



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

6 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 3A and 5A who were joint weekly award winners with 95%.

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Wednesday 11 June		Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral
Thursday 12 June		Rotary Children's Fun Day (Kids Out)
Thursday 19 June		Reading Café for Year 3
		Cake Sale after school – Please bring donations in
<b>Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July</b>		<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing week (PE kits/House t-shirts)</b>
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)
<b>Friday 18 July</b>	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm</b>

## 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>8.50 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 8.55 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.**

## Doctors, Opticians and Dentist Appointments

Routine doctors, opticians and dentist appointments **SHOULD NOT** be made during school time. Only emergency/hospital/orthodontist 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. We may unauthorise the morning/afternoon. 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, so we can expect them in school later and also order them a hot lunch, if required.

**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 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.

## Recycling Printer Cartridges

We now have a printer cartridge recycling box in reception. Parents and staff are welcome to bring their old printer cartridges in from home to raise some funds for the 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](http://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)

325120  
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



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 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!!

The children will have **3 homemade meals a day** using fresh produce either grown on the farm or purchased from local producers. Many of the meals will be cooked by the children themselves in special preparation sessions with the kitchen team. The children will have some free time of which can be spent playing table tennis, basketball outside in a safe space, or in our classrooms, library or craft room which are all full of books, games and fun activities.

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](#)

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE - If your child wishes to take part on the residential please bring in the completed letter slip asap. Letters are available from the office.**

## 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](#)

## PE Days – Terms 5 & 6

Monday	Year 4-6	Cricket
Tuesday	Year 4	Dance Term 5
	Year 5	Outdoor Games
	Year 6	Dance (Term 6)
Wednesday	All years	Mr Knight
	Term 5	Tennis
	Term 6	Athletics
Thursday	Year 4	Outdoor Games
Friday	Year 3	Outdoor Games
	Year 6	Outdoor Games

## Clubs – Terms 5 & 6

Monday	Lunchtime:	Boom Whackers (Mrs Faulkner)
	Afterschool:	
	Maths Club	3.20-3.50 (Year 5) (Mrs Pervaiz)
Tuesday	Cricket	3.20-4.30 (Mrs Acton/Miss Tredgett)
	Maths Club	3.20-3.50 (Year 5) (Mrs Pervaiz)
	Art Club	3.20-5.00 (off-site) (Miss Dinwoodie/Mrs Savage)
	Dance	3.20-4.20 Year 5/6 (Mrs Read)
Wednesday	Athletics	3.20-3.50 (Mr Knight)
Thursday	Luminova Club	3.20-3.50 (Mrs Bingham-Morrison)

# Apply online for free school meals



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/)

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and **save yourself up to £480 per year**. Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding. So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

**For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.**

# \*Free CONNECT TO CATERING

Looking for a job that will fit around school times and school holidays?  
Or do you need a foot in the door within the catering industry?

Why not join our employer approved course where you can find out more about the many opportunities in the sector, receive industry training and gain a GUARANTEED interview with Caterlink (Jobs starting in September).

If successful you will work as part of the catering team performing a variety of food production tasks, including preparing food and snacks and ensuring the kitchen and restaurant areas are clean and tidy.

**Key benefits include:**

- Pay: £12:21 per hour
- Work-life balance - term time only - no weekends
- Company pension
- Store discount
- Full training and development opportunities



**You will learn:**

- Food safety
- Nutrition
- Awareness of medical diets
- Manual handling
- Safeguarding
- First aid basics
- Improve English, maths & ICT
- Generating your own CV
- Interview skills, including a mock interview

\*Participants must be aged 19 or over; have lived in the UK for 3 years or longer, qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); or earning below £25,000.00 per year.

## COURSE DETAILS:



MONDAY 30TH JUNE, TUESDAY 1ST & WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY AND MONDAY 7TH, TUESDAY 8TH & WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 2025



12:00PM - 3:00PM



HESTERS WAY CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE, DILL AVENUE, CHELTENHAM, GL51 0ES



TO BOOK A PLACE, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE PHONE NASRIN ON 07771 674411 OR EMAIL [NASRIN.ATCHA-PATEL@GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK](mailto:NASRIN.ATCHA-PATEL@GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK)



# FREE INDOOR CRICKET In Gloucester & Cheltenham

COME AND JOIN US - ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

**CHELTENHAM**  
TUESDAYS AT YMCA SPORTS CENTRE - 4-5:30PM (AGE 6-12)

**GLOUCESTER - GIRLS ONLY**  
THURSDAYS AT GL1 LEISURE CENTRE - 6-7PM (AGE 6-16)

**GLOUCESTER**  
SUNDAYS AT GL1 LEISURE CENTRE - 2:15-3:45PM (AGE 6-11)

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[KIERAN.SLADE@GLOUCESTERSHIRECRICKETFUNDATION.ORG](mailto:KIERAN.SLADE@GLOUCESTERSHIRECRICKETFUNDATION.ORG)  
07903191262

TO SIGN UP... SCAN ME





ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GLOUCESTER  
199-205 Barton Street GL1 4HY  
www.isog.uk  
07300 127 276

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## IN THE PARK

### FAMILIES WELCOME

**Salah at 9:30am**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
**Gloucester Park**  
TRIER WAY, GLOUCESTER GL1 1LF




**Please Donate Generously**

Account name: ISOG  
Sort Code: 53-81-21  
Account number: 83279369  
BIC: NWBKGB2L  
IBAN: GB04NWBK53812183279369

Stewards needed  
Whatsapp: 07300 127 276



### Eid in the Park

- Salah at 9:30am. Location: Gloucester Park, Trier Way, GL1 1LF
- Bring your own prayer mats. Families welcome.
- Contact Admin for food donations beforehand.
- Playground for kids, Stalls, Face painting, Mehndi, Candyfloss, Ice cream... etc.
- **Parking**
  - No parking or car access on site.
  - You can use local car parks and walk to the park. Following are the local car parks.
    - St Michael's Square Car Park, Gloucester GL1 1HX
    - Hampden Way Car Parks, Gloucester GL1 1RE
    - Eastgate Shopping Centre Car Park, Gloucester GL1 1TH
    - Station Road Car Park, Gloucester GL1 1QD

#### Indoor in case of rain

- Location: 199-205 Barton Street GL1 4HY
- Park at Vaxhall Road Car Park
- No food allowed
- Limited spaces
- Families welcome
- Four congregations will be held
  - 7:30am (Urdu Khutba)
  - 8:30am (English Khutba)
  - 9:30am (English Khutba)
  - 10:30am (English Khutba)

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### Attendance Ladder



## 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





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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).