



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

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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 6A who won the weekly attendance award with 96.1% and 3A who were runners-up with 95.7%.

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Tuesday 4 March	8.00 – 9.00 am	Parent Supporters Meeting – Café at Gloucester Resource Centre
Thursday 6 March		World Book Day (Dress up as favourite book character) 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
Friday 21 March		Swimming for Year 3
Thursday 27 March		Swimming for Year 4
Friday 28 March		Swimming for Year 3
Thursday 3 April		Swimming for Year 4
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
Monday 14 – Friday 25 April		Easter Holidays

SCHOOL CLOSED ON THURSDAY 1 MAY AS SCHOOL IS BEING USED AS A POLLING STATION.

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 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.**

Writing Café 3



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



Where? St James' Junior School Hall

When? 8:45—9:15am

6A & 6B: Thursday 27th February

3A: Thursday 6th March

3B: Thursday 13th March

4A: Thursday 20th March

4B: Thursday 27th March

5A: Thursday 3rd April

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!



Adapt and Change (Science Week)

On Thursday 27 February, we were extremely fortunate to have a visit from Frankie from Kings School. He talked to us about Adapt and Change which is the theme for this year's Science Week. It was a whirlwind tour which took us through electricity, the electrophorus eel, exploding cucumbers, cloud in a bottle, vortex canons and firepower, through to Newton's third law which states that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.



 Ribston Hall High School
Admissions Information Morning



Tuesday 8th April 2025

Understanding the grammar school process for Year 5 families. Learn more about how we can support your child's secondary school journey. Find out more and book a place through our website:
<https://www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us>


Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

 Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



JUNIOR BAKE OFF

JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

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

 **GLoucester**
faith in action

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSED 1 MAY FOR POLLING STATION

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St James' Church of England Junior School 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	Tuesday	5	12	19	26
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	Wednesday	6	13	20	27
Thursday	5	12	19	26	Thursday	3	10	17	24	Thursday	7	14	21	28
Friday	6	13	20	27	Friday	4	11	18	25	Friday	1	8	15	22
Saturday	7	14	21	28	Saturday	5	12	19	26	Saturday	2	9	16	23
Sunday	1	8	15	22	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	Wednesday	5	12	19	26
Thursday	5	12	19	26	Thursday	2	9	16	23	Thursday	6	13	20	27
Friday	6	13	20	27	Friday	3	10	17	24	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	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	Tuesday	6	13	20	27
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	Wednesday	7	14	21	28
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Friday	7	14	21	28	Friday	4	11	18	25	Friday	2	9	16	23
Saturday	1	8	15	22	Saturday	5	12	19	26	Saturday	3	10	17	24
Sunday	2	9	16	23	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
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Sunday	1	8	15	22	Sunday	6	13	20	27	Sunday	3	10	17	24

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).