



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

18 July 2025

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Joy**

Message from Mrs Gardiner, Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

This is St James' last Newsletter of this academic year; and what a fantastic year it's been again!

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the wonderful staff here at St James' for their hard work and dedication to ensuring your children get a wonderful all-round education. Their professionalism and dedication to their jobs is exceptional.

Then I'd like to thank all of you; our parents and carers. Your continued support for us here at the school is hugely appreciated at the many events we have had throughout the year from Celebration assemblies, dance festivals, football fixtures, sports days and many more... I am already looking forward to seeing you all again in September, and saying good morning on the gate.

Finally, and most importantly, I'd like to thank all the children for just being amazing. It is a pleasure to work here at St James' Junior School, and your children are what makes it a pleasure. They never cease to amaze us and make us all laugh. No day is ever the same and that is why it is such a rewarding job.

We wish all the Year 6's the best of luck in their new schools and their future adventures and we feel confident that they will all grow to be successful in their own special ways.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Sylvester who will be continuing her teaching career in a different setting. We wish her luck in her new role.

Mrs Acton is also leaving us to go on maternity leave for a year; we wish her an enjoyable, relaxing summer and look forward to meeting her new arrival in the Autumn term.

To everyone else, we wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again on **Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 8.45 am.**

Kind regards

*Mrs E Gardiner
Acting Headteacher*

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.

Congratulations to 3N who won the weekly attendance award with 95.7% and 6B who were runners-up with 92.6%. The Yearly winners were also 3B 96.1% and 6B 95.8%. Well done!

Well done to Sapphire who won this year's House Award.

Well done to Faiz in Year 6 who won the termly attendance and Zafwat in Year 3 who won the yearly attendance. They received a £10 toy voucher.

Important Dates & Holidays

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 [here](#).

Friday 18 July	1.30 pm	Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm
Monday 21 July		INSET Day
Tuesday 22 July – Friday 31 August		Summer Holidays
Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September		INSET Days
Wednesday 3 September		Start of Term 1 at 8.45 am

Year 5 Oxford Science

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

JCA Year 6 Residential

Look at the photos [here](#).

Health & Well-being/Sports Day – Photos

Take a look at the week's fun [here](#).

Bikeability Courses

Gloucestershire County Council is running Bikeability courses at SkillZONE (Tuffley Lane, Gloucester, GL4 0AS) during the Summer Holiday 2025. The courses are designed for children aged 9 to 14 and delivered by fully qualified, Enhanced DBS-checked and First Aid trained instructors in small groups (1 instructor to 3 children). The cost is just £8 per participant.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/noticeboard/schoolsnet-bulletin-board/bikeability-course-registration-summer-holiday-2025/>

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.**

Parentpay

Please make sure all parentpay accounts are cleared and credit is added ready for September. All lunch accounts will need to be paid via parentpay, not cash from September.

The summer holidays are just around the corner and while we're hoping for more sunshine, you never know.

Looking for ways to get the kids moving more and using screens less? We're here to help!

Check out our rainy day activities.

Our **FREE** healthy lifestyle programme, **Beezee Families**, can help you get moving, find tasty recipes, and have fun no matter the weather!

Scan the code to sign up today

...or click here to get started



glo.maximusuk.co.uk

Get a **FREE** summer activity pack



Find out more on our website

Make an indoor obstacle course



Have a dance party



Host an indoor picnic



Play sink or float



Find a see-through container, fill with water and get experimenting!

Try a new healthy recipe



Write a play and perform it



Go on a puddle walk



Don't forget the wellies!



