

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

19 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 again with 99% and 5B who were runners-up with 97.2%. 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 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 4)
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
October Half Term	Monday 27– Friday 31 October
Start of Term 2	Monday 3 November

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.

Football – EFSA Festival

Yesterday, our boys' football team did St James' proud as they played in the second round of the EFSA Festival – the furthest any of our teams have gone in my time here! What an achievement already!

They faced some tough, well-organised opponents in Elmbridge, Barnwood and Hardwicke, but our boys showed incredible determination, teamwork and resilience. Even when the results didn't quite go our way, they never stopped battling and kept fighting right up until the final whistle.

We are so proud of the effort, spirit and sportsmanship they showed – they truly represented St James' brilliantly. Well done, boys!

For this year's Harvest Festival, we are taking part in the collection for Gloucester Foodbank.

Gloucester Foodbank provides emergency food parcels to local families in need. Our school have been chosen to be 'Pasta Champions' and have been asked to donate packs of pasta!

Please bring in your donations on
Monday 6th October.

Our Harvest Church Service will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 9am with the Year 4 Worship Team leading. Parents are welcome!






St James' CE Junior School

Could you be our next parent governor?

What does it mean to be a parent governor?

Being a parent governor means that you will:

- Have an even greater role in pupils' education.
- Have a key role in monitoring the progress of the school.
- Be part of the team who is responsible for the school.
- Be asked to dedicate time to the development of the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.
- Develop as a strategic leader with an opportunity to make a real difference to the school.
- Have an active role in all aspects of school life – from policy development to recruitment!

What would the parent governor do?

As the elected parent governor, you would:

- Make decisions in collaboration with the rest of the local governing board.
- Bring a parent viewpoint and perspective to discussion and debate – remembering the role is not to represent individual parent's views.
- Support the local governing board in its strategic monitoring of the school's improvement priorities.
- Ask questions and provide challenge to support the local governing board's monitoring activities.

Who is the school looking for?

We are looking for a dedicated and motivated member of our parent community who is keen to learn more about the school, the governance of the school and DGAT and work with the rest of the local governors and school community. This is a great opportunity to develop wider skills. We welcome a diverse range of views and roles on the local governing board.

We are looking for someone who is able to ask questions and is curious. You don't need to have been a governor before, the governing board will support you with an induction and relevant training.

Becoming the parent governor

If you would like more information on time commitments or specific duties please email Clerk to Governors, Roger Slater at clerk@his.dgat.org.uk who will answer any questions that you may have.

The position of parent governor is an elected role, and all people with parental responsibility of a child at the school is entitled to stand for election and vote in an election. You are welcome to self-nominate or be nominated. Please see the attached letter for further information about how to stand for election as parent governor. A letter has been sent to parents asking for nominations to be received by **12 Noon on Friday, 3rd October 2025**. Please consider putting yourself forward!



St James' CE Junior School



19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the local governing board.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role but, we are looking for parents who have the capacity to attend the required meetings and who are committed to attending training to support their development as a local governor.

The core functions of the governing board are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The term of office for all governors is four years.

At St James' C of E Junior School, we always aim for positive and purposeful partnerships with parents, which undoubtedly bring important benefits to the pupils. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The local governing board's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that all pupils receive a high-quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing board is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

We are confident that there are parents prepared to volunteer to take on this key role and give their time and commitment to help us continue to develop and improve the school's performance.

Governors currently meet as a board 7 times a year and meetings usually start at 4.30 pm on a Tuesday. All meetings are held at either Hatherley Infant School or St James' CE Junior School. If needed, additional meetings will be planned with, unless there are extraordinary circumstances, seven days' notice given. As this is a new local governing board for the first year there won't be committee meetings.

Governors are occasionally required to visit the school during the day for monitoring visits and are encouraged to support school events, where possible.

We offer new governors a comprehensive and supportive induction, and each new governor is assigned a mentor. Full training for the role is also available.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, self-nomination is acceptable – see attached form, which will need to be submitted to the returning officer by **12 Noon on Friday, 3rd October 2025.**

When nominating yourself or someone else for the role of parent governor, you are nominating the person you believe has the skills and commitment to undertake the role. You are also nominating someone you trust to represent the views of parents when working with other governors and the headteacher, to promote high standards and strategically develop the school. The parent governor's role is not to represent individual parents' views or to report back directly to parents.

