

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

10 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



### 3A Class Award



**Congratulations to 4A who won the weekly attendance award again with 98.2% and 5A who were runners-up again with 95.7%. 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](#).

Wednesday 15 October	Parents' Evening (2.30 – 7.00 pm) Please complete sheet
Thursday 16 October 3.20 pm	<b>Cake Sale (Bring cake donations in from Monday)</b>
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
<b>Monday 27– Friday 31 October</b>	<b>October Half Term</b>
Monday 3 November	Start of Term 2
Thursday 6 November	Swimming for Year 5
Friday 7 November	Swimming for Year 6
Tuesday 11 November	Remembrance Service in School
Thursday 13 November	Swimming for Year 5
Friday 14 November	Swimming for Year 6

### School Hours

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

### 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 Photos

Your child should have brought home last week their school photo code from Colorfoto. Register your code at [www.clickfoto.co.uk](http://www.clickfoto.co.uk) to access your Early Purchase Discount! If you have lost the code or didn't receive one we have them in the office.

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.



# St James' C of E Junior School



## **CAKE SALE**

**Thursday 16 October**

**3.20 pm**

**Bring lots of change!**

**Cake donations from  
Monday 13 October please.**

### **Netball Team**



## Harvest Festival Collection




What a fantastic Harvest!


We enjoyed celebrating Harvest with our Church Service on Tuesday. Thank you to the Year 4 worship team for leading us so well.

A big thank you to everyone who donated towards our Harvest collection. Gloucester Foodbank have collected all our donations and will be sent out to those in need in Gloucester!





**THANK YOU**



**St James C of E Junior School**

For your incredible 2025 harvest donations totalling

**94.8 kg (of which 62.25 kg was pasta) which equals 226 meals**  
of food & essentials

This generosity is greatly appreciated by the foodbank team and those we are able to help

**Your donation will help us provide emergency food to our community.**

## Football Match Report – St James vs Castle Hill

On Thursday, the boys took on Castle Hill in a tough league match. Although the final score was 2–0 to Castle Hill, this was one of the best performances a St James' team has ever produced in Mr Matthews' eyes!

From the first whistle, the boys showed incredible determination, battling for every ball and never giving up. They defended brilliantly, soaking up wave after wave of pressure, and our goalkeeper pulled off some fantastic saves to keep us in the game. We also looked great going forward, creating some exciting chances of our own.

It wasn't until halfway through the second half that Castle Hill finally managed to score, with their second goal coming late on as we began to tire. Even though the result didn't go our way, the team can hold their heads high — their effort, teamwork, and spirit made St James proud!

A big thank you to Mr Hutchinson for refereeing the game, and as always, it was fantastic to see so many parents coming along to cheer the team on!



**Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the October Half Term 2025 will be open from midday 7 October until midday on 14 October. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 20 October.**

Please encourage families to check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by 27 October, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This October Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals. The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.** Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week**. To find out more about the scheme and to apply, those wishing to find out more about eligibility and the scheme can do so by visiting our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#) **Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the October Half Term holiday vouchers** - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.



# Ribston Hall High School

SHARING AMBITION

## Open Morning and Evening - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October



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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.

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### St Peter's High School

Due to high demand, we are delighted to offer an additional open morning at St Peter's High School on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 9:30am-10:30am.

To book, please visit:

<https://www.sphs.uk.com/school-information/admissions>

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## OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

Ages 5-12 | 9AM - 3PM | All genders welcome FOR ALL ABILITIES

Run by FA qualified, first aid trained and DBS enhanced checked coaches.

GIRLS ONLY COURSES AVAILABLE

Courses held at:  
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