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

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GLOUCESTER SCHOOL NURSING Parenting Workshops

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH & WELLBEING

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER WITH A CHILD AT A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN GLOUCESTER? COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY PARENTING WORKSHOPS

The school nursing team provide practical advice and signposting to support your child for a variety of health topics. 1:1 question time at the end of every session

Drinks and activities for children provided during the session

SLEEP, BEHAVIOUR, ANXIETY, & WELLBEING

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY
1PM - 2.30PM

THE BEACON CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
KINGSWAY, GL2 2AR

FUSSY EATING, CONTINENCE, & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

TUESDAY 29TH JULY
10 AM - 11.30PM

THE LINK, CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
MATSON, GL4 6BE

SLEEP, BEHAVIOUR, ANXIETY, & WELLBEING

MONDAY 4TH AUGUST
10 AM - 11.30PM

THE LIGHTHOUSE, CHILDREN'S
CENTRE, LINDEN, GL1 5HE

FUSSY EATING, CONTINENCE, & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST, 1PM - 2.30PM

THE OAKS CHILDREN'S CENTRE, TUFFLEY,
GL4 0RN

SLEEP, BEHAVIOUR, ANXIETY, & WELLBEING

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST,
1PM - 2.30PM

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KINGSHOLM, GL1 3DN

SLEEP, BEHAVIOUR, ANXIETY, & WELLBEING

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER,
10AM - 11.30 AM

THE LINK, CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
MATSON, GL4 6BE

FUSSY EATING, CONTINENCE, & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER,
9.30 AM - 11 AM

BARTONGATE, CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
GL1 4AW

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE & FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT OUR FRIENDLY TEAM
georgie.edwards2@ghc.nhs.uk or 0300 421 4675



Gloucestershire Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust



Dynamos Cricket

**FREE Summer holiday camp
GL1 Leisure Centre, Gloucester**

**Wednesday 6th August
10:00am till 3:00pm**

**Softball cricket for girls and boys
age 8 to 11 with food provided**

**On sign up you receive a
personalised New Balance T-shirt!**

**Use voucher code - 4P9SJ
Register your place now:**





Respect + Optimism + Community + Kindness

Open Week for Prospective Students Y7 Admission September 2026

Monday 22nd September 2025 to Thursday 25th September 2025
9:30am to 10:30am



Guided tour of the
school by our
students

See our teachers and
classrooms in action

Talk in our Chapel
from our Principal

+ **Unlock Your Potential** +

To book a session, visit our website.



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School Term Dates & Holidays - 2025-26

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24		
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	4	11	18	25		
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	Wednesday	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	Thursday	6	13	20	27	
Friday	5	12	19	26		Friday	3	10	17	24	31	Friday	7	14	21	28	
Saturday	6	13	20	27		Saturday	4	11	18	25		Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	7	14	21	28		Sunday	5	12	19	26		Sunday	2	9	16	23	30
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY							
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	5	12	19	26		Monday	2	9	16	23	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	6	13	20	27		Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31	Wednesday	7	14	21	28		Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
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Saturday	6	13	20	27		Saturday	3	10	17	24	31	Saturday	7	14	21	28	
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MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
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Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	Tuesday	7	14	21	28		Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
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Term Time	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	INSET Days (No children in school)
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Term Dates 2025-26

Term 1: Wednesday 3 September – Friday 24 October 2025

Term 2: Monday 3 November – Friday 19 December 2025

Term 3: Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February 2026

Term 4: Tuesday 24 February – Friday 27 March 2026

Term 5: Tuesday 14 April – Friday 22 May 2026

Term 6: Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2026

Bank Holidays 2025-26:

Christmas Bank Holidays Thursday 25 December 2025

Friday 26 December 2025

New Year Bank Holiday Thursday 1 January 2026

Good Friday Friday 3 April 2026

Easter Monday Monday 6 April 2026

Early May Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2026

Summer Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2026

INSET Days: Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025, Monday 5 January 2026, Monday 23 February and Monday 20 July



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School Term Dates & Holidays - 2026-27

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Term Time 
Bank Holiday 

Holidays 
INSET 

Bank Holidays 2026-27:

Christmas Bank Holidays	Friday 25 December 2026 Monday 28 December 2026
New Year Bank Holiday	Friday 1 January 2027
Good Friday	Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29 March 2027
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2027

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- Term 2: Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2026
- Term 3: Tuesday 5 January - Friday 12 February 2027
- Term 4: Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 25 March 2027
- Term 5: Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May 2027
- Term 6: Monday 7 June – Tuesday 20 July 2027

INSET DAYS: TUESDAY 1 and WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026, MONDAY 4 JANUARY, MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 21 JULY