



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

13 June 2025

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

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3B who won this week's attendance with 96.2% closely followed by 6B with 96%.

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 19 June		Reading Café for Year 3 Cake Sale after school – Please bring in donations
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July		Health & Wellbeing week (PE kits/House t-shirts)
Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 July		Year 6 JCA
Tuesday 15 July	11 am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 16 July	2.00 pm	Awards Ceremony at St James' Church (Parents welcome)
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 & Tuesday 1/2 September		INSET Days
Wednesday 3 September		Start of Term 1

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 all the time.**

Parentpay logins for all children are available in the office. The school office is open from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. **If you have a Parentpay account and our having problems accessing it; please contact Parentpay via their website.**

Communication with School

If you need to contact the school, for example to let us know that your son/daughter is not attending school, not attending a club, going home with someone else, is leaving early for an appointment, or another reason, please contact us by text via T2P/email (admin@sjjs.dgat.org.uk) if you can, with your child's full name and registration group so we can make sure we get any messages clearly. This does not always happen with telephone messages. Telephone messages are not always very clear and as we have over 200 children at school we have a lot of students with similar names.

Please also be aware that the school office is only manned until 3.30 pm.

Caterlink Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision we provide.

Parents/Guardians please take part in this survey if your child(ren) have school meals. The survey will close on 31st July.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXMHL8D>




Penny Richards, Director of Central Operations




Got a question? Need to know something?

Please take a look at the website first before ringing us – www.st-james-junior.co.uk

Term Dates ● School Calendar ● Trips and Visits

Learning Café 

Join your child and their teacher to share information about events this term.



Where? St James' Junior School Hall
When? 8:45—9:15am

6A and B— May 8th (SATS Info)
Year 5A— May 22nd (Getting ready for Y6)
Year 4A and 4B- June 5th (Handwriting and Presentation)
Year 3A and 3B-June 19th (Handwriting and Presentation)

Cake Sale

St James' C of E Junior School

Thursday 19 June – after School



Cake: Parents please bring in some cakes to sell at the sale.

Please bring lots of change!

Cattle Country Trip 2025

The 30 attendance award winners had a fantastic day out on Thursday. Despite the torrential rain we managed to see all the animals and play on all the attractions. As always, the children were kind and respectful to all, thanking the Rotary Club members they met.

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

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Charity Number

FARMS FOR
CITY CHILDREN

Open Farm Event Wick Court

Overton Lane, Arlingham, GL2 7JJ



**Sunday 22 June
10am - 4pm**

An opportunity to meet our animals, have a tour of the Elizabethan manor house, get involved in a range of family activities, including games and craft activities, visit our farm shop and cafe.



Wick Court is a Elizabethan manor house, and working farm, enabling children from urban environments to live and work in a rural setting for a week.
Open to the public one day a year!

Wick Farm Residential for next year's Year 5s – October 2025

PLACES AVAILABLE!



REMINDER - The **Trip** has been offered to our current Year 4 children for when they are in Year 5. The trip will take place at **Wick Court Farm from Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025**. It will give the children the opportunity to be a **'Farmer for the Week'**!

The farm is part of the 'Farms for Children' Charity, it is a working farm purely for children and is based just outside of Gloucester. The charity has been awarded a substantial amount of funding for 3 local Primary Schools from Gloucester, of which we were chosen and thus we are able to offer this residential trip to **36 children at a massively reduced price of £90.00 for the complete trip**. We believe that the learning opportunity and the new activities they will undertake will be like nothing they have ever experienced and most definitely will stay with them for the rest of their lives. The children will stay in bright and cosy dormitory style bedrooms with en-suite facilities, and there will always be a minimum of **4 members of staff on site at all times** plus staff from the charity. The children will take part in a range of activities from feeding the animals, grooming the horses, herding sheep, visiting a local dairy farm, bee keeping, bird and bat watching and tending to the farm's gardens where they will pick fresh produce that will be used in the meals they eat and of course mucking and cleaning out all of the animal's enclosures!! Look at the fun they had on last year's trip - [St James' Church of England Junior School - Year 4 & Year 5 Residential to Wick Farm - October 2024](#)

Gloucestershire Grammar Schools' Admissions for September 2026 Entry

The Entrance Test for September 2026 Entry (current Year 5 pupils) will take place on **Saturday 13 September 2025**.

