

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

13 March 2026

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

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 4A who won this week's weekly attendance with 97.2% and 5A who were runners-up with 97%. 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 19 March	Swimming for Year 3
Friday 20 March	Comic Relief Non-uniform Day - £1 donation Swimming for Year 4
Tuesday 24 March	9.00 am Easter Service at St James' Church – Parents welcome
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/No swimming for Year 4
Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April Easter Holidays	
Monday 13 April	Start of Term 5
Wednesday 6 May	Class Photos – Children need to wear full school uniform
Monday 11-Friday 15 May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 19 May	Pentecost Service at St James' Church – No Parents
Tuesday 19 May	School Disco (Tickets on sale after Easter)
Wednesday 20 May	Year 3 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park (Payable via Parent Portal)
Thursday 21 May	Cake Sale (Please bring in donations from Tuesday 19)
Friday 22 May	End of Term 5 at 3.20 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 8.15-8.30 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.

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.**

House T-shirts, bags and ties are now available to purchase from the School Shop on the Parent Portal.

Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar ● Parent Portal ● Communication

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 is no longer used! 59% have signed up so far. Please sign up over this weekend.

A letter was sent to parents/carers in February explaining the new Arbor Parent App and Parent Portal. Please look in your junk/spam folder or look on our website under Parental Communication. An email was then sent enabling you to sign up. If you have any problems, look on our website or contact Mrs Hayward in the office.

All parental communications will now 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 apart from charity events, fundraising and non-uniform days.

Parentpay will still be used for paying for school lunches.

If you are a parent/carer and have not received a log in request for Arbor's Parent Portal or are having problems logging in, please check here - [St James' Church of England Junior School - Parent Portal & Parent App](#)

Year 4 Girls' Disney Football at Ribston – please look at the photos [here](#).



Easter Colouring Competition Easter Colouring Competition Easter Colouring Competition

Children will be given an Easter Egg sheet to colour in. £1 to enter. Prizes for winners in year groups. Return completed sheets to school by **Monday 23 March**.

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

WE'RE TAKING OURSELVES FUNNY FOR MONEY THIS RED NOSE DAY

WHAT? Non-uniform Day

WHEN? Friday 20 March 2026

WHERE? St James' C of E Junior School

Pay £1

Get more posters at comicroelief.com/resources

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

REGULATOR



St James' C of E Junior School



CAKE SALE

Thursday 21 May

3.20 pm

Please bring lots of change!

Cake donations from Tuesday 19 May please!

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SCHOOL DISCO

TUESDAY 19 MAY
3.40 - 4.40 pm

Tickets available for £5 from the office after Easter.
INCLUDES DRINK, SNACK & GLOW STICK!

GGT Fest

Growing Great Together



Friday 10th April
11am - 3pm

Kings School,
Gloucester, GL1 2BG

Exclusive Youth Zone
Hosted by:



The Venture Community Hub

- Facepainting & Henna
- Arts & Crafts
- Sports & Games
- Music & Shows
- Inflatables & Climbing Wall

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