



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

4 April 2025

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

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3B who won the weekly attendance award again with 91.8% and 4B who were runners-up with 91%.

Thank you for all the cake donations and supporting our sale – we raised £115!

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Tuesday 8 April	9.00 am	Easter/Lent Service at St James' Church (<i>Parents' welcome to attend</i>)
Thursday 10 April		Swimming for Year 4 (Last day of swimming)
Friday 11 April	1.30 pm	End of Term 4 at 1.30 pm No swimming for Year 3
Monday 14 – Friday 25 April		Easter Holidays
Monday 28 April		Start of Term 5 Portfolio Day (Photos being taken for website) – Children need to be in full school uniform
Thursday 1 May		School closed as being used as a Polling Station
Monday 5 May		Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 7 May		School photos - Children need to be in full school uniform
Thursday 8 May	8.45 am	Reading Café for Year 6
Tuesday 20 May	9.00 am	Pentecost Service at St James' Church
Thursday 22 May	8.45 am	Reading Café for Year 5
Friday 23 May	3.20 pm	End of Term 5 at 3.20 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
8.50 am	Pupils come into school
9.00 am	First session
3.20 pm	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.**

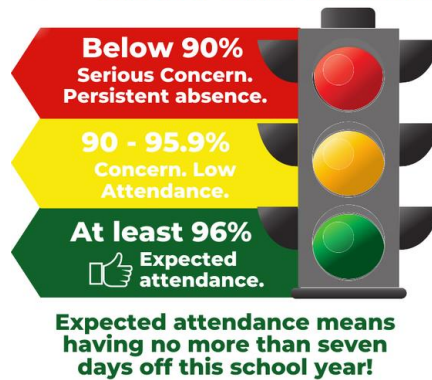
Got a question? Need to know something?

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

Term Dates ● School Calendar ● Trips and Visits

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Easter Egg Competition for St James' Pupils

£1 per entry. All entries to be in by **7 April**. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year. Pick up an Easter egg template from the office.

Outbreak of Head Lice

We have had another outbreak of head lice in school recently. We understand that this can be frustrating, and we would appreciate your support in helping to manage the situation. To reduce the spread, we kindly ask that all girls with long hair have it tied back while at school. This simple step can significantly help in preventing lice from spreading between children.

The NHS recommends wet combing as an effective and affordable way to remove head lice. While it can be time-consuming, it does not require chemical treatments and can be highly effective when done thoroughly.

You can find official NHS guidance on head lice and how to carry out wet combing here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

To help keep head lice at bay, we encourage all parents to:

- ✓ Check their child's hair regularly. ✓ Use the wet combing method if lice are found.
- ✓ Ensure long hair is tied up in school. ✓ Remind children not to share hats, hairbrushes, or other personal items.

If everyone takes these steps, we can work together to minimise outbreaks and keep our school as lice-free as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Ribston Hall High School
Admissions Information Morning

Rescheduled Date: Monday 28th April 2025

Due to a change in the timing of a planned road closure, our Admissions Information Morning (previously booked for Tuesday 8th April) has been rescheduled to Monday, 28th April 2025.

Messages have been sent to those who have already registered and bookings will be transferred to the new date automatically.

Our Admissions Information Morning is designed for Year 5 families to explore how we can support your child's secondary school journey and guide you through the grammar school admissions process.

<https://www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us>

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/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.

You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

You could save up to **£437** per year

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FAIR SHARES COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT PROJECT AT CITY FARM

FREE NATURE ARTS & CRAFTS

**SAT. 5TH APRIL
11AM - 1PM**

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

Our monthly Saturday sessions with Sam from *The Nelson Trust* are continuing!

This time Sam will be showing us how to make willow baskets - you can turn them into hanging baskets, or leave them as is.

Rachel will have other crafts on offer too.



**ALL AGES WELCOME -
JUST TURN UP!**

Fair Shares
community time banks
fairshares.org.uk | 01452 415900



How can you get your family to get more steps in a day?



At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to start moving more, but struggle to find the time or motivation! Sounds familiar?

Try our Beezee bingo nature card! It's a great way to discover the wonders of walking. Keep an eye out for each object and cross off as you go!

We run FREE* healthy lifestyle programmes that focus on getting more active, eating healthier, and having fun while doing so!

Scan the code to sign up today

...or click here to get started



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Rabbits 	Daisy patches 	Horses
Convertible car 	Bird of prey 	Someone wearing flip flops
Lake or pond 	Butterflies 	Someone having a picnic

Remember to stay safe while you walk! Carefully check roads before you cross them and don't get too close to the edge of water.



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

SMILES, PLAY & FREE DAYS
EXCLUSIVELY FOR HAF PARENTS

YOUR CHILD'S EASTER BREAK? SORTED, 4 FREE DAYS OF PLAY, JUST FOR YOU!

If you're eligible for **HAF**, we're excited to offer **4 FREE DAYS** at our **Active Camps in Gloucestershire**. A chance for your child to dive into a world of fun, sports, and creativity.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

- ★ 20 activities from football, dodgeball, crafts & so much more.
- ★ Ofsted registered, providing a safe and child-friendly environment.
- ★ Ages 5-12

This opportunity is part of the Holidays and Activities Food (HAF) Programme, supporting eligible families.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Dates
Easter half term: Monday 14th - Friday 17th April 2025

Time
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location
Kingsholm Primary School
Guinea Street, Gloucester GL1 3BN

What's Included
Lunch, snacks, and a jam-packed day of fun (just bring a refillable water bottle and comfy clothes).

BOOK NOW
It's completely free for eligible HAF families, click below to claim your child's spot.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Not HAF Eligible?
Paid camp spaces ready to go below:

[CLICK HERE](#)

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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).