

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

27 March 2026

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

Congratulations to 3A who won the weekly attendance award with 91.2% and 3B who were runners-up. The termly winners were 4A and 5A.

Congratulations to **Emerald** who won this term's House Award. They will have a non-school uniform day on **Friday 24 April**.

**We raised a wonderful £87 for Comic Relief last week!**

Easter Egg Winners (see page 3)



## 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](#).

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
Thursday 16/Friday 17 April	Year 5 Trips to Robinswood Hill
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
Wednesday 10 June	Rotary Fun Day at Cattle Country
Wednesday 24 June	Sports Day

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.st-james-junior.co.uk)

## Design an Easter Egg Competition Winners 2026

### Year 3A

1<sup>st</sup> place - Jack  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Natalia  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Kiril

### Year 3B

1<sup>st</sup> place - Anita  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Madison  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Damian

### Year 4A

1<sup>st</sup> place - Aria  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Yusaf  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Faihan

### Year 4B

1<sup>st</sup> place - Emmanuel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Lyvia  
Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jaza & Alaa

### Year 5A

1<sup>st</sup> place - Amelia  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ruquiya  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Linuki

### Year 5B

1<sup>st</sup> place - Amelia  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Taliya  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Matab

### Year 6A

1<sup>st</sup> place - Triumph  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Khalid  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Rabiah

### Highly-Commended Winners:

Ioana & Naira

Well done to our Attendance Winner this term, Jayden-Leigh 5B



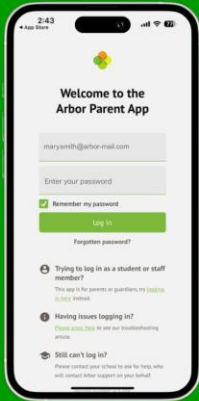
Well done to the Wildlife Quiz Team





# 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 residential 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](#)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## Year 3 at Forest School – Bug hunting!



## 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 **28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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)

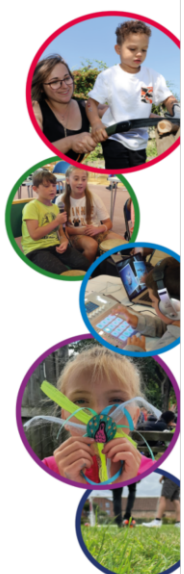
Setting up an account is easy:

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](mailto:gloshafconnector@gmail.com)



# Easter Activities

We're excited to share that our **Not So Secret Book Club** (NSSBC) will be back this Easter in locations across the county. Each event will include themed craft activities, interactive story time and a special spring-themed treasure hunt. We'll also have plenty of free books for children to take home and enjoy. These sessions are completely free to attend and are suitable for everyone - from tinies to teens. No need to book, just turn up!

- Robinswood Hill, Gloucester, GL4 6SX. Wednesday 1st April, 11am-1pm.

**We will also be bringing our Not So Secret Book Club to Gloucester City HAF over the Easter period:**

- Coney Hill Park, Gloucester, Tuesday 31st March, 10am - 2pm (HAF)
- The Lannett, Gloucester, Thursday 2nd April, 10am - 2pm (HAF)
- Kingsholm, Sebert Street, Friday 3rd April, 10am - 2pm (HAF)
- Ayland Gardens, Gloucester, Tuesday 7th April, 10am - 2pm (HAF)
- Kings School, Gloucester, Friday 10th April, 11am - 3pm (GGT)

Please note, all of the above activities do require booking.

HAF events via: [https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/events-haf?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwY2xjawQx8R](https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/events-haf?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwY2xjawQx8R)

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And GGT Fest events here: <https://glosfamilycentres.org.uk/event-directory/>



**Beezee FAMILIES**

## Hello Easter Holidays!

Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started:

**Activity 1:**  
**Get active as a family**  
Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video

**Activity 2:**  
**Try a mini "mission"**  
A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves

**Activity 2:**  
**Keep it simple with food**  
Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!

**Want more healthy lifestyle support?**  
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.\*

Scan here or Click the link



qjo.maximusuk.co.uk

\*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

**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!**

**Ofsted**  
Registered



**6-17YRS**  
(SPLIT INTO AGE GROUPS)  
9.30AM-4PM DAILY  
£160 PER CHILD (£60 DEPOSIT)  
FREE EASTER SCHOOL T-SHIRT!

**RIBSTON HALL HIGH SCHOOL**  
Stroud Road, GL1 5LE

REGISTER NOW  
[WWW.STAGECOACH.CO.UK/GLOUCESTER#WORKSHOPS](http://WWW.STAGECOACH.CO.UK/GLOUCESTER#WORKSHOPS)

# GGT Fest

Growing Great Together



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
**11am - 3pm**

**Exclusive Youth Zone**  
Hosted by:



**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](http://www.glosfamilycentres.org.uk)

Welcoming Families. Connecting Communities

For your diary!



**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](http://www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us)

## 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!**



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# CAKE SALE

Thursday 21 May

3.20 pm

Please bring lots of change!

Cake donations from Tuesday 19 May please!

Keep a copy on your fridge!



**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.



### 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		
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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		
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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		
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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

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 – Fri 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