



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

6 December 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 6A who won the weekly attendance award with 98.7%.  
The runners-up were 6B with 98.3%. Well done!**

## Important Dates & Holidays



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

Wednesday 11 December	9.00 am	Aladdin Panto at Everyman Theatre <b>Children need to be in school by 8.30 am in uniform</b>
Thursday 12 December	3.20 pm	Christmas Fayre – look on page 3
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 <i>Bring packed lunch unless Christmas Dinner ordered</i>
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)

## Important information

### Panto – Wednesday 11 December



All children need to be in school by **8.30 am** next Wednesday so they can be registered before leaving school at 9.00 am so we can get to the Theatre in Cheltenham on time. Those children not attending, and staying in school, will also need to be in school at 8.30 am to be registered.

All children will have a packed lunch if ordered from school or will need to bring one from home.

### Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 18 December

Children can wear Christmas jumpers, Christmas t-shirts on top of their PE t-shirts and PE kits on 18 December.

If they have not chosen a Christmas lunch they need to bring in a packed lunch as there will be no other food choices on the day.



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

### Book/toy Tombola

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

Please remember to bring lots of change on the day!

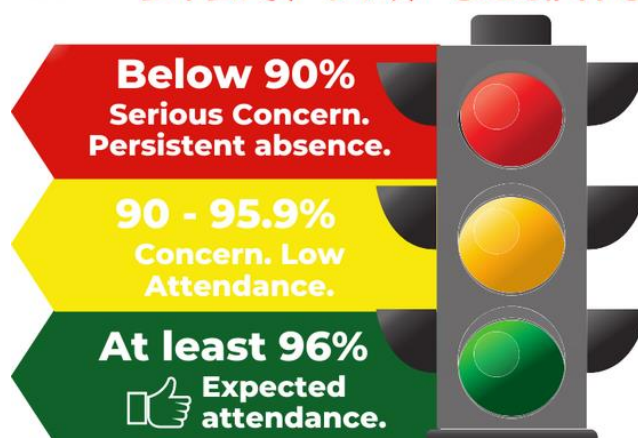
### Raffle

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, Art hampers, £10 Toy voucher, 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.

### Bottle Tombola/Food Drink Hamper/Raffle

Thank you to those parents who have brought in bottles for our tombola or prizes for the raffle!

## ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



**Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!**

# 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.

Glofamilies Newsletter -

<https://www.glofamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glofamilies/home.page>

ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER  
AFTER SCHOOL

RAFFLE  
REFRESHMENTS  
LOTS OF STALLS  
BOTTLE TOMBOLA  
TOY/BOOK TOMBOLA  
and lots more!

## Reading Café

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join your child at their Reading Cafe. Dates for next term are on the invitations.

Please try to arrange for a member of your family who supports your child's reading/learning at home to join your child.

Your child is very proud of their learning and we love to see them sharing it with you 😊

The information this term included ideas for how to ask your child questions about what they are reading. This helps children to be more interested in their reading.

For example, you can ask them (in any language) –

*What does this word mean?*

The person in the picture looks happy - Why do you think they are happy?

Before turning the page - What do you think is going to happen next?

*Can you explain why this is happening in the story?*

At the end of the story - Can you tell me what the story was about?

## Library Membership

Please join a local library with your child.

## Gloucestershire Libraries

Local libraries are a great place to go over the Christmas break. It is also a brilliant way to help your child find something that they enjoy reading, rather than buying lots of books until they find their favourite!

Membership is **FREE** and you can borrow books from any library in Gloucestershire. Just go in to a library, with ID to show your name and address.

All the family can join and access IT resources, books in different languages and audio books too.

## Parents and Friends of Hatherley Infants and St James' C of E Juniors

### New Date for your Diary

Tuesday 21st January 2025 – Coffee & Chat at Gloucestershire Resource Centre, City Works, Alfred Street, GL1 4DF <http://www.grcltd.org/>

9am-10am (after school drop off).

All parents and family members welcome. Refreshments provided. Stay for a few minutes or the whole hour!

We would like to hear your ideas for activities we can do to raise extra funds for school, for example - sponsored events, school fairs, sporting events.

We also have some volunteering opportunities in school, for example – to hear children read and to support other parents to learn English in our classes for parents on Thursday afternoons.

Please see Mrs Jones on the Hatherley or St James' playgrounds if you have any ideas or are interested in meeting but cannot come to the meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Or email her [hjones@his.dgat.org.uk](mailto:hjones@his.dgat.org.uk) or [hjones@sjs.dgat.org.uk](mailto:hjones@sjs.dgat.org.uk)

Thank you for continuing to support your child and school with their learning.

**Best wishes from Heather Jones, Engagement Co-ordinator,  
Hatherley Infants & St James' C of E Juniors**



Progressive  
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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**

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FREE HAF SPACE!**

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