

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

14 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 3B who won the weekly attendance award with 98.9% and 6B who were runners-up with 98.3%. Well done!**

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Friday 14 February	3.20 pm	Term 3 finishes at 3.20 pm
<b>Monday 17 – Friday 21 February</b>		<b>February Half-Term</b>
<b>NEW - Monday 24 February</b>		<b>INSET Day – No children in school</b>
Tuesday 25 February		<b>Start of Term 4 (Change to calendar)</b>
Thursday 27 February		Swimming for Year 4
Friday 28 February		Non-Uniform Day for <b>Ruby House</b>
		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
Friday 21 March		Swimming for Year 3

**NEW - PLEASE NOTE INSET DAY SET FOR MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL. PLUS NO CHILDREN ON THURSDAY 1 MAY AS IT IS BEING USED AS A POLLING STATION.**

### 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 - 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](http://www.st-james-junior.co.uk)

Term Dates ● School Calendar ● Trips and Visits

## Mosque visits

Over the last couple of weeks, our pupils had a wonderful opportunity to visit a local mosque as part of their learning about different cultures and religions. The trip was an eye-opening experience that helped students understand the importance of respect, diversity, and community.

During the visit, the children were warmly welcomed by members of the mosque, who gave them a guided tour and explained the key features of Islamic worship. They admired the beautiful architecture, saw the prayer area, and the wash area. The students asked thoughtful questions and were fascinated to learn about the local mosque.

This visit was a fantastic way for our students to broaden their understanding of Islam which is our current topic in our Religious Education lessons. A big thank you to the mosque for their warm hospitality and for making our trip so memorable!



## 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.



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

## Hungry Birds!

Wild Workshop

Spread your wings this half term and discover how birds' brilliant beaks and fancy feet help them to find their favourite foods! Follow a trail, play games and take part in fun activities to discover which beaks and claws perform the best! Create your own feathered friend and make a bird food kebab to feed the birds.

**Led session, suitable for ages 8-11**

**10am - 12pm**

**Thursday 20th February**

**Robinswood Hill**

**£6 per child**  
accompanied by an adult

**To book visit:**

<https://www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/events>



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)



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Next Monday

**COFFEE & TEA  
MORNING**

11am - 2pm



Come in and have a chat



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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
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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				
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Sunday	1	8	15	22 29	Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	2	9	16	23

  

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)
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).**