



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

11 October 2024

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

Congratulations to our:

### Values Cup Winners



### Good Work Winners



**Congratulations to 3B who won the weekly attendance award again this week with 99.3%.  
The whole school was 94.9% which is good but could be better!**

## Important Dates & Holidays

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

Thursday 17 October                      3.20 pm      Cake Sale  
Wednesday 23 October                      Parents' Evening  
Monday 21 – Friday 25 October – Year 4/5 Residential to Wick Farm  
Friday 25 October                      3.20 pm      End of Term 1

**Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November – October Half-Term**

**Monday 4 November                      Start of Term 2**

Wednesday 11 December                      9.00 am      Aladdin Panto at Everyman Theatre

## 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 new children are available in the office. The school office is open from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm.

**Data Sheets** will be sent home via children over the next couple of weeks. Please check them, make any amendments and bring back to school signed. Thanks

## 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>

**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)

## Harvest Festival 2024



We had a fantastic Harvest Festival on Tuesday. The Year 4 Worship Team did a really good job in leading our service. Well done Year 4 Worship Team!

We would like to say a really big THANK YOU to everyone who brought in something for our Harvest collection which will be collected by The Salvation Army this week. We really appreciate your support.

### Cake Sale – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Can parents/carers please bring in cakes to sell at our cake sale next Thursday? They can be brought into school from Monday. **Please come and support the sale on Thursday after school.**



### 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.

**Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**1.00pm – 3.00pm**

At  
Hatherley Infant School

To book a place, or for more information,  
please contact the school office.

\* The course is free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK/EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed/retired or earning below £25,000.00 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.



## Boys' Football v Widden

Wow what a game! Considering we played Widden a couple of weeks ago, the boys have made a huge amount of progress. The new formation of 3 defenders, 2 in the midfield and 1 upfront seems to have worked and we looked a lot more settled. The boys show greater knowledge with their positional play specially when they moved into different positions due to substitutions. The game was end to end and I felt that we were the



stronger team with several chances just missing the goal. The second half saw 2 penalties one for each team of which were both saved! Both teams created lots of chances but sadly Widden did score with the final result being 1 – 0 to Widden. But, Mr Millington and Mr Matthews were super proud of the fantastic effort and commitment the boys showed with probably one of the best performances ever for a St James' side. Also, well done Sam in goal, making lots of awesome saves, and midfielders David and Abdul for their non-stop running and great tackling. Well done boys!!

## Reading Cafes

Thank you to parents for attending the recent Reading Cafes.

Information included how we teach reading, spelling and times tables at school and how parents can help at home.

Please ask the class teaching team if you have any questions.

Look out for the date of the next meeting below - there will be another opportunity to join your child again after the half term in November/December.

## 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

**6B:** Wednesday 11th September

**6A:** Thursday 12th September

**5A:** Thursday 19th September

**4A:** Thursday 26th September

**4B:** Thursday 3rd October

**3A:** Thursday 10th October

**3B:** Thursday 17th October

*These times are for your child's new class in September.*







# WITCHES WIGGLE

FUN PRE HALLOWEEN EVENT FOR THE KIDS TO ENJOY SOME SPOOKTAKULAR DANCING AND TREATS FOR AGES 8 PLUS

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**COLES CHAOS DANCE CREW**

<b>Tuesday 29th October 2024</b>	<b>DOORS OPEN AT 5pm till 6:30pm</b>	<b>PHOENIX CENTRE, MATSON LANE, MATSON, GL4 6DX  £4 PER PERSON</b>
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# COLES CHAOS DANCE CREW

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ARE YOU AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS BETWEEN 10AM AND 2PM ?

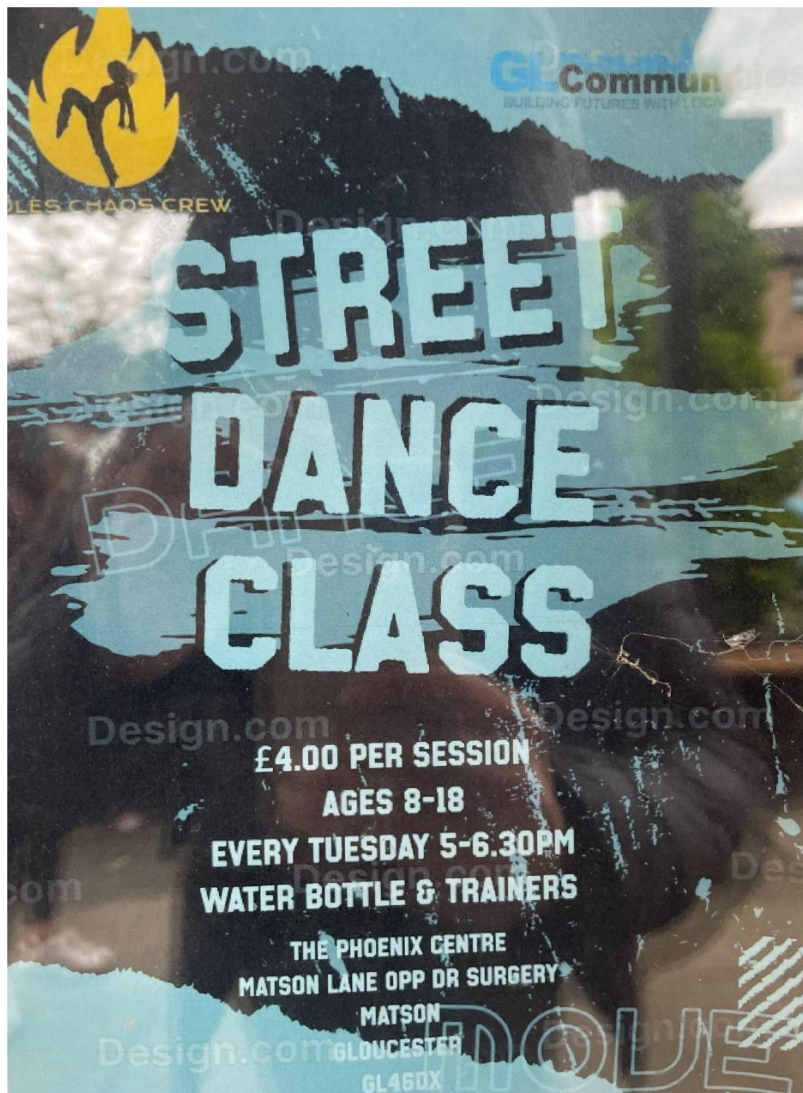
ARE YOU ARTY? 

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HELP US MAKE SOME PROPS FOR THE DANCE SHOW FOR CHRISTMAS!

DISNEY THEME!  

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# STREET DANCE CLASS

£4.00 PER SESSION  
AGES 8-18  
EVERY TUESDAY 5-6.30PM  
WATER BOTTLE & TRAINERS

THE PHOENIX CENTRE  
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