

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

20 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 5B who won this week's attendance with 95.7% and 4A who were runners-up with 95.2%. 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](#).

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
Monday 25-Friday 29 May	Half-Term
Monday 1 June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 9 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral

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.**

School Meals will be going up from £2.71 to **£2.95** from 1st April. Please make sure you add enough credit for this new amount every week; £14.75.

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.**

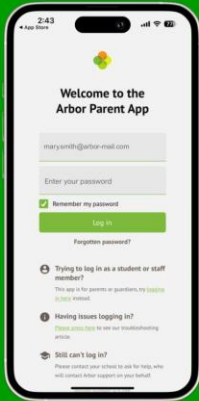
Got a question? Need to know something?

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! Please sign up if you haven't already.

All parental communications will now be through the Parent Portal/Parent App or via the school email system. All payments for swimming, trips and residentials will also eventually be through the Parent Portal as we become a cashless school, apart from charity events, cake sales, non-uniform days, etc. You can also see which clubs your child takes part in and which trips they are signed up for.

Parentpay will only 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](#)

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**.



Parentpay Accounts – Can parents please make sure that all Parentpay accounts are in credit ready for the new term. Reminder – the cost of meals is going up to £2.95 from 1st April.

New Sandpit!

Children enjoying the new sandpit.



Gloucester City HAF

holiday activities & food

GLoucester City HAF PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

HAF takes place three times a year during school holidays in:

- Spring
- Summer
- Winter

Signposting

You can contact us for support and we can signpost you to organisations that can help you.



Food

Food is available during activities making sure your children have access to a healthy meal.

Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

- Family activities
- Children and young people activities
- Ticketed attractions

If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:
gloshafconnector@gmail.com
 07340709871
familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk
Glos city HAF

Free Spring Activities for Children, Gloucester City Young People & Families



The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) returns this Spring with lots of fun activities and delicious food available for children and families from **28th March**

HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This Spring we are also able to extend this offer to any child who may benefit from attending the programme, through our grant funded Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Bookings open from midday on 23rd March. Make sure you're ready to book by checking your account now
familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Use our handy checklist below to make sure that:

- All your children have an individual profile added to your account.
- Emergency contact details are filled in for each child profile
- Any additional needs or disability information is included for each child profile
- Your details reflect any recent changes (e.g. new address, phone contact details)

Setting up an account is easy:

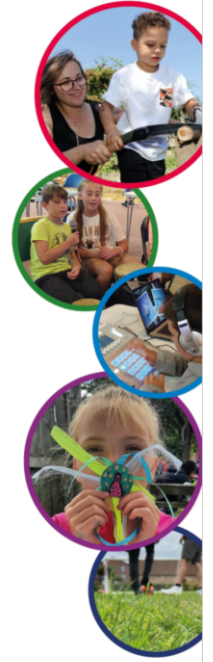
Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

T: 07340 709 871

E: gloshafconnector@gmail.com



Easter Activities

READ AND SIGN UP BEFORE SKATING →

GLoucester

CITYSKATE

FAMILY FRIENDLY ROLLER DISCO

NEXT SESSION

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

THEN EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

GL1 LEISURE CENTRE
GL1 1DT

Adults £8
Kids £4
Skate Hire £2

6-8PM

LIMITED SKATE HIRE AVAILABLE

ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

SUPPORTED BY

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GGT Fest

Growing Great Together

Friday 10th April
11am - 3pm

Exclusive Youth Zone
Hosted by:

The Venture Community Hub

Kings School,
Gloucester, GL1 2BG

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

To book your **FREE** tickets, scan here:

Gloucestershire Gateway Trust

www.glosfamilycentres.org.uk

Welcoming Families. Connecting Communities

STAGE COACH

STAGECOACH EASTER SCHOOL

APRIL 7TH-10TH 2026

**4 AWESOME DAYS OF DANCE,
SINGING AND DRAMA!
JOIN US AS WE CREATE A FULLY
COSTUMED, FULLY STAGED SHOW!**

6-17YRS
[SPLIT INTO AGE GROUPS]
9.30AM-4PM DAILY
£160 PER CHILD (£60 DEPOSIT)
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 Ribston Hall High School
SHARING AMBITION



Admissions Information Morning

Tuesday 14 April 2026, 9:15 am to 11:30 am

Our Admissions Information Morning (AIM) is designed for Year 5 families who would like to find out how we can support your child's secondary school journey and guide you through the grammar school admissions process.

Our AIM is an excellent opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership and Admissions Teams. We will also be offering student-guided tours, and our team will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Please book your place on our website:
www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us

For your diary!

St James' C of E
Junior School



SCHOOL DISCO

TUESDAY 19 MAY
3.40 - 4.40 pm

**Tickets available for £5
from the office after Easter.**

INCLUDES DRINK, SNACK & GLOW STICK!



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!**



ROCK Values **Respect + Optimism + Community + Kindness**

Open Evening

Thursday 4 June 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm



For
Prospective
Students

Year 7
Admission
September
2027

Unlock Your Potential

Talks from the Principal at 6pm & 6:30pm in the main hall.

Keep a copy on your fridge!



St James' Church of England Junior School 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
Wednesday 3 10 17 24 31	Wednesday 7 14 21 28	Wednesday 4 11 18 25
Thursday 4 11 18 25	Thursday 1 8 15 22 29	Thursday 5 12 19 26
Friday 5 12 19 26	Friday 2 9 16 23 30	Friday 6 13 20 27
Saturday 6 13 20 27	Saturday 3 10 17 24 31	Saturday 7 14 21 28
Sunday 7 14 21 28	Sunday 4 11 18 25	Sunday 1 8 15 22
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Monday 2 9 16 23 30	Monday 6 13 20 27	Monday 4 11 18 25
Tuesday 3 10 17 24 31	Tuesday 7 14 21 28	Tuesday 5 12 19 26
Wednesday 4 11 18 25	Wednesday 1 8 15 22 29	Wednesday 6 13 20 27
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Friday 6 13 20 27	Friday 3 10 17 24	Friday 1 8 15 22 29
Saturday 7 14 21 28	Saturday 4 11 18 25	Saturday 2 9 16 23 30
Sunday 1 8 15 22 29	Sunday 5 12 19 26	Sunday 3 10 17 24 31
JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday 1 8 15 22 29	Monday 6 13 20 27	Monday 3 10 17 24 31
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
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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

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 13 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