

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

7 February 2025

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

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 6B who won the weekly attendance award with 96.7% and 3B who were runners-up with 96.3%. Well done!

Important Dates & Holidays

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

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| Tuesday 11 February | | Year 5 and 6 visit to Mosque |
| Thursday 13 February | 8.45 am | Maths Café for 5A |
| | | Swimming for Year 4 |
| Friday 14 February | | Swimming for Year 3 |
| | 3.20 pm | Last Day of Term 3 at 3.20 pm |
| Monday 17 – Friday 21 February | | |
| February Half-Term | | |
| NEW - Monday 24 February | | |
| INSET Day – No children in school | | |
| Tuesday 25 February | | |
| Start of Term 4 (Change to calendar) | | |
| Thursday 27 February | | Swimming for Year 4 |
| Friday 28 February | | Swimming for Year 3 |
| Tuesday 4 March | 8.00 – 9.00 am | Parent Supporters Meeting – Café at Gloucester Resource Centre |
| Thursday 6 March | | Swimming for Year 4 |
| Friday 7 March | | Swimming for Year 3 |
| Thursday 13 March | | Swimming for Year 4 |
| Friday 14 March | | Swimming for Year 3 |
| Wednesday 19 March | 2.30 – 7.00 pm | Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 20 March | | Swimming for Year 4 |

NEW - PLEASE NOTE INSET DAY SET FOR MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.

School Hours

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| 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

After half-term honey and strawberry jam will be 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 appointments and hospital 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. 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.

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

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.

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.

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.**

Maths Café 3



Join your child and their teacher to find out more about their learning - Mathematics!



Where? St James' Junior School Hall

When? 8:45—9:15am

6A & 6B: Wednesday 8th January

3A: Thursday 16th January

3B: Thursday 23rd January

4A: Thursday 30th January

4B: Thursday 6th February

5A: Thursday 13th February

Please try to arrange to attend with your child.

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!



Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

For February 2025 half term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. Families who sign up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per eligible child. Voucher code emails will be sent from week commencing 10 February. If parents have not received their vouchers by 17 February please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#). Please check emails including junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to do so as soon as they can.

Families not already registered to receive holiday FSM vouchers can make an application until midday on 7 February.

To make a new application please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#).

*Please note the scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page.

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. To ensure families already registered receives the vouchers they are eligible for, they will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. number eligible children or contact details) by 7 February.

To update existing details please submit a request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#).

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used and will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) before the end of the holiday period. find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Children and Families Commissioning Hub



RECYCLING
BOX IS IN
RECEPTION AT
ST JAMES'.

**Does your child struggle
with worries or anxiety?**

**Help your child build confidence with
a new digital therapy game**



Free
for families in
Gloucestershire

- ✓ For 7-12 year olds
- ✓ NICE recommended
- ✓ Free instant access

To learn more visit:
luminova.app/glos



In partnership with



February Half Term Bikeability Courses

Thinktravel is offering February Half Term Bikeability Courses, giving children aged 9-14 the skills and confidence to make safe, independent journeys by bike.

Courses will run from Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st February 2025 at Skillzone, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester, GL4 0AS. The cost is £8 for a 4-hour course, with small group sizes and fully qualified Cycling Instructors. Level 1, 2, and 3 Bikeability courses are available. These sessions aim to encourage active travel while teaching practical road safety skills, supporting Gloucestershire's goals of sustainable travel and healthier lifestyles.

For bookings and further information, email thinktravel@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Hillview Primary
School
GL3 3LH



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

February Holiday Club

Tuesday 18th - Wednesday 19th - Thursday 20th February
25+ Sports, Activities and Styles of Dance



Suitable For Reception - Year 6. No previous experience required
Sibling And Pupil Premium Discounts Available

Scan To Book Your Space Today!



(9:00am - 3:00pm)

£27.50
(1 Day)

£75.00
(3 Days)



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UPDATED

School Term Dates & Holidays - 2024-25

| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | |
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| DECEMBER | | | | | | JANUARY | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | |
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| MARCH | | | | | | APRIL | | | | | MAY | | | | | |
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| JUNE | | | | | | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | |
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| Term Time | School Holidays | Bank Holidays | INSET Days (No children in school) |
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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).