



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

## 29 November 2024

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Love**

**Congratulations to our:**

### Values Cup Winners



### Good Work Winners



**Congratulations to 3B who won the weekly attendance award with 96.3%.  
The runners-up were 4B with 95%.**

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Wednesday 4 December	9-11 am	Open Morning for Year 2s
Wednesday 11 December	9.00 am	Aladdin Panto at Everyman Theatre <b>Children need to be in school by 8.45 am</b>
Thursday 12 December	3.20 pm	Christmas Fayre – look out for more information!
Tuesday 17 December	9.00 am	Christmas Church Service at St James' Church Year 6 Ice-skating
Wednesday 18 December		Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 December	1.30 pm	Term 2 ends at 1.30 pm
<b>Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January</b>		<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 6 January 2025</b>		<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 January</b>		<b>Term 3 starts</b>

## 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:** 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.

## School emails

Please check your 'spam' folder for emails as we have changed our email addresses.

**Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6** - Payment for Year 5 and Year 6 swimming of **£2.50** needs to be made every week unless it has been paid for in full. Swimming is a part of the curriculum.

## 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.

## 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)

# St James' C of E Junior School



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# Open Morning

## Wednesday 4 December

### 9.00 - 11.00 am

Do you have a child in Year 2 who will be starting Year 3 in Sept 2025? Children and staff at St James' C of E Junior would love to welcome you to look around and experience learning in action!

**Please email [admin@sjjs.dgat.org.uk](mailto:admin@sjjs.dgat.org.uk) or telephone 01452 520714 to book your visit**



## Reading Café



**Join your child and their teacher to share a book and find out more about their learning!**



**Where?** St James' Junior School Hall

**When?** 8:45—9:15am

**6A & 6B** Thursday 7th November

**3A:** Thursday 14th November

**3B:** Thursday 21st November

**4A:** Thursday 28th November

**4B:** Thursday 5th December

**5A:** Thursday 12th December

**Please try to arrange to attend with your child.**



## Christmas Fayre – Thursday 12 December – We need your help!

### Raffle

All the children should have brought home an envelope containing a book of raffle tickets. Please send back into school, in the envelope provided (sealed) all completed raffle ticket stubs (keep tickets yourself) and the cash asap. We have some great prizes to win – **a Smart Life Kids Tablet, Food & drink hamper, £20 Toy voucher, Children’s stationery set, Sherborne cinema tickets, plus lots more.** Each ticket is 50p and the whole book of 5 tickets is £2.50. Extra tickets will be available at the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 12 December, or from the office before. If you cannot sell the tickets please bring them back into school for us to sell. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre. If you have a suitable prize for the raffle or a container suitable for a hamper please bring it in!

### Bottle Tombola/Food Drink Hamper/Raffle

If you haven’t brought in a bottle please bring in lieu of payment for the non-uniform day. In date alcohol (brought in by adults), shower/bath gel etc.

### Book/toy Tombola

Please bring in quality used books and toys for our book/toy tombola. Please have a sort out at home this weekend!

### Panto Lunch/Christmas Lunch Choices

If your child has not brought in their Panto/Christmas lunch sheets they will have to bring a packed lunch into school on Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 18 December as there won’t be any other choices on those days.

## Computer Day at Ribston School

On Wednesday, some Year 4 and Year 5 girls enjoyed a fabulous Primary Computing day at Ribston Hall High School. Here, they explored coding, algorithms and debugging in relation to Microbits, OhBots and Loti-Bots (drawing robots). They enjoyed a VR (Virtual Reality) experience and even got to build their own computer. What a great day it was.

Mr Hutchinson and Mrs Jones



# Gloucester Park Lantern Parade

30th November, 2024

2pm to 5:30pm

Decorate a lantern and  
join the parade

Visit Santa in  
his grotto (free)

Decorate your own  
lantern (free)



Lantern Parade  
4:30pm from the  
bandstand  
(participants meet  
at 4:15pm)

Santa and lantern workshops 2pm to 4pm

The cafe will be open and serving drinks and snacks



## Free Winter Activities for Children, Young People & Families



An update on HAF booking this Winter...

We will continue to allow families time to browse all of the activities that are on offer two weeks before they are available to book online.

From 18 of November at 12pm, you will be able to view all the activities on offer in the Winter. This means you will be ready when **activity booking goes live at 12pm on the 2nd of December.**

**The Winter HAF Activities will take place between 23rd of December and 3rd of January.**

Activities for Families living in Gloucester City Can be found here: [www.gloscityhaf.co.uk](http://www.gloscityhaf.co.uk)

Setting up a CABS account is easy:  
Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

T: 07340 709 871

E: [glos hafconnector@gmail.com](mailto:glos hafconnector@gmail.com)

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## Holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for December Winter holiday will be open from midday 25 November until midday on 6 December. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 16 December. Please check junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by 23 December, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#). This Winter holiday period, 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. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals. The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire.



# 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	29	Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	Thursday	7	14	21	28	
Friday	6	13	20	27	Friday	4	11	18	25	Friday	1	8	15	22	29	
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						
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	
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Saturday	7	14	21	28	Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	1	8	15	22		
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	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	29	Tuesday	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	Wednesday	7	14	21	28	
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Friday	7	14	21	28	Friday	4	11	18	25	Friday	2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	Saturday	5	12	19	26	Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	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	
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	31

Term Time	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	INSET Days (No children in school)
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### Term Dates 2024/25

Term 1: Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October 2024

Term 2: Monday 4 November – Friday 20 December 2024

Term 3: Tuesday 7 January - Friday 14 February 2025

Term 4: Monday 24 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 2025, Monday 21 July 2025. 1 more TBC. (Children not in school).



# St James' Church of England Junior School

## School Term Dates & Holidays - 2025-26

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	4	11	18	25
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Saturday	7	14	21	28		Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	2	9	16	23
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Sunday	7	14	21	28		Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	2	9	16	23

Term Time	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	INSET Days (No children in school)
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**Term Dates 2025-26**

- Term 1: Wednesday 3 September – Friday 24 October 2025
- Term 2: Monday 3 November – Fri 19 December 2025
- Term 3: Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February 2026
- Term 4: Monday 23 February – Friday 27 March 2026
- Term 5: Tuesday 14 April – Friday 22 May 2026
- Term 6: Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2026

**Bank Holidays 2025-26:**

- Christmas Bank Holidays** Thursday 25 December 2025  
Friday 26 December 2025
- New Year Bank Holiday** Thursday 1 January 2025
- Good Friday** Friday 3 April 2026
- Easter Monday** Monday 6 April 2026
- Early May Bank Holiday** Monday 4 May 2026
- Spring Bank Holiday** Monday 25 May 2026
- Summer Bank Holiday** Monday 31 August 2026

**INSET Days: Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025, Monday 5 January 2026, Monday 13 April 2026 and Monday 20 July 2026**