

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

24 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 6A who won the weekly attendance award with 98.3% and 4B who were runners-up with 97.5%. Well done!

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 30 January	8.45 am	Maths Café for 4A
Thursday 30 January		Swimming cancelled for Year 4
Friday 31 January		Swimming for Year 3
Thursday 6 February	8.45 am	Maths Café for 4B
		Swimming for Year 4
Friday 7 February		Swimming for Year 3
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
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)
Tuesday 4 March	8.00 – 9.00 am	Parent Supporters Meeting – Café at Gloucester Resource Centre
Wednesday 19 March	2.30 – 7.00 pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 8 April	9.00 am	Easter/Lent Service at St James' Church
Friday 11 April	1.30 pm	End of Term 4 at 1.30 pm

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.**

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

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.

There is no swimming for Year 4 on 30 January due to repairs being carried out at GL1. Y3 swimming will go ahead as usual.

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.

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 are run by the Church. Please see calendar on website for details.

School Closures

If St James' School is closed we will send out a text/email to all parents. You can also look at our website, listen to local radio or visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>

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.

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

Coughs & Colds

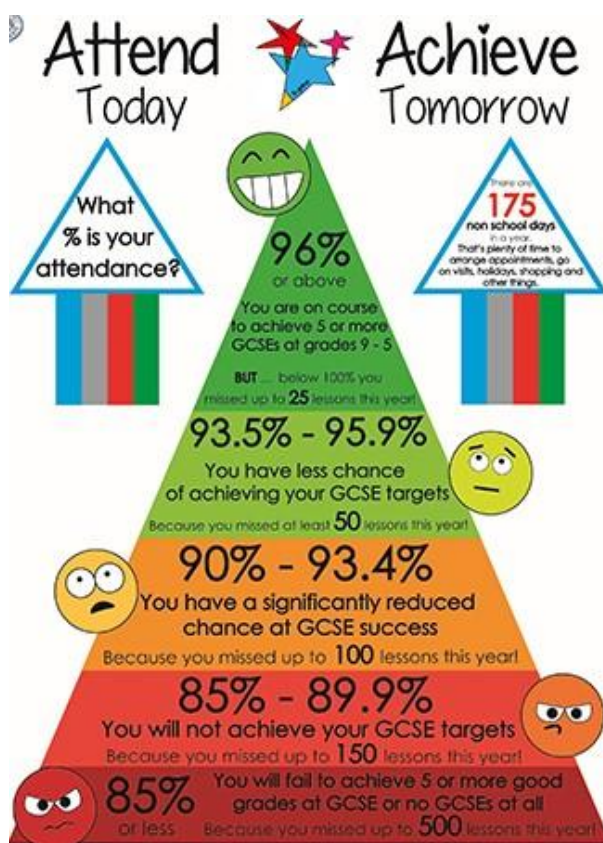
It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. **Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly, at home and at school.**

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.



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.

Parents Supporters of Hatherley and St James'

This was our first meeting of the Parents Supporters of Hatherley and St James'.

We shared ideas to raise funds to support enrichment activities and resources.

We explained how the money which was raised at the Christmas Fayre has paid for resources to support learning and playground equipment.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4 March** from 9am to 10am in the café space at Gloucestershire Resource Centre (GL1 4DF).

All parents welcome.



Runners Needed

Every Cloud Play & Creative Arts Therapy CIC would like to enter a team of runners into the Cheltenham Half and 10K to raise funds and awareness for children's mental health in Cheltenham.

Support with fundraising.
Option to dress up
Be a Superhero for a local not for profit organisation

For more information:
07508 456372
admin@everycloudtherapy.org.uk

EVERY CLOUD
Play & Creative Arts Therapy
SUPPORTER FUNDING OUR FUTURE

EVERY CLOUD
SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

The poster features a blue background with pink starburst patterns. At the top, there is a logo for 'EVERY CLOUD' showing a person running. The main text is in white and pink. At the bottom, there is a photograph of two hands holding a red heart, with the date 'SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025' written around it.

4B Performing in Assembly with their Ukeles



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Looking for materials
for arts, play and
creative craft
activities?

Everything is here to
make exciting activities
for your community
group, club, classroom
or children.

Tubes and textiles,
foam, felt and
fabrics....blues, reds
and greens....rolls and
reams; it's a creative
dream come true.

The Scrapstore is full
of material treasures
ready to stimulate and
stretch creative minds.



How it works

-ONE-

Get along to the
Artshop in City Works,
Alfred Street

-TWO-

Sign up for your
Scrapstore membership

-THREE-

Gather materials and
inspiration from the
Scrapstore and ...

CREATE!

It's as simple as that.

Everything in the Scrapstore is reclaimed from business waste
streams—weird, wild and probably just what you need for all sorts
of arts, craft and play activities.

We also have an Art and Craft shop, masses of inspiration and plenty
of helpful advice and ideas too!

Come and see what we have to offer and by re-using reclaimed materials
you're also helping reduce waste and our impact to the environment.

A bag of materials costs £ 9

Individual membership is £14.40 per year

Opening Hours: Tues 10am - 7pm

Wed 10am - 5pm

Thurs 10am - 5pm

+ one Saturday a month



Gloucestershire Resource Centre

City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester GL1 4DF Tel: 01452 504442 Email: info@grcltd.org

Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite: What Adults Need to Know About Children's Sleep

Description: Are you tired of hearing conflicting advice about your child's sleep? You might also be tired because your children and sleep don't mix well and you are not sure what to do. Whatever the reason, join us for our next webinar designed to clear up the confusions around children and sleep. We'll tackle the most common myths surrounding children's sleep habits and provide evidence-based insights to help your little ones get the rest they need.

Specifically, we will look at:

- How sleep works
- Children's sleep needs
- Independent settling, night-time waking and early rising
- Lifestyle factors and "big feelings" that can cause bed/night-time issues
- The impact of the most common SEND on sleep.

When: Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 1pm

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes

In order to attend this webinar and/or access the recording, all adults need to do is register their interest following this link:

[PARENT WEBINAR - Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite - Move More](#)

Both live session and the recording can be accessed on all devices that have internet. Everybody is welcome!