



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

Red Nose Day

21 March 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 with 99.6% and 6B who were runners-up with 97%.

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 27 March

Writing Café for 4B

Friday 28 March

Swimming for Year 4

Thursday 3 April

Swimming for Year 3

Writing Café for 5A

Swimming for Year 4

Cake Sale after school – donations welcome!

Friday 4 April

Swimming for Year 3

Thursday 10 April

Swimming for Year 4

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

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.**

REMINDER - Swimming for Year 3 and Year 4 - Payment for swimming of **£2.50** needs to be made every week for every child (in an envelope with child's name on) unless paid in full.

Breakfast Club

Honey and strawberry jam are now available on bagels on Fridays. If your child has an allergy to either please let us know.

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.**

Coughs & Colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. **Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly, at home and at school.**

Sickness & Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they shouldn't come into school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Chicken Pox & other infectious diseases

If you think your child has Chicken pox or any other infectious disease please do not bring them into school and let us know asap. If you do not know what the rash is please see a pharmacist.

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

Mrs Jones, Engagement Co-ordinator

Mrs Jones will sadly be leaving St James' at Easter to start a new role at another school. We wish her well in her new position.

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Cake Sale

Thursday 3 April
After School



Donations welcome!
Please bring plenty of cash!

Free Spring Activities for Children, Young People & Families

Gloucester City
HAF holiday activities & food

An update on HAF booking this Spring...

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 17th or March 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 31st of March.**

The Spring HAF Activities will take place between 14th and the 25th of April.

Activities for Families living in Gloucester City Can be found here: www.gloscityhaf.co.uk

Setting up a CABS 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: glos hafconnector@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



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.



Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

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



If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:

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07340709871

Gloscityhaf.co.uk

Glos city HAF

Monday Mayhem

Bible Based Club For Kids!

GAMES



CRAFTS



6:15 to 7:30 PM

EVERY MONDAY (IN TERM TIME)

FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

THE SALVATION ARMY, EASTGATE STREET

For more info, email

gloucester@salvationarmy.org.uk



Our children love attending, they come home buzzing and excited. Highly recommend!

Easter Holiday Club

Week 1 - Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th - Thursday 17th April
Week 2 - Tuesday 22nd - Wednesday 23rd - Thursday 24th April



Suitable For Reception - Year 6 | No previous experience required
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£27.50 (1 Day)

£75.00 (3 Days)



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New Menu after Easter (Always on our website [here.](#))

GCC Spring Summer 2025	Meat Free MONDAY	TUESDAY	Roast WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Fish FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 28 April 19 May 16 June 7 July 1 September 22 September 13 October	Option One Tomato Pasta	BBQ Chicken Pizza With Herby New Potatoes	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two Caribbean Stew with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Bean Pastry with Herby New Potatoes	Summer Frittata with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
	Jacket Potato Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Seasonal Salad Bar	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans and Peas
	Dessert Apple Flapjack	Summer Lemon Cake with Custard	Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit	Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry Jelly with Peaches
WEEK TWO 5 May 2 June 23 June 14 July 8 September 29 September 20 October	Option One Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Chefs Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Herby New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
	Jacket Potato Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans and Peas
	Dessert Vanilla Shortbread	NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Eves Pudding with Custard	Peaches and Ice Cream
WEEK THREE 12 May 9 June 30 June 21 July 15 September 6 October	Option One NEW Bean Burger in a Bun with Herby New Potatoes	NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	YAMAS NEW Greek Chicken Pitta with Rice and Tzatziki	Battered Fish and Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two NEW Chefs Special Creamy Curry with Rice	Vegan Bolognese With Garlic Bread	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Vegan Meatballs and Rice	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
	Jacket Potato Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Seasonal Salad Bar	Baked Beans and Peas
	Dessert NEW Rock Cake	Pear & Chocolate Cake with Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Apple Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie
MENU KEY Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings where available - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt	Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.
















