



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

6 February 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 5A who won the weekly attendance this week with 98% and 4A who were runners-up with 96.4%. Well done!

Take a look at the great DT Helmets that 4B made this week!
[St James' Church of England Junior School - Helmets in DT](#)

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 12 February	Year 6 NHS National Child Measurement Programme Change to normal menu - Pizza & Pancake Day (see page 3)
	Swimming for Year 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 (revealed next week!) Swimming for Year 3
Friday 6 March	Swimming for Year 4
Thursday 12 March	Swimming for Year 3
Friday 13 March	Swimming for Year 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.

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.

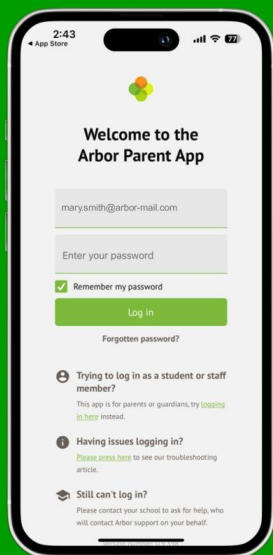
Chicken Pox & other infectious diseases

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.

We're using the Arbor Parent App!

See and manage your child's day-to-day school information. Understand their progress, make payments and bookings, and receive in-app messages - all from one app



Log in in seconds with Face ID

Receive in-app messages and reminders on your phone

Make payments, sign up for clubs, and book parents evenings

See your child's progress, attendance, behaviour points, report cards and more

Check your child's calendar, it's always up-to-date

A letter was sent to parents/ carers on 4 February explaining the new Arbor Parent App and Parent Portal. If you have not received it, please look in your junk/spam folder or look on our website under Parental Communication. An email will be sent on **Monday 9 February** enabling you to sign up. If you have any problems, look on our website or contact Mrs Hayward in the office.

Teachers2Parents (T2P) will cease working on Friday 13 February. No messages will be seen after this date. ***All parental communications will be through the school email system or via the Parent Portal or the Parent App via Arbor.***

Parentpay will still be used for school lunches.

Scan the QR code to download the Arbor Parent App, and use your email address to log in



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.*




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

HOLIDAY CAMPS – Every school holiday ✓



School Holidays just got a whole lot more fun!

including:



- at Sir Thomas Rich's School, Longlevens
- Multi-Sports
 - Team Olympics
 - Challenge the Coach
 - 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

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

Rookie Coach 12-16yrs



- 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

justcamps.co.uk
07989 582111
james@justcamps.co.uk



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.

February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail
Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs

Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror
Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors

Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

Glorious Glevum Tour
Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber

Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.



Scan me for more info!



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

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026





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School Term Dates & Holidays - 2025-26

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24		
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	4	11	18	25		
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	Wednesday	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	Thursday	6	13	20	27	
Friday	5	12	19	26		Friday	3	10	17	24	31	Friday	7	14	21	28	
Saturday	6	13	20	27		Saturday	4	11	18	25		Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	7	14	21	28		Sunday	5	12	19	26		Sunday	2	9	16	23	30
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY							
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	5	12	19	26	Monday	2	9	16	23		
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	6	13	20	27	Tuesday	3	10	17	24		
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MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	4	11	18	25		
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JUNE					JULY					AUGUST							
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Term Time	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	INSET Days (No children in school)
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Term Dates 2025-26

Term 1: Wednesday 3 September – Friday 24 October 2025

Term 2: Monday 3 November – Friday 19 December 2025

Term 3: Tuesday 6 January – Friday 13 February 2026

Term 4: Tuesday 24 February – Friday 27 March 2026

Term 5: Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026

Term 6: Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2026

Bank Holidays 2025-26:

Christmas Bank Holidays Thursday 25 December 2025
Friday 26 December 2025

New Year Bank Holiday Thursday 1 January 2026

Good Friday Friday 3 April 2026

Easter Monday Monday 6 April 2026

Early May Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2026

Summer Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2026

INSET Days: Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025, Monday 5 January 2026, Monday 23 February and Monday 20 July