



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

12 September 2025

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 who won the weekly attendance award with 99% and 6A who were runners-up with 97.6%. Well done!

Important Dates & Holidays – Please keep a copy of the term dates handy!

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 [here](#).

Thursday 18 September	Swimming for Year 5
Friday 19 September	Swimming for Year 6
Thursday 25 September	Swimming for Year 5
Friday 26 September	Swimming for Year 6
Tuesday 30 September	Wick Court Farm meeting for Parents/Carers
Wednesday 1 October	Nasal Flu Immunisation (see page 3)
Thursday 2 October	Colorfoto Individual Photographs
	Swimming for Year 5
Friday 3 October	Swimming for Year 6
Tuesday 7 October	9.00 am Harvest Festival at St James' Church <i>Parents Welcome</i>
Thursday 9 October	Swimming for Year 5
Friday 10 October	Swimming for Year 6
Thursday 23 October	Year 6 Trip to Oxford University
Monday 20 – Friday 24 October	Wick Farm Residential
Friday 24 October	End of Term 1 at 3.20 pm

School Hours

8.15 am	Gates Open/Breakfast Club
8.30 am	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
8.45 am	Pupils come into school
9.00 am	First session
3.20 pm	End of school day

Pupils should be in school by 8.45 am. All children who are late (when gates are shut) 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.**

REMINDER: School meals are £2.71 per day and £13.55 for a week and should be paid in advance via Parentpay. Please make sure all accounts are up-to-date and in credit.

Parentpay logins for all new children are available in the office. The school office is open from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm.

Important – Communication to Parents/Carers

We are now sending all communication via our new MIS system, via emails. It is important that you check your spam/junk folders and save our email address as trusted.

Please email admin@sjs.dgat.org.uk if you are not receiving emails and you are the main/second contact for your child please let Mrs Hayward know.

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.

PE t-shirts, ties and book bags are available to buy from the office from 8.30 am. We are awaiting delivery of some of the small sizes. Cash only please.

Immunisation Team
Edward Jenner Court
1010 Pioneer Avenue
Brockworth
Gloucester
GL3 4AW

Tel: 0300 421 8140

FLUimmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

**FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
(From Reception up to and including Year 11)**

This year it has been confirmed that the National Flu Vaccination Programme for 2025 is being offered to all school aged children from Reception up to and including Year 11.

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. It is important that you consent or decline the flu vaccination as soon as possible. If you do not respond, we will contact you again to make sure that you have received the offer of vaccination.

Giving consent

Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the following link ensure you use the Unique School Code below. To ease submission please ensure that you manually enter your unique school code and not copy and paste from the attached letter. You will receive an email confirming receipt.

[Flu Vaccination Consent Form \(ghcimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://ghcimmunisations.co.uk)

St James' C of E Junior School Unique Code: GC115606

This link will close at midday on the working day before the team is due to visit so please complete this as soon as possible as the team will be unable to take any consents after this point. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Gloucestershire Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 or email:

FLUimmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk

Why vaccinate

This vaccination will help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation. A leaflet explaining the programme is enclosed.

Getting the vaccine sooner

If your school's scheduled date is late within the autumn term and you wish to vaccinate your child earlier, please contact the team and book your child into one of our community clinics.

Is there Porcine Gelatine in the nasal spray?

The nasal spray contains very small amounts of porcine gelatine, which is used as a stabiliser in the vaccine. Some people may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products. For these children, there is an alternative injectable vaccine available this year and parents/carers should contact the team on the number below to book a clinic appointment as the injectable vaccination will not be delivered at school-based sessions.

Changed your mind?

If you have changed your mind and no longer want your child to be vaccinated, please email WithdrawConsentSAIS@GHC.NHS.UK at least **one full school day** before the session.

If withdrawing consent on the day of the vaccination session, please provide a written letter to your child's school reception for the urgent attention of the immunisation team. You will need to provide your child's name, date of birth and year group. If your child is too young to hand in the letter themselves, please ensure you give it to school reception at the start of the school day.

Need more information?

If you have any queries or would like any further information please contact the immunisation team on **0300 421 8140**.

Yours sincerely

Caroline

Caroline Halford
Head of School Aged Immunisations

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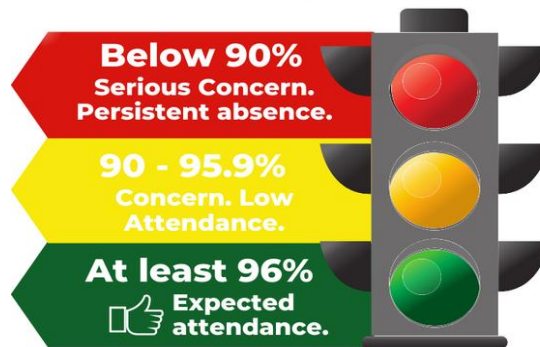
Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar

Please take a look at the website first before ringing us – www.st-james-junior.co.uk

Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6 - Payment for Year 5 and Year 6 swimming of **£2.50** needs to be made every week unless it has been paid for in full. Swimming is a part of the curriculum.

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

St James' Boys at the ESFA Large Schools 7-a-Side Festival

On Thursday 11 September, our St James' Junior School boys' team took part in the ESFA Large Schools 7-a-side Football Festival at Finlay Community School. This was our very first outing, and the boys represented the school brilliantly.

We played four fast-paced 8-minute games: drawing 0–0 with Carlton, drawing 0–0 with St Paul's, narrowly losing 1–0 to Finlay, and finishing on a high with a 1–0 win against Widden thanks to a superb goal from Triumph.

These results meant we finished third in our league with 7 points, securing a place in the next round of the competition. The boys will now face Hardwicke (hosts), Barnwood and Elmbridge Primary Schools on Thursday 18 September.

There were lots of positives to take away – from determined defending to some excellent attacking play – and most importantly, the boys played with smiles on their faces. I was very proud of their effort, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship throughout. Well done, Riley, Liam, Rayan, Khalid, Triumph, Jayden, Henar, Jaden and Admad!



Texting advice for parents and carers of children aged 5-19 years

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour support
- Sleep
- Bullying
- Healthy eating
- Bladder and Bowel needs (including toileting)
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Any other health needs requiring support

Text **ParentChat** now on:

07312 263059



chathealth.nhs.uk/

Disclaimer:

We may inform someone if we are concerned about your safety, or that of your child, but would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare professionals, who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply within 48 hours. You should receive a message to confirm we have received your text. Texts will not be seen outside working hours. If you need support before hearing back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If your child requires urgent medical support or attention, contact your nearest Accident and Emergency Department or call 999. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (this does not include messages from landlines, international mobile numbers, and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To stop receiving messages text 'STOP' to **07312 263059**. Texts are charged at your usual standard network message rate.



Barnwood Park School

AMBITION | DETERMINATION | SUCCESS

OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Thursday 2nd October 2025

*Bookings only

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd October 2025

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Headteacher talk at 6:00pm & 7:00pm

*No booking required



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GLOUCESTER UNDER-11 NETBALL

Year 1 & 2 / Year 3 & 4
Oxstalls Arena
Mondays, 5.15 - 6:15pm

Year 5 & 6
Oxstalls Arena
Mondays, 6:15 - 7:15pm

STARTING 1ST SEPTEMBER

School ages as of Sept '25.
Open to boys and girls!

FREE TASTER SESSION

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Get in touch to arrange:



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