Should you have any questions about the role please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk of Governors, Roger Slater, clerk@his.dgat.org.uk

Please complete the supporting statement form (available from the school office), not exceeding one side of A4. If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held and all parents eligible to vote will be sent a voting paper. In the event of an election, candidates supporting statements will be shared with parents eligible to vote in the format they have been submitted. It is recommended that a word-processed PDF version is submitted where possible. Handwritten submissions will not be transcribed.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Slater
Clerk to the Governing Board

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

Link: [Flu Vaccination Consent Form](https://ghcimmunisations.co.uk) Please type in School Code: GC115606

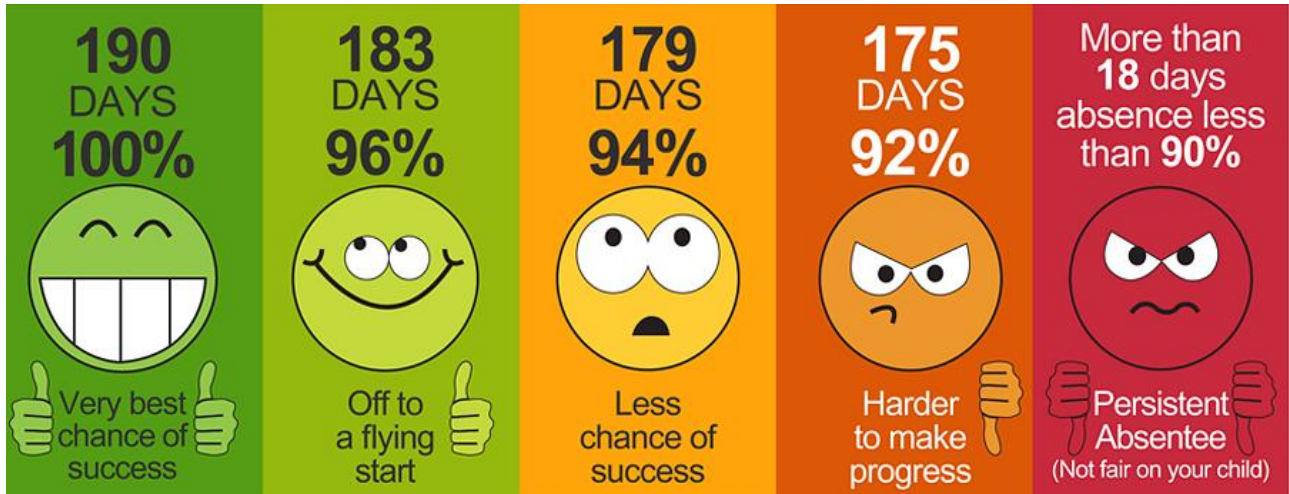
Got a question? Need to know something?

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.

Year 6 Oxford Trip – please get completed slips and payment in asap.



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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Apply online for free school meals



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and **save yourself up to £480 per year**. Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding. So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Education Planning & Infrastructure
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP



Beezee FAMILIES

Looking for healthy after-school snack ideas?

We've got you covered!
Our free, Beezee Families healthy lifestyle programme can help your family make healthy habits.

Tuck into these healthy snacks:

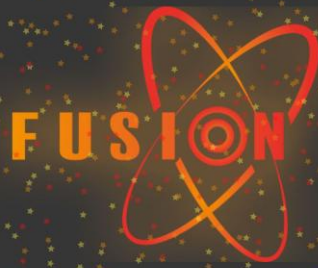
- Two wholegrain crackers and tzatsiki
- Rice cakes or corn cakes
- Two crackers with a spread of low-fat cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs
- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Ayran (yoghurt-based drink)
- Baked plantain
- Sebze kebab (grilled vegetable skewers)
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Apple slices with peanut butter.

Want more healthy lifestyle support?
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click the link

glo.maximusuk.co.uk

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 4 and up.



YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 3-6

EVERY TUESDAY IN TERM TIME

6PM - 7:15PM

**KINGFISHER CHURCH, MOOR STREET
TREDWORTH, GLOS
GL1 4NJ**

TEAM GAMES

POOL

BADMINTON

CRAFTS

BINGO

BOARD GAMES

TUCK SHOP

TABLE TENNIS

HANG-OUT



TERM 1

- 16TH SEPTEMBER - HANGOUT**
- 23RD SEPTEMBER - TEAM TIME**
- 30TH SEPTEMBER - CRAFT NIGHT**
- 7TH OCTOBER - TEAM TIME**
- 14TH OCTOBER - HANGOUT**
- 21ST OCTOBER - BINGO**

TERM 2

- 4TH NOVEMBER - HANGOUT**
- 11TH NOVEMBER - TEAM TIME**
- 18TH NOVEMBER - CRAFT NIGHT**
- 25TH NOVEMBER - TEAM TIME**
- 2ND DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS BINGO**
- 9TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DADS ONLY

For Dads, Grandads and Male Guardians!

10:30am-12pm

£1.50 per child or £2.50 per family



Stay and play every other Saturday
during term time for babies, toddlers
and children up to year 6!

Table football

Table tennis

Floor toys

Lego

Baby toys



Little Fishes

Kingfisher Church,
Moor Street
Gloucester, GL1 4NJ

£1.50 per child
or £2.50 per family
includes free tea & coffee
and children's snack

Mondays
10:30am - 12pm
(term time only)

Floor toys Table top toys
Baby corner Bible story
Singing time Ride on cars