Spring Summer 2025	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Tomato Pasta 	BBQ Chicken Pizza With Herby New Potatoes 	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread 	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
OPTION 2	Caribbean Stew with Rice 	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice 	Veg Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Cheese and Bean Pastry with Herby New Potatoes 	Summer Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
DESSERT	Apple Flapjack 	Summer Lemon Cake with Custard 	Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit 	Marble sponge with Chocolate Sauce 	Fruit Jelly with Peaches
*VEGETABLES AND SIDES MAY DIFFER THAN THOSE SHOWN					

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OPTION 1	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 	Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup 	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	NEW Chicken Korma with Rice 	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
OPTION 2	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Herby New Potatoes 	Macaroni Cheese 	Vegetable Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup 	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
DESSERT	Vanilla Shortbread 	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard 	Chocolate Brownie 	Eves Pudding with Custard 	Peaches and Ice Cream 


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OPTION 1	NEW Bean Burger in a bun with Herby New Potatoes 	NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice 	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	NEW Greek Chicken Pita with Rice and Tzatziki 	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
OPTION 2	NEW Chefs Special Creamy Curry with Rice 	Vegan Bolognese & Garlic Bread 	Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Chips & Tomato Ketchup 
DESSERT	NEW Rock Cake 	Pear & Chocolate Cake with Custard 	Iced Vanilla Sponge 	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard 	Oaty Cookie 

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Bringing Stories to Life

Reading with Your Child at Home

Making the most of story-time

Read together regularly, make it a part of your daily routine

Read whatever you and they enjoy

Make the space as quiet and comfortable as possible

Read aloud and encourage your child to read aloud if they can

Try and bring the story to life with different voices

Be patient and encouraging

Listening to audiobooks together is also great

It doesn't have to be perfect, learn and develop as readers together

Picture books and comics are also great to read

Talk about the books as you read

Book Talk ?

Here's some prompts to get you started

What do you like about this book?

Is there anything you don't like about it?

Which character do you like the most? Why?

What do you think is happening here?

What do you think might happen next?

Do you have any questions about this book?

Have you ever felt like any of the characters in this book?

Does this book remind you of any other stories you've read or watched?

What new things have you learned from this book?

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EARLY YEARS Start early & keep going...
Sharing a book together creates intimacy and a relaxing bedtime routine.



5+ Enjoy the journey of reading together...
Reading with your child makes them feel safe and secure.

7+ Continue reading together as they grow...
Stories provide an escape and relaxation for you and your child.



9+ When children can read on their own, make time to still read together...
Children will still enjoy having that special time with you.

11+ Keep reading to create a shared experience...
It's an opportunity to find a book you both want to read together!



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School Term Dates & Holidays - 2026-27

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER								
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues		3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur	3	10	17	24	Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur		5	12	19	26		
Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		6	13	20	27		
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28		
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	29			
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY								
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23		
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28	Thur	4	11	18	25		
Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26			
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27			
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28			
MARCH					APRIL					MAY								
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thur	4	11	18	25	Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur	6	13	20	27			
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	7	14	21	28			
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24	Sat	1	8	15	22	29			
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	2	9	16	23	30			
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST								
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues		3	10	17	24	31
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur	3	10	17	24	Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur		5	12	19	26		
Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		6	13	20	27		
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28		
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	29			

Term Time 
 Bank Holiday 

Holidays 
 INSET 

Bank Holidays 2026-27:

Christmas Bank Holidays	Friday 25 December 2026 Monday 28 December 2026
New Year Bank Holiday	Friday 1 January 2027
Good Friday	Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29 March 2027
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2027

- Term 1: Thursday 3 September – Friday 23 October 2026
- Term 2: Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2026
- Term 3: Tuesday 5 January - Friday 12 February 2027
- Term 4: Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 25 March 2027
- Term 5: Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May 2027
- Term 6: Monday 7 June – Tuesday 20 July 2027

INSET DAYS: TUESDAY 1 and WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026, MONDAY 4 JANUARY, MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 21 JULY