



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

## 22 May 2025

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

### Important Dates & Holidays

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

Friday 23 May	3.20 pm	End of Term 5 at 3.20 pm
<b>Monday 26 to Friday 30 May</b>		<b>Whitsun Half-term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 2 June</b>		<b>Start of Term 6</b>
Thursday 5 June		Reading Café for Year 4
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

### 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.**

**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 for next term.**

**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.**

### 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.

## 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 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:

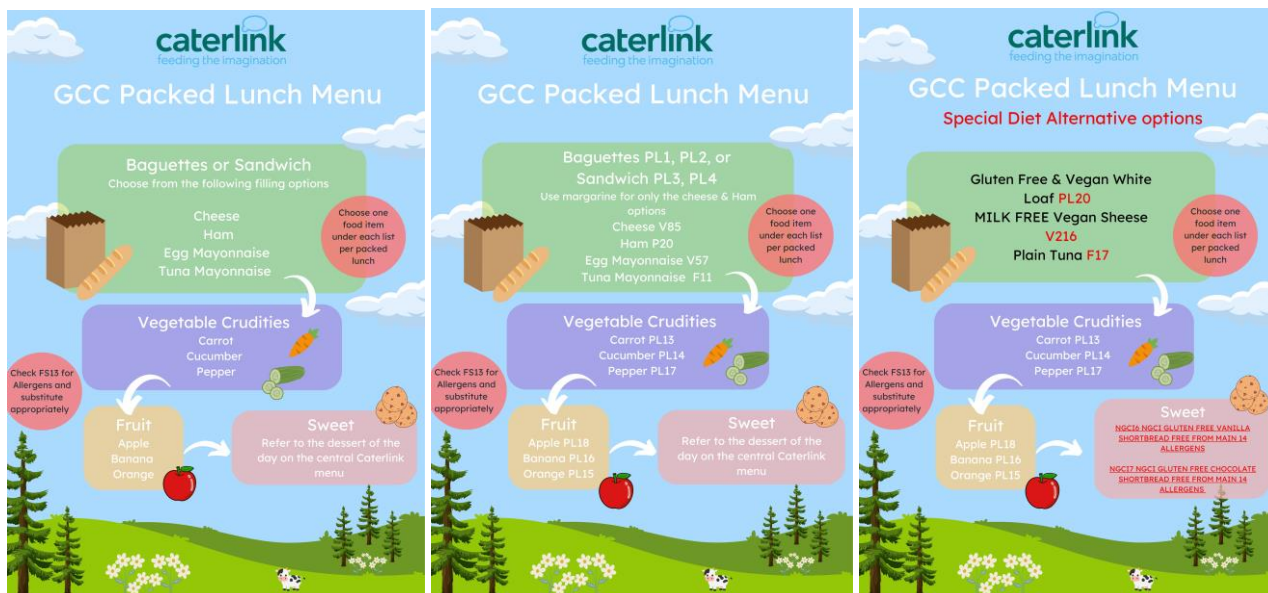
[The Crypt School](#)

[Pate's Grammar School](#)

## Caterlink – New Packed Lunches available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Caterlink are looking to expand the menu on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please see below for our packed lunch menu that will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Monday 2 June to the end of the summer break.

One of the key benefits to pupils having a Caterlink packed lunch compared to one bought in, is that you know the menu is nutritionally balanced. It's very easy for packed lunches that are made at home to be high in sugar, this can cause a sugar rush for the children at lunchtime. When the pupils come back from lunch, they can then fall into a sugar dip for the afternoon lessons, making them tired, irritable, and hard to teach. With the hot food offer and our packed lunch, we have reduced a lot of the artificial sugars to ensure the pupils have a more balanced, nutrition meal which will keep their body at a steady state and prepare them better for the afternoon sessions.




## 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)

# Half Term Fun at The Museum of Gloucester!

## Moomin 80: Moomin ABC Exhibition

Open until Sunday 5 October | Tickets from £5

## Family Trail: Mysteries of May

Saturday 24 May - Sunday 1 June | £2 per trail

## Doc Saurus: Fossil Hunter

Wednesday 28 May, Sessions 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm | £2.50 per person

## Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling Session with Exhibition Visit

Wednesday 28 May, 11am - 12:30 & 2pm - 3:30pm | £12.50 per child - Adults go free!

## Recycled Moomin Magic: Create your Own Blue House

Thursday 29 May, sessions running 11am - 2pm | £6.50 per child - Adults go free!

## Glorious Glevum Tour

Saturday 31 May, 2pm - 3pm | Tickets from £5

**M** MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER



FAIR SHARES COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT PROJECT AT CITY FARM

# HALF-TERM FUN @ OUR ALLOTMENT



**WED. 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
11AM - 1.00PM**

**COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT,  
ST JAMES CITY FARM,  
ALBANY STREET**

Come and explore with *Alice at the Allotment* and get creative with our craft activities!

- 'Alice in Wonderland' themed crafts & trail
- Farm Café Open



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**NO NEED TO BOOK - JUST TURN UP!**

Fair Shares  
community  
time banks





**ROCK** Values Respect + Optimism + Community + Kindness

# Open Evening For Prospective Students



**Y7**  
Admission  
Sept 2026

**Thursday**  
5<sup>th</sup> June  
5:30pm

## Unlock Your Potential

Talks from the Principal at 6pm and 7pm in the main hall.



# Denmark Road High School

Discover Realise Honour Shape



# OPEN MORNING

Thursday 1st May 2025 and  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
8.45-10.30am

Headteacher Welcome Talk at 9am

Join us for the Denmark Road experience. No booking required.

Denmark Road High School, Gloucester, GL1 3JN

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

# JUST CAMPS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS JUST GOT  
A WHOLE LOT MORE FUN!

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

SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL  
LONGLEVENS, GLOUCESTER

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

# Just Camps

REGISTER 14 DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE CAMP WEEK AND GET OUR EARLYBIRD PRICE

EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

VENUE: SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL, OAKLEAZE, LONGLEVENS, GL2 0LF  
HALF DAY - FULL DAY - EXTENDED DAY OPTIONS

"EXCELLENT FUN- KIDS HAVE A GREAT TIME AND VERY WELL ENTERTAINED - HIGHLY RECOMMEND!"  
JO S., PARENT

12-16 YEARS? ASK US ABOUT BEING A ROOKIE COACH

JUST BRING:

- PACKED LUNCH
- SNACK
- WATER/DRINK
- SUNCREAM
- APPROPRIATE CLOTHING
- ENERGY & ENTHUSIASM

Earn your Bronze! Silver! Gold! and become a Just Camps Mini-Coach

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

AGES 4-16 YEARS  
OFSTED REGISTERED  
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

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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		
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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).