



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

20 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



Ribston Science Day



Congratulations to 4B and 5A who were joint Attendance Winners this week.

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Wednesday 25 June		No Forest School for Year 6
	9.00 am	Athletics at Prince of Wales Stadium, Cheltenham
Friday 27 June	Noon	Registration finishes for Grammar Test (see page 4)
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July		Health & Wellbeing week (PE kits/House t-shirts)
Wednesday 2 July		Sports Day at The Glebe – 9.30 am – 12.00 pm (See page 3)
Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 July		Year 6 JCA Residential
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

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@sjs.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.

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!



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

St James' C of E Junior School



Sports Day
WEDNESDAY 2 JULY

The Glebe – 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Spectators are welcome to attend
However, please be aware that abusive, threatening or violent behaviour will not be tolerated. Visitors behaving in this way will be asked to leave the premises.

Please make sure children come to school wearing their house t-shirts, trainers and bring a drink bottle.

Please do not bring dogs.

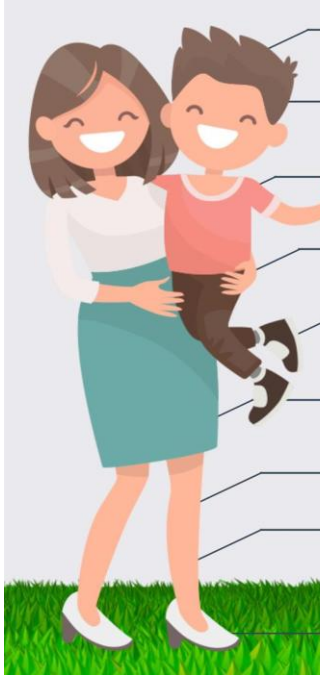
Suntan Lotion & Sun hats

Bring Plenty of water



20 WAYS PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILD TO HAVE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE WHEN PLAYING SPORT

@BELIEVEPHQ



SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD	PRAISE YOUR CHILD
BE A POSITIVE PARENT ROLE MODEL	PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
PUT TRUST IN THE COACHES' METHODS	ENCOURAGE SELF AWARENESS
LISTEN TO WHAT YOUR CHILD HAS TO SAY	MAKE SURE YOU ARE HAVING FUN
RESPECT THE OFFICIALS AND COACHES	DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S AUTONOMY
BELIEVE IN YOUR CHILD'S ABILITIES	HELP YOUR CHILD TO LEARN FROM FAILURE
DON'T OVER PRESSURE YOUR CHILD	DON'T BECOME OVER INVOLVED
LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS	PROMOTE FAIR PLAY
BE PROUD OF YOUR CHILD	FOCUS ON THE PROCESS NOT THE RESULT
DON'T SHOUT OUT COACHING INSTRUCTIONS	DON'T SHOUT AT YOUR CHILD



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June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We have some very exciting news to share with you. As our numbers have continued to grow and our school has become more popular, we will, in September 2026, become a two-form entry school and will therefore need another classroom. Building work on the caretaker's house to create a classroom, a wet room and offices will start on Monday 7 July and hopefully be completed by November. They will also replace many of the windows and complete other remedial works around the school.

Much of the really disruptive work will be carried out over the summer holidays, however, there will be on-going work in the Autumn term. This will not affect the main building of the school but there will be a compound on the playground so outside space will be slightly restricted. We will manage this by splitting breaktimes and lunchtimes so there are less children outside at any one time.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Emma Gardiner
Acting Head Teacher



Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral

Year 6 went to Gloucester Cathedral for their annual Leavers' service. Ava and Rebecca read prayers and Ayra and Sajjad were the banner bearers and Dillan carried our school candle. The Year 6s then enjoyed a picnic in the Cathedral grounds.

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

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 until **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](#)



Year 6 Leavers' Prom

To All Year 6 Parents

It's nearly time for the year 6s to move on to secondary school and it's time to celebrate all they have achieved.

A small group of parents have come together to give them something special for one last time before they go their separate ways.

We are giving them a Leavers Prom, which will be held at St James' Club, Barton Street, Gloucester 5pm-7pm on **Wednesday 16th July**

This is a ticketed event so all costs are covered and will be £8 each.

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


**PRAY FOR
SCHOOLS**

EVERY SCHOOL A PRAYED FOR SCHOOL...

Wednesday 25th June
7:30 - 9:00 pm
St Barnabas Church
Gloucester

Do you pray for your child's school?
Are you a teacher or member of staff, praying for your school?
Come along and meet others who pray for our schools.

