

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

30 January 2026

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 5B and 6A who were jointly weekly attendance award winners with 95%.
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 5 February	Swimming for Year 3 Cake Sale after school – Please bring in donations from Monday
Thursday 12 February	Year 6 NHS National Child Measurement Programme Change to normal menu - Pizza & Pancake Day (see page 3)
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
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day Non-Uniform Day - Come dressed as your favourite book character! (No charge) World Book Day – Change to normal menu
Tuesday 24 March	9.00 am Easter Service at St James' Church (Parents welcome)

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.

Head lice outbreak at school – please visit [Let's fight headlice together - Once a week take a peek](#)

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.

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.



St James' C of E Junior School



CAKE SALE

Thursday 5 February

3.20 pm

Please bring lots of change!

Cake donations from Monday 2 February please.

Thursday 12 February

Pizza
and
PANCAKE
DAY

Chicken Pizza (A)
or
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (B)

Served with:
Wedges & Vegetables

Desert:
Pancake with Berries

*This is the only menu available.
No Jacket potatoes.*

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HAF Holiday Voucher Scheme

Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 9 February. Families should check their junk/spam folders during this period. If parents have not received their vouchers by 16 February, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, visit our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Using vouchers – vouchers will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please submit an update existing details request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) so we can update details.

Don't wait for the February 2026 holidays to fill up—secure your spot now!

Kick off the first camps of 2026 and keep the kids active, focused, and smiling with our Holiday Camps:

Gymnastics Fun Day Camp (Ages 5+)

A full day of gymnastics, games, and non-stop fun—perfect for energetic kids who love to move, learn, and make new friends!

Twisting Workshop for Tumblers (Ages 5+)

This specialist workshop is designed for tumblers ready to develop and refine their twisting skills. Led by our very own High-Performance Coach (HPC), gymnasts will focus on correct technique, progressions, and confidence in a safe, supportive, and high-energy environment. Ideal for both developing and experienced tumblers looking to level up!

Spaces are limited—these are our first camps of 2026, so don't miss out! **BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!**

info@checkersgymnastics.co.uk Message us on Facebook Checkers Gymnastics, Upton Street

JET AGE MUSEUM

SPECIAL HALF TERM OPENING
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026
10.00AM TO 4.00PM



Meteor Business Park,
Cheltenham Road East,
Gloucester GL2 9QL
Tel 01452 260078
www.jetagemuseum.org

ADMISSION FREE
DONATIONS WELCOME

Texting advice for parents and carers of children aged 5-19 years

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour support
- Sleep
- Bullying
- Healthy eating
- Bladder and Bowel needs (including toileting)
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Any other health needs requiring support

Text ParentChat now on:

07312 263059



chathealth.nhs.uk/

Disclaimer:

We may inform someone if we are concerned about your safety, or that of your child, but would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare professionals, who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply within 48 hours. You should receive a message to confirm we have received your text. Texts will not be seen outside working hours. If you need support before hearing back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If your child requires urgent medical support or attention, contact your nearest Accident and Emergency Department or call 999. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (this does not include messages from landlines, international mobile numbers, and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To stop receiving messages text 'STOP' to 07312 263059. Texts are charged at your usual standard network message rate.

HOLIDAY CAMPS – Every school holiday ✓



School Holidays just got a whole lot more fun!

including:



- Multi-Sports
- Challenge the Coach
- Team Olympics
- Themed Arts & Crafts
- Going for Gold

My son absolutely loves Just Camps! So glad we've found this club. Amazing value and I know he is safe!
LINDSEY, PARENT



Ages 4-16 years
✓ Ofsted registered
✓ Childcare vouchers
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Ask us about Just Camps Parties!

HOLIDAY CAMPS – Every school holiday ✓



Sir Thomas Rich's School, Oakleaze,
Longlevens, Gloucester GL2 0LF

Excellent fun- kids have a great time and very well entertained- highly recommend!
JOS, PARENT

Register Early and Save 20%

Half Day 4 years
Full Day 5+ years
Extended Day 5+ years

Rookie Coach 12-16yrs

Register 14 days before the first day of the camp week and get our Earlybird price



- Nintendo Switch
- Multi Sports
- Rip Tag
- Arts & Crafts
- Cops & Robbers
- Football
- Dodgeball
- Sleeping Pirates
- Parachute Games
- Splat! & much more!



Just bring:
• Packed lunch & snack
• Water/drink
• Suncream
• Appropriate clothing
• Energy & enthusiasm!



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Limited spaces available, book early to avoid disappointment

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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