Registration to sit the test is open between noon on **Monday 19 May** and noon on **Friday 27 June 2025**.

More information about the schools, open events and practice materials for the entrance test can be found on the individual school websites.

The websites for the 7 grammar schools are below:

Girls: [Denmark Road High School](#), [Ribston Hall High School](#), [Stroud High School](#)

Boys: [Marling School](#), [Sir Thomas Rich's School](#)

Mixed: [The Crypt School](#), [Pate's Grammar School](#)

Free Spring Activities for Children, Young People & Families



An update on HAF booking this Summer...

We will continue to allow families time to browse all of the activities that are on offer two weeks before they are available to book online.

From 16th of June 12pm, you will be able to view all the activities on offer in the Spring. This means you will be ready when **activity booking goes live at 12pm on the 30th of June**

The **Summer HAF Activities** will take place between **21st of July** and the **29th of August**.

Activities for Families living in Gloucester City Can be found here: familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Setting up an account is easy:
Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

T: 07340 709 871

E: gloshafconnector@gmail.com



Gloucester City HAF holiday activities & food

GLoucester City HAF PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

HAF takes place three times a year during school holidays in:

- Spring
- Summer
- Winter

Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

- Family activities
- Children and young people activities
- Ticketed attractions

Signposting

You can contact us for support and we can signpost you to organisations that can help you.

Food

Food is available during activities making sure your children have access to a healthy meal.

If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:
gloshafconnector@gmail.com
07340709871
familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk
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LATENESS
How much time can you lose?
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR
5 minutes
late each day

= 3
days off

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

Introducing The Family Hub Booking System:

As you may know, we will be moving to a new booking system this summer; The Family Hubs booking system. We're excited to introduce to you the new system and the new features that should make and booking activities easier.

This will mean families will have to register new accounts on the new system CABS will no longer be used for your accounts or bookings

familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

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FUNDED NETBALL TRAINING for children in Gloucestershire.

Join Now

- ✓ School Years 4 to 11.
- ✓ Must be eligible and meet qualifying criteria.
- ✓ Location: The Kings School Gloucester.
- ✓ Limited Spaces.

info@titansnetball.co.uk
www.titansnetball.co.uk

JOIN US!

Join Our Development Squads in Preparation For The 25/26 Season

TRAINING TIMES & VENUES:

Tuesdays

Age: U9s, U10s & U11s (school years 4,5 & 6)
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesdays

Age: U12s, U13s & U14s (school years 7,8 & 9)
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Venue: The Kings School, Gloucester

Fridays

Age: U14s & U16s (school years 9, 10 & 11)
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Venue: The Kings School, Gloucester

☀ **Summer break plans? We've got you covered!**

Keep the kids active and smiling with our Holiday Camps:

🤸 **Gymnastics Fun Day Camp (Ages 5+)**

A full day of gymnastics, games, and non-stop fun—perfect for energetic kids who love to move!

🌸 **Tumbling Camp (Ages 5+)**

Have a little one flipping around the house? This camp is ideal for learning new tumbling skills in a safe and supportive setting. Also designed for experienced tumblers ready to level up! Focus on refining technique with expert coaching and fun challenges.

Spots are limited—book now and let the fun begin! **BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!** Checkers Gymnastics

AGES 4-16 YRS
OFSTED REGISTERED
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
JUSTCAMPS.CO.UK

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS JUST GOT A WHOLE LOT MORE FUN!

**SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL
LONGLEVENS, GLOUCESTER**

"MY SON ABSOLUTELY LOVES JUST CAMPS! SO GLAD WE'VE FOUND THIS CLUB. AMAZING VALUE AND I KNOW HE IS SAFE!"
LINDSEY, PARENT

NEW GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR 2025!

REGISTER HERE

COACH
www.justcamps.co.uk

KIDS' ACTIVITY AND SPORTS CAMPS DURING EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FOOTBALL MULTI-SPORTS DODGEBALL ARTS & CRAFTS NINTENDO SWITCH CRICKET
TENNIS HOCKEY NERF WARS TAG GAMES PARACHUTE GAMES & MUCH MORE



Hello!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to get your school community exploring the great outdoors?

At **Over Farm's Countryside Adventure**, we've created the perfect mix of fresh air, barnyard fun, and hands-on animal encounters – just a stone's throw from you in Highnam, Gloucester. It's an ideal destination for families looking to connect with nature, burn off energy, and make magical memories.

Tractor rides, quad train, jumping pillows, mini golf, animal encounters & more!

To help support local schools like yours, we're offering **£1 back to your school for every ticket sold through your unique code.**

It's a brilliant way to...

- Encourage outdoor play and nature connection
- Support family time during the school break
- Raise a few extra pounds for your school!



We'll provide you with a custom school code and ready-to-go digital materials (like posters and flyers) so you can spread the word easily. Every ticket booked with your code sends £1 straight back to your school – simple as that!

If you'd like to get involved, just reply to this email and we'll get everything set up for you.

We'd love to welcome your families to the farm soon!



The Over Farm Team



@countrysideadventure_overfarm



@CountrysideAdventureOverFarm

Please contact katie@overfarm.co.uk to get your unique school code



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School Term Dates & Holidays - 2024-25

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday	7	14	21	28	Monday	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	Thursday	7	14	21	28	
Friday	6	13	20	27	Friday	4	11	18	25	Friday	1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	Saturday	5	12	19	26	Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	Sunday	6	13	20	27	Sunday	3	10	17	24	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	Wednesday	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	Thursday	6	13	20	27	
Friday	6	13	20	27	Friday	3	10	17	24	31	Friday	7	14	21	28	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	1	8	15	22		
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	2	9	16	23	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY						
Monday	3	10	17	24	31	Monday	7	14	21	28	Monday	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	4	11	18	25	Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	Tuesday	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	Wednesday	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	6	13	20	27	Thursday	3	10	17	24	Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	
Friday	7	14	21	28	Friday	4	11	18	25	Friday	2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	Saturday	5	12	19	26	Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	Sunday	6	13	20	27	Sunday	4	11	18	25	
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday	7	14	21	28	Monday	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	Thursday	7	14	21	28	
Friday	6	13	20	27	Friday	4	11	18	25	Friday	1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	Saturday	5	12	19	26	Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	Sunday	6	13	20	27	Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

Term Time	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	INSET Days (No children in school)
Election Day (School Closed as being used as a Polling Station)			

Term Dates 2024/25

- Term 1: Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October 2024
- Term 2: Monday 4 November – Fri 20 December 2024
- Term 3: Tuesday 7 January - Friday 14 February 2025
- Term 4: Tuesday 25 February – Friday 11 April 2025
- Term 5: Monday 28 April – Friday 23 May 2025
- Term 6: Monday 2 June – Friday 18 July 2025

Bank Holidays 2024/25

- Christmas Bank Holidays: Wednesday 25 December 2024, Thursday 26 December 2024
- New Year Bank Holiday: Wednesday 1 January 2025
- Good Friday: Friday 18 April 2025
- Easter Monday: Monday 21 April 2025
- Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025
- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26 May 2025
- Summer Bank Holiday: Monday 25 August 2025

INSET Days: Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September 2024, Monday 6 January, Monday 24 February, Monday 21 July (Children not in school).