

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

17 January 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 100%, 3B who were runners-up with 94.9% and 4A who were close with 94.8%. Well done!**

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 23 January	8.45 am	Maths Café for 3B
Thursday 30 January	8.45 am	Maths Café for 4A
Thursday 6 February	8.45 am	Maths Café for 4B
Thursday 13 February	8.45 am	Maths Café for 5A
Friday 14 February	3.20 pm	Last Day of Term 3
<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>
<b>Tuesday 25 February</b>		<b>Start of Term 4</b>
Tuesday 8 April	9.00 am	Easter/Lent Service at St James' Church

## 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.**

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

**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.

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

## Church Services

A few parents have asked if they can attend Church Services. For clarification parents are invited to attend the following services that are run by the school: **Easter, Awards Service, Harvest and Christmas**. All other services (unless otherwise notified) are run by the Church.

## 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.

**Head lice & nits** are very common in young children and their families. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary, as we currently have an outbreak at school. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please look up the advice from the NHS or ask your pharmacist on how to treat head lice if you find them.

## Christingle Service at St James' Church



## Football Team v Linden Primary



## 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.

## 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.

## Lunchboxes and Snacks

**Is your child's snack healthy? It could be:**

Fresh fruit, dried fruit, vegetables, crackers, bread sticks, low fat cereal bars, a drink (eg water, sugar-free squash or fruit juice)

**It shouldn't be:** Doughnuts or cakes, crisps, chips, chocolate bars, fast food/pot noodles, fizzy or high-sugar drinks, hot drinks.

**Is your child's lunchbox healthy? It could be:**

- One portion of fruit or vegetables
- A source of protein (eg meat, fish, lentils, beans)
- Some starchy food (eg wholemeal/seeded bread sandwiches/rolls, pasta, crackers, wraps)
- Dairy food (eg cheese or yoghurt) | a drink (eg water, sugar-free squash or fruit juice)

**It shouldn't be:** Doughnuts or cakes, crisps, chips, chocolate bars, fast food/pot noodles, fizzy or high sugar drinks.

If you send fresh fruit (kiwi fruit or oranges etc.) please, wherever possible peel and prepare it for your child. We are a **NO NUT** school due to allergies. Please do not send any nuts into school in your child's lunchbox.

**Need help?**

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/healthier-lunchboxes>

**Looking for a recipe that can get your children to eat more vegetables?**

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle to find dishes with vegetables their children will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our Mexican traybake below for a taste of our recipe selection!



**Ingredients:**

- 1 large red onion
- 3 cloves of garlic (2 tsp pre-minced)
- 1 can sweetcorn
- 1 can black beans (drained and rinsed)
- 1 can chopped tomatoes
- 320g frozen spinach
- 100g uncooked red lentils
- 250g brown rice
- 800ml veggie stock
- 120g low-fat cheddar/mozzarella

**Spices:** 2 tsp paprika, 1.5 tsp cumin, 1.5 tsp coriander, 1 tsp oregano, ½ tsp chill powder (or none if you don't like spice).

**Method:**

1. Pre-heat your oven to 200 degrees/ gas mark 6.
2. Dice the onions and garlic (if using fresh) and add them to a large baking tray or dish.
3. Add your brown rice and lentils, along with the spinach, corn and chopped tomatoes.
4. Add all your spices to the tray. Make the stock, then pour slowly into the tray and mix everything together.
5. Pop into the oven for 45 minutes. Take the tray out, add beans and mix well, then top with grated cheese. Return to oven for 10 minutes.
6. Leave to cool for 5 minutes and then enjoy!

**Want more help with recipes?**

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## Fully Funded School Support Course - Online Guided Learning with our friendly tutors - Full Time - 6 Weeks - Intensive Course

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for 3 level - starting on **27th January**. **The deadline to enrol is Wednesday 22nd January!** We run ONLY in term time and not during half term/end of term periods. This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday. This is a six-week course, available in level 1 & 2, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm. All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet. These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency). If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

\*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

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## 5 days to improve your Number Confidence



However you feel about maths, you are not alone. Many of us struggle with using numbers. Here are some tips and prompts to help you improve your confidence this Number Confidence Week.

### Monday


Whether you're at home, at work or on the move, take 10 minutes to take a quick check on the National Numeracy Challenge. Do it anytime, anywhere.

Top tip: Set realistic goals and aim to improve a little bit at a time by breaking your goal into bite size chunks.

### Tuesday

Did you know, talking about your feelings about maths can help relieve anxiety?

Pop the kettle on and have a chat about how you feel about numbers with a friend or colleague. You can get started by using a word that describes how you feel.




### Wednesday

Write down three things that help you feel confident (they don't have to be related to numbers)

Can you use any of these to help you approach building number confidence?

### Thursday





Head to the Number Confidence Week hub and download one of our free resources or top tips sheets.

Myths myth: Some people are maths people, others are not? False! Whilst we all have varying levels of ability, this is not because they were born with or without the ability to do maths.

### Friday

Ready to feel good this Friday? Revisit the National Numeracy Challenge and take a quick check.

Write down one thing that you're going to do this November to boost your number confidence.



Try the National Numeracy Challenge for FREE today by scanning the QR code

[nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge](https://nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge)



## Do you know an inspirational young person?



The student who is always fundraising for a charity, a teen leader at your local brownies or the young volunteer passionate about making difference?

The Gloucestershire Volunteer Awards celebrates the incredible individuals in our community who make it a better place for us all - nominate someone you know today!

Nominations close  
28th February 2025

Find out more here



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### About Gloucestershire's Volunteer Awards

Gloucestershire's Volunteer Awards is hosted by Go Volunteer Glos in partnership with the Gloucestershire VCS Alliance and Charlie's Community Support. The awards celebrates the immense impact that volunteers have in Gloucestershire, from coaching sports teams, to navigating patients at the hospitals to foodbanks. We are thrilled to be able to showcase the dedication from hundreds of individuals making Gloucestershire a better place to live in. The ceremony will take place on the 5th June 2025.



### About Go Volunteer Glos

Go Volunteer Glos is the digital home of volunteering in Gloucestershire - linking people aged 16 and over into the largest choice of volunteering opportunities from a wide range of organisations, including charities and community groups, across our county



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