

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter



## 14 November 2025

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 4B who won the weekly attendance award with 97.2% and 5A who were runners-up again with 95.7%. Well done!**

## Important Dates & Holidays – Please keep a copy of the term dates handy!

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 [here](#).

Monday 17 November	9.00 am	Year 4 Wick Farm Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 19 November		M&M Theatre Productions - Robin Hood Panto
Thursday 20 November		Rugby Sessions in school Swimming for Year 5
Friday 21 November		Swimming for Year 6
Thursday 27 November		Swimming for Year 5 <b>Book Fair after school until Tuesday 2 December</b>
Friday 28 November		Swimming for Year 6
Thursday 4 December		Swimming for Year 5
Friday 5 December		Swimming for Year 6
Thursday 11 December		Swimming for Year 5
Friday 12 December		<b>Non-uniform Day (payment in bottles for Tombola)</b> Year 4 Trip to Sherborne Cinema Swimming for Year 6
Tuesday 16 December	9.00 am	<b>Christmas Carols at St James' (Parents welcome)</b>
Wednesday 17 December		<b>Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a jumper with uniform</b> Christmas Lunch
	3.00 pm	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
Thursday 18 December		Swimming for Year 5
Friday 19 December		No swimming for Year 6
	1.30 pm	<b>End of Term 2 at 1.30 pm</b>
<b>Monday 29 December – Friday 2 January – Christmas Holidays</b>		
Monday 5 January 2026		<b>INSET Day (No children in school)</b>
Tuesday 6 January		<b>Start of Term 3</b>

### School Hours

8.15 am	Gates Open/Breakfast Club
8.30 am	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
8.45 am	Pupils come into school
9.00 am	First session
3.20 pm	End of school day

**Pupils should be in school by 8.45 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.**

### Year 4 Parents – Wick Court Farm Residential Assembly

9.00 am – Monday 17 November

Year 4 parents and parents of those children that attended this year's Wick Court Farm Residential are invited to attend a parents' assembly in the hall.

### Christmas Fair – Wednesday 17 December – We need your help!

If you have any unwanted brand-new, in date, unused items that would be suitable for our Christmas Fair raffle or toys/books for our Toy Tombola, please bring them into the school office asap. Any alcohol needs to be brought in by a parent.

**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.

## Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17 December

Please make sure that your child brings in their Christmas lunch choices by **21 November**.

**Children in Need – Pudsey visited us on Wednesday afternoon – see the photos [here](#).**

**Ribston Humanities Day – see the photos [here](#).**



## Boys' Football Team Match Report

On Thursday this week, our boys' football team played an exciting match against Finlay Community School. The team worked incredibly hard from start to finish, showing great determination and teamwork throughout the game.

Our defenders were especially impressive, keeping their shape well and making some excellent tackles. As the match went on, the boys really grew into the game and created several strong chances at goal.

Despite their fantastic effort and positive attitude, the team were unlucky with the final score, losing 4–0. We are proud of how well they represented our school and the improvements they continue to make each week.

Well done, boys—keep it up! 🏆





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**FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER**  
**NON-UNIFORM DAY**  
in aid of  
**Christmas Fair**

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

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

**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY.  
PLEASE SELL AS MANY AS YOU CAN TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE UNTIL THE DAY OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.**

**PRIZES: AMAZON VOUCHER, TOY VOUCHER, HAMPER, CHOCOLATES + MANY MORE**





# Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Go to your local church and find all the things listed below!



Oak Tree



Star



Stained Glass



Cribb



Poinsettas



Angel



Bible



Wreath



Steeple



Bells



Nativity Scene



Candle