

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 **Kindness**

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 5A (Mr Hutchinson/Mrs Bingham-Morrison's class) who won the weekly attendance award again this week with over 96% attendance.



Important Dates & Holidays (Term dates always on our website – www.st-james-junior.co.uk)

23-27 October		Year 5 Residential to Wick Court
Wednesday 25 October	9.15 am	Harvest Festival at St James' Church
Friday 27 October	3.20 pm	Last day of Term 1 – school finishes at 3.20 pm
Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November - Half-term		
Monday 6 November		First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 15 November		School Photos – Uniform needs to be worn and bring PE kit
Wednesday 22 November		Flu Immunisation (Please return slips asap)

REMINDER: Children 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 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: For safety reasons, children should only wear one pair of stud earrings to school and not dangly or hoop earrings. They will be asked to remove them if they are not safe.

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.

Parental Communication – Important Reminder

Absence

If your child is away from school for any reason you should inform the office via a telephone answerphone message/telephone call (01452 520714), text or an email to attendance@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk or admin@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk so that we do not have to contact you. Please state your child's full name clearly and what is the matter with your child in any message. **If you state your child is 'unwell' on messages or emails this will be entered as 'unauthorised'.** If we haven't had a reason for your child's absence we will text you, if no reply we will ring you to find out the reason. A letter will be sent if still no reason given.

If you require any information on the school, term dates, calendar dates, school lunch menu, class details, etc please take a look at our new website - <https://www.st-james-junior.co.uk/>

The school office is open from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm Monday-Friday.

Newsletter

Please read our weekly newsletter every week; it has important information and calendar dates. If you don't receive via email there is always a copy on our new website under News & Events.

www.st-james-junior.co.uk

Photographs of children taken in school

Can parents please email admin@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk if they **DO NOT** want their child(ren) photographed in school and on school trips/visits. If we haven't already heard from you we will presume that it is ok to take photographs of your child(ren) and put them in the newsletter/prospectus/on our website. School photographs taken by Colorfoto are only used on our SIMs information system, so this doesn't apply. We would always ask permission from parents for outside organisations to take photographs beforehand.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

97% = 6
attendance days off
= 30 hours
of learning lost



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. 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.

Items for sale from the school office

House PE t-shirts, rucksacks, book bags and school ties are available to purchase from the school office from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. Please bring correct change. We do not take payment with cards. T-shirt (£4). Book bag (£7.50), Rucksack (£11.60), School tie (£3.25).

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.

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.**



Home Stories

At St James, we know that speaking more than one language is an asset. That is why we have 'home stories', when parents are invited into school to read a story in their home language to a group of children that share that language. This week we read 'Quiet' in Arabic, which the children, and adults, thoroughly enjoyed!

Thank you, Mrs Rahmoun, for volunteering your time to come in and read to the children. If you would like to volunteer to read a 'home story', please let Miss Kirby know.



Girls' Football Match v Widden

Yesterday the Year 5 and 6 girls took part in their first league football match against one of our closest rivals, Widden. It must be said that leading up to the game the girls were just a little bit excited!!

The game itself was just as exciting and even at times nail-biting! With goal line incidents, some great passages of play, superb individual performances and most of all a whole team effort the girls won 1 goal to nil, with Ava scoring towards the end of the first half and Zara getting the assist.

Well done girls you should be super proud of yourselves as we are of you.