The evening will provide an opportunity to meet other people
praying for your school and network with other groups.

Guest speakers will help us understand that knowing that
people are praying for your school really makes a difference.

refreshments provided

For more details contact Helen Champion at hchampion@glosdioc.org.uk



WWW.PRAYFORSCHOOLS.ORG

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



WHAT'S ON: MOOMIN 80



Rotate your device to see everything going on for Moomin 80 in Glouceste. For all the info, go to: gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/moomins



June	Start	Event	Venue	Running time	Price	Need to book?
Sat 14 to Sun 22	10am	YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU MIGHT BE A RELATION	Gloucester Docks	Every day until 6pm	Free	No
Tue 17 to Fri 20	12pm & 5pm	WELCOME CHORUS: IMMERSIVE INSTALLATION	Gloucester Guildhall	12pm until 2pm 5pm until 8pm	Free	No
Wed 18	11am	ONTO THE WATER: LANGUAGE EXCHANGE WALK	Waterways Museum	1h 30m	Free	Yes
Fri 20	5.30pm	BOAT RIDE: MOONLIT ARRIVAL FROM THE WATER	Waterways Museum	1h	Free	Yes
	6pm	MOONLIT ARRIVAL	Gloucester Docks	30m	Free	No
	6.30pm	BOAT RIDE: MOONLIT ARRIVAL FROM THE WATER	Waterways Museum	1h	Free	Yes
	7pm	MOONLIT ARRIVAL	Gloucester Docks	30m	Free	No
Sat 21	11.30am	MEET A MOOMIN: AT THE DOCKS	Gloucester Docks	30m	Free	No
	11am	ONTO THE WATER: LET'S PADDLE!	Waterways Museum	1h	Free	Yes
	11am	WELCOME CHORUS: IMMERSIVE INSTALLATION	Gloucester Guildhall	Until 5pm	Free	No
	12pm	MOOMIN PICNIC	Kings Square	Until 6pm	Free	No
	12.30pm	ONTO THE WATER: LET'S PADDLE!	Waterways Museum	1h	Free	Yes
	1.30pm	MEET A MOOMIN: AT THE MOOMIN PICNIC	Kings Square	30m	Free	No
	2pm	ONTO THE WATER: LET'S PADDLE!	Waterways Museum	1h	Free	Yes
	2.30pm	MISCHIEF AND MYSTERY IN MOOMINVALLEY	Kings Square	45m	Free	No
	4pm	MEET A MOOMIN: AT MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER	Museum of Gloucester	1h	Free	No
	4.30pm	MISCHIEF AND MYSTERY IN MOOMINVALLEY	Kings Square	45m	Free	No
Sat 28	11am	MOOMINS ON FILM: MOOMINS ON THE RIVIERA (U)	Gloucester Guildhall	1h 10m	From £6	Yes
Ongoing	10am	MOOMIN ABC EXHIBITION	Museum of Gloucester	1h slots, until Oct	From £5	Yes
	10am	MOOMIN GIFT SHOP	Museum of Gloucester	Until 5pm, until Oct	Various	No

GLOUCESTER
GUILDHALL

MOOMIN 80 COUNTERPOINTS.

The floating artwork has been co-commissioned and co-produced by Counterpoints Arts and Gloucester Guildhall, made possible by the support of Moomin Characters Ltd. in celebration of 80 years since the publication of the first Moomin story.



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Kellogg's Football Camps are back this Summer!



Buy a pack & claim a free day



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Cheltenham Town Community Trust

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES AGES 5 - 12 | BOYS & GIRLS | 9AM TO 3PM

GIRLS ONLY HOLIDAY COURSES AVAILABLE (AGES 6-13)

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

£14 PER DAY

COURSES HELD AT
CLEEVE SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE
ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL
BISHOPS CLEEVE FC



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK ON TO A COURSE, PLEASE GO TO:
WWW.OFFICIALSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK/CHELTHENHAMTOWNFC/

CHELTHENHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB info@ctfcp.com
01242 518630

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

JUST CAMPS

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!

COACH
www.justcamps.co.uk

REGISTER HERE



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



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School Term Dates & Holidays - 2024-25

THIS YEAR!

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	
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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	
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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	
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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).



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School Term Dates & Holidays - 2025-26

NEXT YEAR!

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	
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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
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- Easter Monday: Monday 6 April 2026
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- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 25 May 2026
- Summer Bank Holiday: Monday 31 August 2026

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