Games Stalls ❁

❁ Cake Stall ❁

❁ Tea/Coffee ❁

❁ Food Stall ❁



We look forward to seeing you!

Please bring lots of small change!



Tennis Lessons

at Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre

We have 5-week courses for all ages and abilities. Sign up now as spaces are limited.



**20 November -
23 December 2023**

For more information contact:



Oxstalls Sports Park
Tewkesbury Road, Longford, GL2 9DW
01452 396969
www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/oxstalls

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Let's Spread Peace

Picture News Christmas Campaign 2023



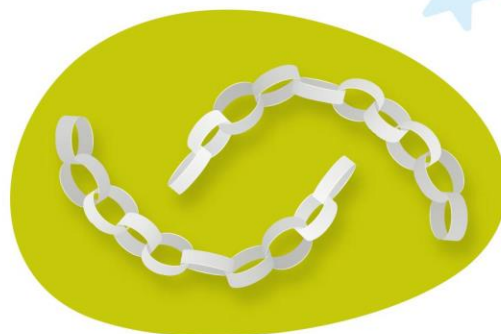
Why do we need peace?

Spreading peace is important for us to be good citizens.

Our world has seen conflict and unrest this year, and sometimes the news can feel daunting.

However, small acts of kindness help us spread peace in our communities and homes, and can make a real difference.

That's why this year, we're encouraging you to make a school peace chain!



Our Peace Goal

We'd love for enough children to create peace chain links to travel a distance equivalent to the distance from John O'Groats to Land's End!

If everyone acts on their peace chain ideas, just think of the impact this will have on communities and the wider world!



Share the Peace!

Share your Peace Chains with us by Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Email help@picture-news.co.uk, or tag us on social media!

How long does your school Peace Chain measure? Let us know!

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Picture News

Let's Spread Peace

Picture News Christmas Campaign 2023

Your Peace Chain

It's time to spread peace by making your very own school peace chain!

Remember... big impacts start with small gestures.



What will you do to spread peace?
When will you act on your peace idea?
How far does your school's peace chain reach?



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