



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

13 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 4A who won the weekly attendance award with 97.6% and 6A who were runners-up with 96%. 4A also won the termly award with 94.6% and 5A were runners-up with 94.3%. Well done!

Amber won the House Sports award for **Term 3**. **Sapphire** won the termly award and will have a non-uniform day on **Friday 27 February**.

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 16-Friday 20 February - February Half-term

Monday 23 February	INSET Day (No children in school)
Tuesday 24 February	Start of Term 4
Friday 27 February	Sapphire House Non-uniform Day (no cost)
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 TBC 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
Thursday 19 March	Swimming for Year 3
Friday 20 March	Swimming for Year 4
Wednesday 25 March	Parents' Evening – 2.30-7.00 pm
Thursday 26 March	Swimming for Year 3
Friday 27 March	End of Term 4 at 1.30 pm

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.

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.

CAKE SALE

Thank you to all the parents and staff who donated cakes and came and bought them! We raised an amazing **£150!** This will be used for the children. We really appreciate your support.

We now have a **School Shop** – you can now purchase PE t-shirts, bookbags and ties on the Parent Portal. Please see **page 2** to sign up if you haven't already. Payments for Swimming, JCA Residential and all trips and school events will also be on here once we become a cashless school.

Got a question? Need to know something?

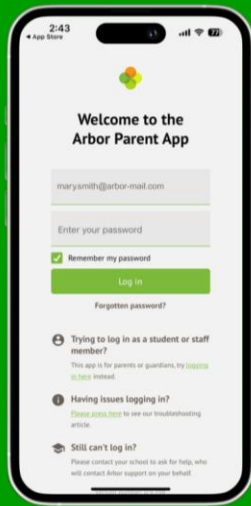
Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar

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

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

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



IMPORTANT – All parents need to sign up to receive notifications from school as T2P will cease this week! 30% have signed up so far. Please sign up over this weekend or half-term.

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 was 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. All parental communications will be through the Parent Portal/Parent App or via the school email system. All payments for swimming, trips and residential will also eventually be through the Parent Portal as we become a cashless school.

Parentpay will still be used for paying for school lunches.

If you are a parent/carers and have not received a log in request for Arbor's Parent Portal, please email admin@sjjs.dgat.org.uk and we will send you the details.

Free 11+ preparation and KS2 learning + Grammar Test

[St James' Church of England Junior School - Free 11+ preparation and KS2 learning + Grammar Test](#)

We work in partnership with [Atom Learning](#), the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide children in Years 3-6 who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts. Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year.

Atom Home provides Key Stage 2 learning resources, helping children build exam technique, subject mastery and academic confidence.

If your child is aged between 7-11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below.

[<<Access free 11+ preparation and KS2 learning>>](#)

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available: <https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>

Girls' Football Match Report – Thursday 5th February

On Thursday 5 February, the girls' football team took on Shurdington Primary in a spirited and competitive match. From the first whistle, our team showed real determination, working tirelessly across the pitch and refusing to give up at any stage.

Despite their fantastic effort, teamwork, and positive attitude, the girls were unable to break through Shurdington's strong defence and ultimately fell to a 6–0 defeat.

Although the scoreline wasn't in our favour, the girls demonstrated resilience, sportsmanship, and commitment throughout the entire game. They should feel proud of the way they represented the school, and the experience will no doubt help them grow stronger as a team.

Well done to all involved - we look forward to seeing the team bounce back in their next fixture!

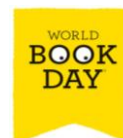
Boys' Football Match Report – Thursday 12th February

Yesterday, the boys' football team played a cup match against Coney Hill Primary School. They produced perhaps their best passing performance to date. Although the result didn't go our way, every single player put in a fantastic effort — from an impressive penalty save, to outstanding defending, to confident dribbling that helped drive us into attacking positions.

We now move into the Plate competition, where a mini festival awaits against our local rivals, Widden and St Pauls'. Well done, boys — a great performance to build on!

