

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

13 September 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 this week with 98.7%.
The whole school was also above 97% which is great – keep it up!

Important Dates & Holidays

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

Wednesday 25 September	9.00 am	School photographs (children need to wear full uniform and bring PE kit with them)
Tuesday 8 September	9.00 am	Harvest Festival at St James' Church
Wednesday 23 October		Parents' Evening
Monday 21 – Friday 25 October		Year 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

School Hours

8.15 am	Gates Open/Breakfast Club
8.30 am	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
8.50 am	Pupils come into school
9.00 am	First session
3.20 pm	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.**

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.

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.

PE t-shirts, ties, book bags and rucksacks are available to buy from the office from 8.30 am. Cash only please.

PE Days

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 - Forest School Wednesday and PE Thursday
Year 5 - PE Wednesday and Swimming Thursday
Year 6 - PE Wednesday and Swimming Friday

Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar

Please take a look at the website first before ringing us – www.st-james-junior.co.uk

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

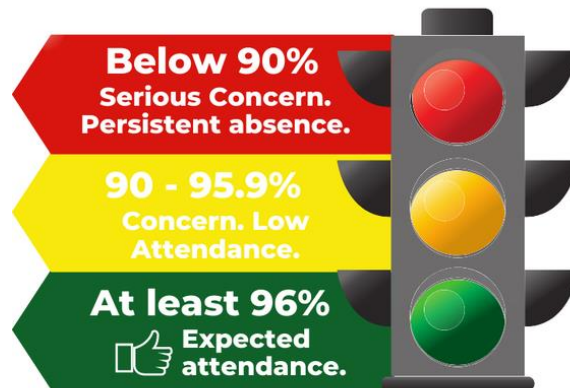
4B: Thursday 3rd October

3A: Thursday 10th October

3B: Thursday 17th October

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

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



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

Language of the Month

At St James', we value multilingualism and the children are proud to share their languages and to learn about other languages. This September, we will be celebrating Portuguese! Why not ask your child what they have learnt?

Our Languages

Number of languages: **30**

Language of the month: **Português Portuguese**

Portuguese phrases: **bom dia good morning** and **boa tarde good afternoon**

Who can help?

Grid of student photos and names for language help.

Breaking Boundaries

Parents of children from Hatherley Infants and St James' Juniors enjoyed the first class of the 'Breaking Boundaries' course, which helps parents to help their children with their learning, using fun and practical activities. There are still places to join the class on Thursdays at 1.30-3pm in Hatherley school hall. Parents from both schools are welcome!



Year 6 Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all the children who brought along a parent to meet their new teachers and find out more about being in Year 6. Next Thursday 19th September, it's the turn of Year 5 (see attached flier).



Looking for healthy after-school snack ideas?

We've got you covered!

Our free, Beezee Families healthy lifestyle programme can help your family make healthy habits.

Tuck into these healthy snacks:

- Two wholegrain crackers and tzatsiki
- Rice cakes or corn cakes
- Two crackers with a spread of low-fat cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs
- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Handful of dried fruit
- Dried apple slices (slice into 1/4 inch circles, bake at 200 degrees until dry)
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Apple slices with peanut butter.

Want more healthy lifestyle support? Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click the link



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*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 4 and up.

GCC Central Spring Summer 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 08/04/2024 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 17/06/2024 08/07/2024 02/09/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Minced Beef & Onion Pie with New Potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two	Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit
WEEK TWO 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 24/06/2024 15/07/2024 09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024	Option One	Summer Vegetable Risotto	Pork Sausage in a Bun With Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with New Potatoes	Mexican Five Bean rice	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausages with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Ice Cream	Marble Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie with Apple Slices	Peach Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread
WEEK THREE 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 22/07/2024 16/09/2024 07/10/2024	Option One	NEW Vegetable Fajitas with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Chicken Paella	Fish fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two	BBQ Quorn with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Potato Wedges	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Ice Cream	Pear & Chocolate Upside Down Cake with Custard	Apple Flapjack	Banana Sponge with Banana Slices and Custard	Fruity Shortbread

MENU KEY

- Added Plant Power
- Wholemeal
- Vegan
- Chef's Special

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.



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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	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	Wednesday	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	6	13	20	27	Thursday	3	10	17	24	Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	
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	
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	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 – Fri 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).