

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

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

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3B who won the weekly attendance award again with 97.4% and 4A who were runners-up again with 96.2%. 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](#).

Thursday 22 January	Swimming for Year 3
Friday 23 January	Swimming for Year 4
Thursday 29 January	Swimming for Year 3
Friday 30 January	Swimming for Year 4
Thursday 5 February	Swimming for Year 3
	Cake Sale after School
Friday 13 February	Swimming for Year 4
	End of Term 3 at 3.20 pm

Monday 16-Friday 20 February - February Half-term

Monday 23 February	INSET Day (No children in school)
Tuesday 24 February	Start of Term 4

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.**

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.

Year 3 Making Bird Boxes

Take a look at the photos [here](#).

Year 6 First Aid Training

Take a look at the photos [here](#).



Swimming for Year 3 and Year 4 – Please pay £2.50 every week unless it has been paid for in full. Swimming is a part of the curriculum.

With The Ball



My child loved it.
They came home
buzzing every day!

MultiActivity Holiday Club



£15
(1/2 day)

£27
(1 day)

£75
(3 days)

Tues 17th, Wed 18th, Thur 19th February

Hillview Primary School, GL3 3LH

Open To All Children R - Year 6

Sports, Activities, Arts & Crafts

Sibling & PP Discounts

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more info & to
book!



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Beezee FAMILIES

Changing habits keep you healthy...all year long!



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family.

Top Tips to brave those winter mornings

Keep hydrated: This is a sure-fire way to get our bodies fired up in the mornings. A fresh glass of water will give your body the boost it needs to start the day.

Breakfast: There is a reason it holds the title as the most important meal of the day! Make sure little (and grown up) tums don't leave the house empty, it's important to have a good healthy breakfast to give our bodies the energy they need.

Sleep: Its important no matter your age to get enough sleep and sticking to regular sleep patterns can help support this.

Healthy lunch boxes

Keeping school lunch boxes interesting can be a challenge at the best of times so we appreciate how hard it is to make sure they are kept healthy too.

But healthy doesn't have to be a chore, it can actually make life much easier!

Fruit is a great way to give little ones a boost of energy and if bought in packs will generally last the whole week and keep costs down too. A satsuma, banana or small handful of grapes will add a tasty (and vibrant) addition to their lunch boxes.

Fresh air fix

It's tough during the colder months to find ways to get our much-needed Vitamin D.

Fresh air is a great way to improve both our physical and mental well-being and even short bursts of outdoor time can make a big difference.

Try swapping the car or bus for a short walk from time to time or get the little ones wrapped up and outside for a quick play in the park.



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or
Click the link



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Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up

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Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar

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

**Starting
Monday 2nd
February**

**Fully Funded Education Support Course
Online LIVE Webinars
6 Week Course
Mon - Fri 9.30 - 11.30 & 12.30 - 2.00
Support Session 4.00 - 4.30**

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Wellbeing
Safeguarding & Prevent
Occupational Studies
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Principles of SEN**



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With over 60 years of experience and more than 3.5 million students worldwide, it's no surprise that Kumon is the world's leading supplementary education provider. The Kumon Maths and English Programmes help children build confidence, improve focus, and develop independent study skills that last a lifetime.

Now is the perfect time for your family to discover the benefits of Kumon as the Kumon Gloucester Central Study Centre is now offering **Free Registration** to new and returning students from **1st February to 15th March**. Take this opportunity to save money and help your child stand out from their peers.

For more information and to book your child's Kumon free assessment, contact your local Instructor, Stephen, via the website at <https://www.kumon.co.uk/gloucester-central> or call 07990207180.

The Kumon Gloucester Central Study Centre is located at GL1 leisure on Bruton Way, GL1 1D with classes running on Friday 4:30 to 6:30 and Saturday 10:00 to 15:00.