

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 **Love**

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 6A (Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Cossins) who won the weekly attendance award this week with over 93%.

Important Dates & Holidays

Wednesday 15 November		School Photos – Uniform needs to be worn and bring PE kit
Wednesday 22 November		Flu Immunisation (Please return forms asap)
Friday 24 November		Non-school uniform Day (Bring a bottle in for Christmas Fayre Bottle Tombola, in lieu of payment)
Thursday 14 December	8.30 am	Beauty and the Beast at The Roses Theatre (slips in please)
Thursday 14 December	3.20 pm	St James' Christmas Fayre – put 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

Data Sheets – If you haven't returned your child's data sheet a new one will be given to them to bring home the first week of November – please sign and amend and return to school. Thanks

Save the Date!

St James' C of E Junior School Christmas Fayre

Thursday 14 December – 3.20 pm

- ✿ Raffle (Food Hamper, Toy Voucher + lots of other prizes!)
- ✿ Bottle Tombola (Donations please) ✿ Stalls ✿
- ✿ Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake ✿
- ✿ Games Stalls ✿ Cake Stall ✿ Tea/Coffee ✿ Food Stall ✿



PHOTO DAY

St James C/E
Junior School

**Wednesday
15th November**



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Children need to wear their school uniforms to school and bring their PE kit to change into later. *Children who are at the Athletics Competition on that day will have their photos taken on Thursday 23 November, along with anyone who is off ill on 15 November.*

Beauty and The Beast Pantomime – a great opportunity for the children! Don't let them miss out!

We are taking all the children to see Beauty and the Beast at the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury on **Wednesday 13 December**. The cost of this trip is £15.00 per child or £5.50 for those on Free School Meals (Pupil Premium). **As this is a Christmas treat and not part of the national curriculum, your child will unfortunately not be able to attend unless we receive payment.** If you think payment will be a problem, please come and see Mrs Hayward in the office or email admin@st-james.jun.gloucs.sch.uk and we will help if we can. The children loved last year's panto! **Please return the slip, filled out clearly, confirming if your child WILL or WILL NOT be attending by 20 November, with some payment.**

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.

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.

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 unless they are going to Breakfast Club.**

Coughs & Colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly, at home and at school.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they shouldn't come into school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Chicken Pox and other infectious diseases

If you think your child has Chicken pox or any other infectious disease please do not bring them into school and let us know asap. If you do not know what the rash is please see a pharmacist.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please look up the advice from the NHS or ask your pharmacist on how to treat head lice if you find them.

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.

Harvest Festival and Cake Sale

A photo of the children helping to load the van for the Food Bank is in the News on our website [here](#).

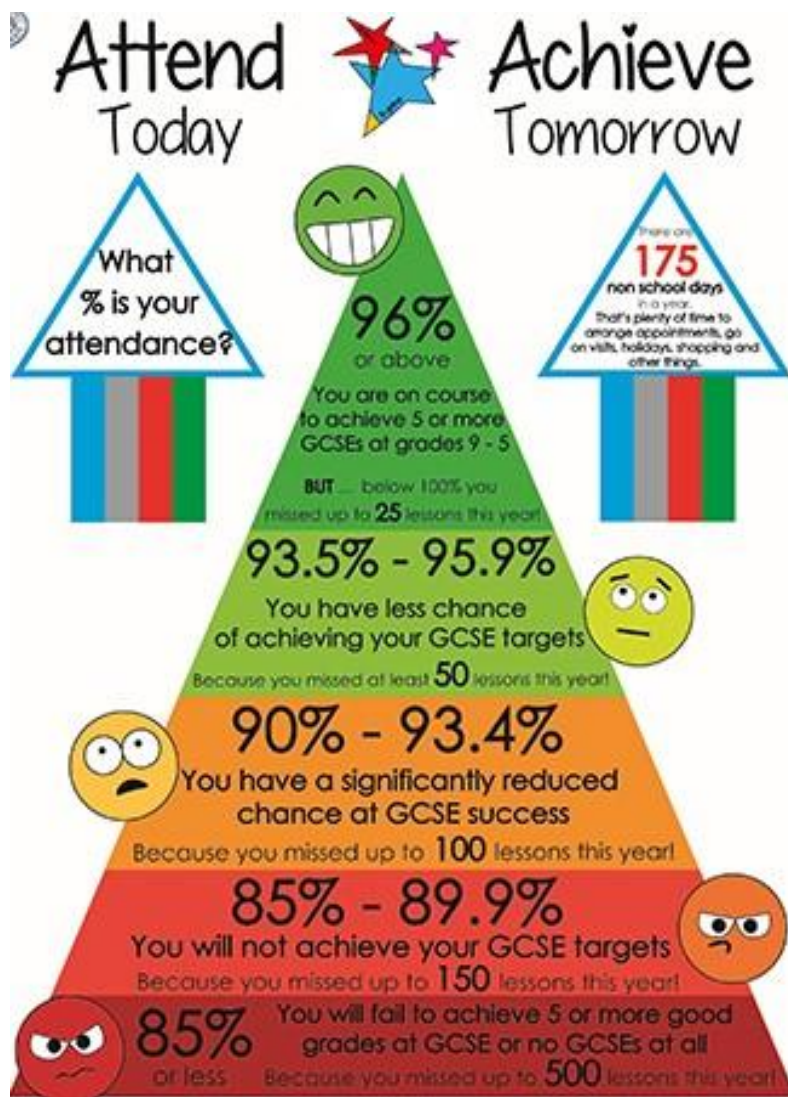
The cake sale raised an amazing £188.88! Well done!



Some children spent time at St James' Farm this week – they had a ride in the pony and trap - see the photos [here](#).

Head Lice Advice

Within most schools at any one time, there will be a small number of children infected with head lice. Infection levels remain fairly constant so we need your help to combat the bugs! Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please look up the advice from the NHS or ask your pharmacist on how to treat head lice if you find them.



Christmas celebrations launch in Gloucester this year next Saturday, 18th November which includes the Christmas Lights Switch-on.

The traditional lantern procession will kick-start the illuminations in the city centre.

Children across 6 primary Schools this year have drawn upon the theme of the 12 days of Christmas, an array of illuminated lanterns, pipers piping, and flying gold rings, will form a parade.

For the first time the parade route will include Kings Square. Happenings along the parade route include the Christmas light switch on at 4.50pm at the Cross, illuminating the gate streets. The Tree of Light Ceremony at 5pm in Kings Square and ending at Gloucester Cathedral for the Carol Concert at 5.30-6.15 pm. Children will have a chance to make their own lantern at Eastgate Shopping Centre between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

