



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

20 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

What an amazing term! Such a lot has happened since we started back in September. Firstly, I'd like to thank all the children for being amazing, every day. They come to school with smiles on their faces and always try their best to improve in their learning. As teachers we can't ask for any more than trying your best; so well done to all the children here at St James'.



Secondly, I'd like to thank you all as parents. I enjoy seeing you all in the mornings at the school gate. Your continued support of the teachers and teaching assistants on a daily basis remains much appreciated. Your support here makes our jobs both enjoyable and manageable.

Very importantly, I'd like to thank all the staff at St James'. They are a wonderfully talented and hard-working bunch. Hugely professional, exceptionally dedicated, and committed to every child in this school. It is a pleasure to work with them all.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful break for the next few weeks, relaxing and enjoying being with family and friends. We will all look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 7 January**.

Regards

Mr S Millington, Executive Headteacher

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Friday 20 December	1.30 pm	Term 2 ends at 1.30 pm
Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January		Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 January 2025		INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 7 January		Term 3 starts
Thursday 9 January	1.00 pm	Year 4 swimming
Friday 10 January		Emerald House Non-Uniform Day
Friday 10 January	1.00 pm	Year 3 swimming
Tuesday 14 January	9.00 am	Christingle Service at St James' Church
Friday 14 February	3.20 pm	Last Day of Term 3

Year 3A - Alice Tredgett, who was on a sabbatical from school last year, will be returning to teaching Y3A as planned in January. Mr Matthews will still be at St James so the children will continue to see him regularly.

Miss Tredgett has met your children this week and is very excited to be their teacher for the rest of this academic year. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Attendance Award Winner for Term 2 - Well done Amelia!



Dance Festival



Congratulations to 3B who won the weekly attendance award with a brilliant 98.1% and the termly attendance with 95.4% Excellent! The runners-up for the week were 4A with 95.5% and 6B with 94.29% for the term.

Emerald were the House Winners this term which means all children and staff in Emerald House get to wear non-uniform on Friday 10th January!



Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch

It was a very busy Christmas lunch with two sittings; the staff were amazing getting all the children seated and fed! We hope all the children enjoyed themselves!



Year 6 Carol Singing

Last week and this week a small group of Year 6 children went carolling to Park View Care Home and Great Western Court. They sang along with the residents and also sang 'Unto Us a Child is Born' as a small group. We had a really good time interacting with the residents, sharing treats and spreading Christmas cheer!



Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Year 4 swimming will start on Thursday 9 January and Year 3 on Friday 10 January. Letters available from the office. £2.50 per week or £32.50 in full in cash.

Parent Champions of Hatherley Infants and St James' C of E Junior Schools

All parents/carers are invited to an informal meeting.

WHEN? Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 9.00 am (after school drop off)

WHERE? In the cafe space at Gloucestershire Resource Centre, GL1 4DF (www.grcltd.org)

This is only a short walk from both schools and I will be there to welcome you.

WHY? The meeting is for parents who would like to meet to share ideas about how your children are learning and also to think of some ideas to raise funds to provide additional resources for your child's schools.

We understand that you may not be able to attend the meeting due to work or family commitments, so please still send in your ideas with a friend who is attending or email me. We are hoping to meet at least once a term. Refreshments will be provided.

Please ask me if you have any questions about this meeting.

Heather Jones - Engagement Coordinator - Hatherley Infants and St James' Juniors
hjones@sjjs.dgat.org.uk

New learners are welcome in January 2025!

The English and Maths Classes for Parents have now finished and will start again on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 1pm until 3pm (English class) and 1.30pm until 3pm (Maths class).

The classes are for parents of children from Hatherley and St James'. They are based in rooms at Hatherley Infants at the moment. Mrs Jones will be at the Hatherley Infants School office on Thursdays to welcome you.

These are great opportunities for parents to develop your own skills, as well as learning more about how your child learns at school.

The dates for next term are below and displayed on posters outside school.



***Free**
HELP YOUR CHILD WITH ENGLISH FOR PARENTS FROM HATHERLEY & ST JAMES'

A 6-week course to support families whose first language is not English. These sessions are designed to support parents to understand how their children are learning to read and write in school whilst also supporting their English skills.

Following this course you may progress to:

- Further learning
- Employment
- Volunteering

*Participants must be aged 19 or over; have lived in the UK for 3 years or longer, qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); or earning below £25,000.00 per year.

COURSE DETAILS:

-  THURSDAYS 9TH JANUARY - 13TH FEBRUARY 2025
-  1:00PM - 3:00PM
-  HATHERLEY INFANT SCHOOL
-  CONTACT HEATHER JONES
HJONES@SJJS.DGAT.ORG.UK



Reading Café

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join their children for Reading Cafes since September.

These are great opportunities to hear a little bit more about how your child is learning in school, as well as having a few minutes to read together. If you are not able to join your child, please ask their teachers or Mrs Jones, who will let you know the information which is shared.

The dates for next term are below and displayed on posters outside school.

Please try to join you child when it is their turn in January/February.

Please note the swap of days for the first week back only. Classes 6A and 6B at St James' on **Wednesday** 8th January.

Have a lovely Christmas break and see you in 2025!

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.

Heather Jones

Engagement Coordinator – Hatherley Infants and St James' Juniors

Language of the Term

സുപ്രഭാതം
suprabhatham
good morning

ഉഡ്
ആഹ്ലാദകരം
good
afternoon

This term, we enjoyed learning phrases in Igbo. Next term, we will be celebrating Malayalam, which is a language spoken by lots of families at Hatherley and St James'.

Why not ask your child what they have learnt?

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!



Progressive
Active
Camps

Winter Active Holiday Camp!



ST JAMES C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER, GL1 4JU
THURSDAY 2ND AND FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2025
8.30am until 3.30pm

CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE NOW!

HAF SPACES ALSO AVAILABLE!

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR
FREE HAF SPACE!**

**EMAIL US ON
NORTHGLOS@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK**

CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE: <https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-north-gloucestershire/book-now/8-st-james-active-camp--winter-holidays->

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE HAF SPACE: <https://gloucestershirehaf.com/gloucester-city-haf/>

LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

Recycle your Tree!

In partnership with
JUST HELPING
Registered Charity No. 299027

We will be collecting and recycling trees
11th - 14th January 2025

To book scan
here
or visit



www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Registration closes
7th January 2025

After costs, 90% of monies raised will go to Longfield Community Hospice. The remaining 10% will be distributed to charities in the local community

Longfield Community Hospice,
Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, GL5 2PQ
info@longfield.org.uk www.longfield.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 299027 Company No. 0221362

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