



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

3 October 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 4A who won the weekly attendance award with 97.1% and 5A who were runners-up with 96.3%. 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](#).

Monday 6 October		Donations in school for Gloucester Food Bank
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
Wednesday 15 October		Parents' Evening (2.30 – 7.00 pm) Please complete sheet
Monday 20 – Friday 24 October		Wick Farm Residential
Thursday 23 October		Year 6 Trip to Oxford University
		Swimming for Year 5
Friday 24 October		Swimming for Year 6
		End of Term 1 at 3.20 pm
<i>Monday 27– Friday 31 October</i>		<i>October Half Term</i>
Monday 3 November		Start of Term 2
Thursday 6 November		Swimming for Year 5
Friday 7 November		Swimming for Year 6

### 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](mailto: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.

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 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

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

## 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](http://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.

### Year 5 Farming Enrichment Day

On Tuesday, Year 5 had an amazing enrichment day with Jo and Jess from Wick Court Farm. The classroom was buzzing with excitement – especially when real chickens came to visit!

The children got stuck into three brilliant activities: baking tasty apple and blackberry tarts, learning how to care for chickens, and making colourful boiled egg hats out of wool. They were full of enthusiasm, asked lots of thoughtful questions, and loved every moment.

One pupil said, "It was so much fun – I couldn't believe we had chickens in the classroom!" Another added, "I can't wait to go on the farm residential now!"

A huge thank you to Jo and Jess for such a fun and memorable day, which has really set the children up for their exciting residential in just a few weeks' time.

**Mr Matthews**

Take a look at the photos [here](#).



**Benchball Competition photos – take a look [here](#).**

## **Girls' Football Team – First League Match**

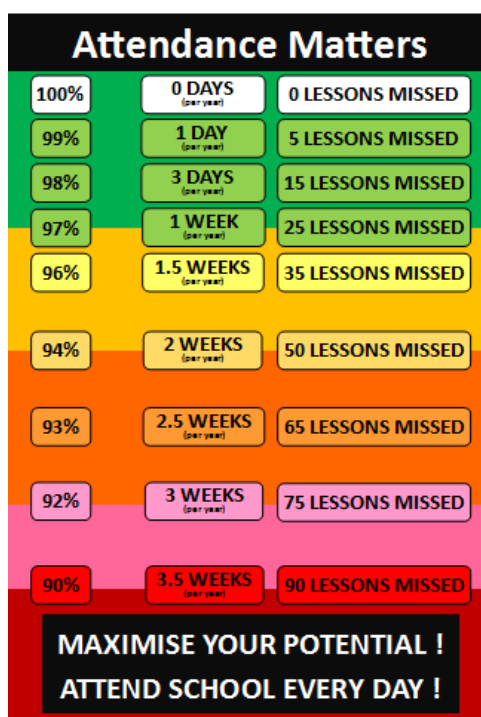


On Monday, the girls' football team played their very first league fixture against Linden Primary School. It was an exciting match full of energy and determination. From the very first whistle, the girls showed fantastic teamwork, battling for every ball and supporting each other on and off the pitch.

Despite coming up against strong opposition, our players never gave up and continued to show great grit right until the final whistle. There were some brilliant moments of passing, excellent defending, and brave goalkeeping. Every player gave 100% and should feel incredibly proud of their effort and commitment.

Although the final score was 5–0 to Linden, the team gained valuable experience and are already looking forward to their next match. A huge well done to all the players for their resilience, sportgirlship, and for representing our school with a smile on their faces.

**Mr Matthews**



## Newent Community School

As Headteacher of Newent Community School, I am delighted to invite all Year 6 parents and carers to our upcoming Open Events. These occasions offer a wonderful opportunity to explore our vibrant school community, meet our dedicated staff, and discover the wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities we provide. Whether you're joining us for a daytime tour or an evening presentation, we look forward to welcoming you and sharing how Newent Community School nurtures ambition, celebrates individuality, and supports every student to thrive. <https://youtube.com/shorts/AOUvx8MGjAc?feature=share>

Mr B Dumayne, Headteacher



# Ribston Hall High School

SHARING AMBITION


## Open Morning and Evening - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us)

**PUNCTUALITY  
MATTERS**

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR  
**5 MINUTES**  
late each day  
= **3** days off  
in total



**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS**

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR  
**97% = 6**  
attendance days off  
= **30 hours**  
of learning lost

