



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

22 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 6A who won the weekly attendance award with 96%.  
The runners-up were 5A with 95.7%.**

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 28 November		Book Fair after school until 2 December
Friday 29 November		<b>Non-uniform Day</b> (Bottle Tombola donations)
Wednesday 4 December	9-11 am	Open Morning for Year 2s
Wednesday 11 December	9.00 am	Aladdin Panto at Everyman Theatre
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
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.

### 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)

## 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.



ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER**  
**NON-UNIFORM DAY**  
**in aid of Christmas**  
**Fayre**

**INSTEAD OF PAYMENT PLEASE  
BRING IN A BOTTLE FOR THE BOTTLE  
TOMBOLA. ALCOHOL MUST BE  
BROUGHT IN BY AN ADULT. IN DATE  
BOTTLES OF WINE, FIZZ, SPIRITS,  
BATH/SHOWER GEL ETC.**

*All money raised at the Fayre  
will go towards St James' children  
activities/trips, etc.*

# 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 will be bringing home an envelope containing a book of raffle tickets next week. 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. Please send back into school, in the envelope provided (sealed) all completed raffle ticket stubs (keep tickets yourself) and the cash asap. 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

Please bring in bottles in lieu of payment for the non-uniform day next Friday. 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!

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

Gloucester City  
**HAF** holiday activities & food

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:

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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.

### Meet St Nicholas at Gloucester Cathedral Saturday 14 December, 10am-4pm

Discover the origins of Father Christmas and meet St Nicholas himself. Each child will receive an age appropriate book gift. Families will also have the chance to take part in Christmas crafts and a scratch Nativity. **No booking required, free of charge.**

*These activities are suitable for all ages and there is no booking required. Simply turn up any time between 10am and 4pm and enjoy!* <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/christmas-crafts-with-st-nicholas>

## Attendance Ladder



### Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18 December

Your child(ren) should have brought home a personalised booking form for Christmas lunch this week. Please make sure you complete in full and bring back to school by **Thursday 28 November, with payment if you do not have Parentpay or your child(ren) are not eligible for Free School Meals**. There will be no other meals available on the day so if they don't choose the Christmas lunch they will need to bring a packed lunch. They can wear their Christmas jumpers/t-shirts on the day!



Boys Football Team



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!

The poster is decorated with various Christmas-themed illustrations including a red gift box, a yellow Christmas tree, two golden bells, a red and green bauble, a red bauble with a gold buckle, a pink gift box, a gingerbread man, a red mug with a white snowflake, a red and white striped candy cane, a nutcracker, and several colorful stars and snowflakes. The background is a light beige color with small white polka dots.

# JESUS

The Messiah. Word of God. Spirit from God.

SON OF MARY

How much do you know about one of  
the most influential men in history?

## MOSQUE OPEN DAY WITH EXHIBITION IN GLOUCESTER

FREE FOOD

ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GLOUCESTER

199- 205 Barton Street  
Gloucester  
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SUNDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> DEC. 2024  
11 am - 4 pm

Find out more about this historic personality  
and the timeless message he left for humanity:

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AN IERA PROJECT



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
MONTHLY INTENSIVE COURSE

## ISLAM AND JESUS

(PROPHET ESA PEACE BE UPON HIM)  
by Ustad Husnain Ahmed

Sunday 15th December

After Duhar prayer [12:45pm] (approx 4 Hours) including Q&A

- Open to Public
- Families welcome (Fully Segregated)
- Light refreshment provided
- No children under the age of 10
- Notebook and pen essential

199-205 Barton Street GL1 4HY (Sisters entrance from Old Row)

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