

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

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

We would like to congratulate Mrs Cossins who has recently been appointed **Deputy Headteacher**. We wish Mrs Cossins all the best in her new role at St James'.



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

**Congratulations to our:
Values Cup Winners**



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 5B who won this week's attendance with 98.3% and 5A who were runners-up with 97.6%. 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](#).

Friday 24 April	EMERALD HOUSE Non-Uniform Day (no cost)
Tuesday 28 April 9.00 am	Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 6 May	School Photographs and Class Photographs (Children need to wear full school uniform and bring PE kit).
Monday 11-Friday 15 May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 19 May	Pentecost Service at St James' Church – No Parents
Tuesday 19 May	FUNDRAISING DISCO (Tickets now on sale)
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
<i>Monday 25-Friday 29 May</i>	<i>Half-Term</i>
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

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 are now **£2.95**. 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.**

Fundraising Disco – Tickets will be given out the week commencing **Monday 11 May**. All trips, clubs and events will now be put onto the Arbor Parent Portal so that parents can see which clubs, trips etc their child is attending. Please sign up (details on next page) if you haven't

Got a question? Need to know something?

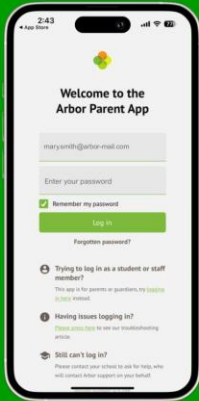
Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar ● Parent Portal ● Communication

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. If you have changed your email recently you will need to contact the school.

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](#)

For your diary!

Children should have brought home a Fundraising Disco letter. Extra copies in the office. Tickets will be given out week commencing 11 May.

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.

Big Moments of summer fun!



For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

Sign up today at

allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!
Sign up today, at
dynamoscricet.co.uk

Walk. Eat & Drink. Live Music.

Sat 13 June 2026
10am - 4pm



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

Walk 4 Longfield & Summer Fête



Walk 1k Junior, 5k, or 10k across the beautiful Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons while raising vital funds for Longfield.

Walk in memory or in support of loved ones with life-limiting conditions.

Not a walker? Join us at the Summer Fête for food, drinks, artisan stalls, games, and live music as the walkers set off and return.



longfield.org.uk/walk-for-longfield
Registered Charity Number 298627



Registered with
**FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR**



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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	
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		
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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 2025
- 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