World Book Day – Thursday 5 March

Children can come dressed as their favourite Book Character. No cost. There will also be a change to the menu on that day (see below).



A colorful poster for World Book Day. At the top left is a bookshelf with books and a plant. At the top right is a globe reading a book. The title "WORLD BOOK DAY" is in large blue letters. Below it are four menu items, each with a small illustration: "MATILDA'S MARVELOUS MEATBALLS WITH SPAGHETTI" (stars), "JACK AND THE BEAN STALK FIVE BEAN CHILLI WITH RICE" (bean stalk), "GANGSTER GRANNY'S GABBAGE PETER RABBITS CARROTS" (stars), and "MR JELLY'S STRAWBERRY JELLY WITH JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH PEACHES" (stars). At the bottom left is a tree with books as leaves. At the bottom right are two children reading a large book. The "caterlink" logo is at the bottom center.

WORLD BOOK DAY

**MATILDA'S MARVELOUS MEATBALLS
WITH SPAGHETTI**

**JACK AND THE BEAN STALK FIVE BEAN
CHILLI WITH RICE**

**GANGSTER GRANNY'S GABBAGE
PETER RABBITS CARROTS**

**MR JELLY'S STRAWBERRY JELLY WITH
JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH PEACHES**

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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

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.

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- Sleep
- Bullying
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BEGINNERS (White & Yellow)	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
GLOUCESTER	KINGSWAY 2 5.30-6.30pm Kingsway Primary School, GL2 2AR	QUEDGELEY 2 6-7pm Q-Club, School Lane, GL2 4PJ	LINDEN 6-7pm Ribston Hall High School, GL1 5LE		KINGSWAY 5-6pm Waterwells Sports Centre, GL2 2AG	QUEDGELEY 10-11am Quedgeley Comm Centre, GL2 4PJ	QUEDGELEY 2 10-11am Q-Club, School Lane, GL2 4PJ
GLOUCESTER	LINDEN 6.30-7.30pm Ribston Hall High School, GL1 5LE	CHURCHDOWN 6.30-7.30pm Chosen Hill School, GL3 2PL	BROCKWORTH 5.30-6.30pm Coopers Edge Comm Centre, GL3 4BQ	BROCKWORTH 5-6pm Coopers Edge Comm Centre, GL3 4BQ	HUCCLECOTE 6-7pm Hillview Primary School, GL3 3LH		CHURCHDOWN 10-11am Chosen Hill School, GL3 2PL
CHELTHENHAM	BISHOPS CLEEVE 6.30-7.30pm BC Youth & Comm Centre, GL52 8RL		WARDEN HILL 6.30-7.30pm Bournside School, GL51 3EF		CHELTHENHAM 6-7pm Springbank Resource Centre, GL51 0LG	CHELTHENHAM 10-11am Springbank Resource Centre, GL51 0LG	
STROUD	STROUD 6.30-7.30pm Stroud Leisure Centre, GL5 4AF		STROUD 6-7pm Stroud Leisure Centre, GL5 4AF				STROUD 10.30-11.30am Stroud Leisure Centre, GL5 4AF
DURSLEY			DURSLEY 6.30-7.30pm St Dominic's Church Hall, GL11 4ES		DURSLEY 6.00-7.00pm St Dominic's Church Hall, GL11 4ES		

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11AM - 2PM**

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ST JAMES CITY FARM,
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Join Rachel, and Sam from The Nelson Trust this spring half-term at our allotment to make your very own dream catcher.

Children to be accompanied by an adult & remember to wrap up warm!



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*Things you need to know
about Play Gloucestershire*

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration - children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

For further information:
Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk
Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk
Phone 01452 505548

Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)



PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

**February Half Term at
Ayland Gardens, Barton,
Gloucester, GL1 4BZ
Tuesday 17th February
10am to 4pm**

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With thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund
for supporting these play sessions.






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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	
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MARCH					APRIL					MAY						
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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