

St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

26 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 99.3% and 5B who were runners-up with 98%. 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](#).

Tuesday 30 September	3.30 pm	Wick Court Farm meeting for Parents/Carers – 3.30 pm
Wednesday 1 October		Nasal Flu Immunisation (see page 5)
Thursday 2 October		Colorfoto Individual Photographs – Children need to wear full uniform and bring PE kit if they have PE/swimming
		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@sjjs.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 now have all sizes and colours. Cash only please.

Girls' Football Report



On Wednesday, our girls' football team took part in their very first fixture, competing in the ESFA 7-a-side festival. They were due to face both Widden and St Paul's Primary Schools, but with St Paul's unable to attend, the team played Widden twice.

The first match was a tense battle that finished 0–0, with both sides working hard to break the deadlock. In the second game, Widden managed to edge ahead, securing a narrow 1–0 win.

Despite the results, our team showed fantastic determination, teamwork, and resilience. They gave absolutely everything on the pitch, learned a great deal from the experience, and should feel incredibly proud of themselves.

Well done, girls – a brilliant start to your football journey!

Mr Matthews

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!

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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.

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!



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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AL-ASHRAF SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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OPEN EVENING

FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS & PARENTS

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025

7 PM - 8:30 PM



Al-Ashraf Secondary School for Girls
Sinope Street, Gloucester, GL1 4AW
Tel: 01452 300465

<https://girls.al-ashraf.org.uk>



Ribston Hall High School

SHARING AMBITION

Open Morning and Evening - Thursday 16th October



Ambitious
academic learners



Confident
and creative thinkers



Proud
to be Ribston

Our students are inspired to perform to the best of their ability, challenge themselves and go beyond expectations.

This event is aimed at Year 6 students who will have received their grammar school results as well as perspective year 5 students who are at the start of their grammar school journey.

Ribston is a community we are all proud of.

Visit our website to find out more: www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us

CHEQUERS GYMNASTICS

🍀 Flip Into Fun This October! 🍀

Get ready for an **action-packed day** full of energy, excitement, and movement! 🍀
Our **Gymnastics Fun Day Camp** is perfect for kids **ages 5+**, offering a dynamic mix of:

🤸 Gymnastics skills & challenges

🎮 Fun games & obstacle courses

🤝 Team activities & lots of laughter

Whether your child is a complete beginner or already flipping with confidence, they'll have a blast in a **safe, supportive environment**. It's the perfect way to **stay active, make new friends**, and enjoy a day filled with **nonstop fun!**

📅 **Date:** Tuesday 28th October

🕒 **Time:** 9:30am – 4:00pm

📍 **Location:** Checkers Gymnastics, Upton Street

✉ **Email:** info@checkersgymnastics.co.uk

💬 **Message us on Facebook**

Spaces are limited—book today to secure your spot and let the fun begin! 🍀

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.

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