

# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

31 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 3A who won the weekly attendance award with 97.5% and 3B who were runners-up with 97.4%. Well done!**

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Tuesday 4 February		Year 3 and 4 visit to Mosque
Thursday 6 February	8.45 am	Maths Café for 4B Swimming for Year 4
Friday 7 February		Swimming for Year 3
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
<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 (Change to calendar)</b>
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

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

### 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.**

**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.

### School Closures

If St James' School is closed we will send out a text/email to all parents. You can check if the school is closed by looking at our website, listen to local radio or visit

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>

### 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?

Term Dates ● School Calendar ● Trips and Visits

Please take a look at the website first before ringing us – [www.st-james-junior.co.uk](http://www.st-james-junior.co.uk)

### 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.

## 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.

## PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

**5 MINUTES**

late each day

= **3** days off  
in total



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

**97% = 6**

attendance days off

= **30 hours**  
of learning lost



## Maths Café

This term, parents have the opportunity to find out what your children are learning in Maths and how you can support them at home. Please look at the timetable on page 3 for the next Maths Café dates.



## 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](#)

# RECYCLE

YOUR EMPTY  
PRINTER  
CARTRIDGES  
AND RAISE  
MONEY!



RECYCLING  
BOX IS IN  
RECEPTION AT  
ST JAMES'.



**NHS**  
Gloucestershire Health and Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

  
with you, for you

Meet your local  
**School and Community Health Practitioners**  
**Gloucester School Nursing Team**



Georgie Edwards

Sherry Viner

We provide School Nursing 'drop in' hubs at various venues throughout the academic year. We also conduct the national child measurement programme and vision screening in primary schools in Gloucester City.

The purpose of the hubs is to allow parents from Gloucester to speak to a member of the School Nursing team about issues they may be having with their child.

We can provide support with healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise, self-esteem, resilience, sleep, dental health, hygiene, anxiety, and behaviour. We can offer signposting to other local services.

If you feel the parents at your school could benefit from attending a drop-in hub hosted by the school nursing team, please contact us with details below.



Info Page

If a parent feels they would benefit from a referral to the School Nursing Team, they can be referred via the online form:

<https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/self-refer/school-nurse-referral-form/>

or search "School Nursing Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS"



Referral Form

Contact Details:

Office: 0300 421 4675 Mobile: 07773 531259 (Georgie) / 07974 427906 (Sherry)

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**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**  
**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

**www.studysmartuk.online**

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

These are 6 week courses, full time, intensive courses, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.  
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.




## 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](mailto:thinktravel@gloucestershire.gov.uk).**

**Hillview Primary School GL3 3LH**

**With The Ball**

**February Holiday Club**

**Tuesday 18th - Wednesday 19th - Thursday 20th February**

**25+ Sports, Activities and Styles of Dance**

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

Suitable For Reception - Year 6. No previous experience required

Sibling And Pupil Premium Discounts Available

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**£27.50 (1 Day)**

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**9:00am - 3:00pm**

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