



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

1 May 2026

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

**Congratulations to our:
Values Cup Winners**



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 5A who won this week's attendance with 98% and 3A who were runners-up with 97.2%. Well done!

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

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 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
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
Monday 18–22 May	Sponsored Read
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 (No parents)
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.**

REMINDER – If your child brings a bike/scooter to school they need to have a bike letter signed by a parent/guardian (available from the office).

Miss Tredgett running the marathon (by Rabiah in Year 6)

On Sunday 26 April, Miss Tredgett completed in an iconic and exciting event of running in the London Marathon to test her physical abilities and to pursue a personal achievement.

This resilient athlete ran 26.2 miles in just 2 hours and 55 minutes!

"I had a strong 12 weeks of training hitting 70 miles per week. However, some weeks were difficult alongside teaching" Miss Tredgett said, giving an incredible message.

While running she felt like giving up, but since her family and friends gave her kind message trying to be supportive, she kept on persevering until she got to the finish line. She is a great inspiration for young children who dream to compete in a marathon when they're older. Miss Tredgett felt very emotional after the marathon, extremely grateful to have an opportunity to run in an iconic city.



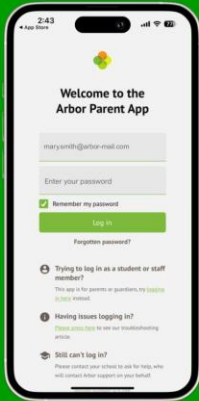
Year 3 Forest School in the Park - Please [look here](#) at the photographs.

Mini-marathon photos – please [look here](#).



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. 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/visits and residentials are now through the Parent Portal as we are now a cashless school, apart from charity events, cake sales and non-uniform days.

You can see which clubs your child takes part in and which trips they are signed up for.

Parentpay is only 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](#) or come into see Mrs Hayward or Mrs Wheeler in the office.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS See Clubs on Arbor Parent Portal

Choir - Mondays

Until 4.10 pm until Further notice

Arts & Craft Club – Tuesdays

Until 4.20 pm

Finishes Tuesday 14 July

Puzzle Club – Tuesdays

Until 4.00 pm

Finishes Tuesday 14 July

Tennis Club - Wednesdays

Until 4.20 pm

Finishes Wednesday 20 May

Rugby Club - Thursdays

Until 4.20 pm

Finishes Thursday 21 May

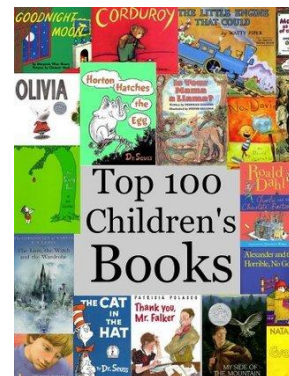
Sponsored Read

We are taking part, along with 16 other DGAT schools in a sponsored read during 18-22 May.

It is linked through the charity 'Read for good', which provides books for children in hospitals.

Each child will be given a sponsor form and a bookmark. A letter will be sent home.

More info can be found on here. [Read for Good: motivating kids to love reading and helping disadvantaged children.](#)



For your diary!



Denmark Road High School

Be part of the Denmark Road experience.

Join us for our Open Morning
30th April or 4th June
8.45-10.30

All welcome.
No booking required.

www.denmarkroad.org



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!

Disco letter - extra copies in the office. Tickets will be given out week commencing 11 May.



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!**



ST. PETERS R.C. HIGH SCHOOL

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.

Children's Health Hub

Do you have a worry about the health of your child? Or just a question you would like to be answered? Come and see your local **health visiting** and **school nursing** teams in our new Health Hub!



Each session, we will have guest organisations come to show how they can help children and their families to support their health and wellbeing!

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Healthy Lifestyles

Where? Bartongate Children's Centre, GL14AW

When? The first Wednesday of the month

Time? 10-12am

How? Just pop along, no booking needed!

6th May Healthy Lifestyles

3rd June Sleep and Emotions

1st July Ready for School

5th August Ready for School

2nd September Healthy Lifestyles

Where? Bartongate Children's Centre, GL14AW

When? 6th May

Time? 10-12am

How? Just pop along, no booking needed!



This month we focus on **Healthy Lifestyles** and welcome Healthy Beginnings and BeeZee Families to understand how they can support families.

working together | always improving | respectful and kind | making a difference

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Saturday
9th May 2026

Plock Court,
Gloucester

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Prices
from
£10

FREE
Sunglasses

FREE
Pack of Paint

FREE
Burger Meal

1.5 mile run through beautiful NT woodland

FUN RUN

£6 entry - medals for all runners

Sunday 10th May

Run starts at 10am from Sherborne C of E Primary School, GL54 3DH

Come along and enjoy a fun family morning

Lots of great prizes, BBQ, tea & cakes!

Book your entry at Race Nation

in association with National Trust

Proceeds to FOSS charity

KIKI'S OUT OF SCHOOLS CLUB HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN 4- 11 YEAR OLD

AROUND THE WORLD

**Tuesday
26th May**

Art: Italian Pasta Necklaces

Food: Chinese and Indian Tasting

Sport: Football Tournament

**Wednesday
27th May**

Art: Chinese Paper Lanterns

Food: Pizza Party

Sport: Obstacle Course Safari

**Thursday
28th May**

Art: African Tribal Masks

Food: Global Snack Adventure

Sport: Cricket Skills

Join us for Holiday Clubs: October, April, May, and Summer

Hunts Grove Primary Academy, Harrier Way, Gloucester, GL2 4EP

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Our NEW live webinars give parents and carers practical tools, expert guidance, and a safe space to support young people's emotional wellbeing.

By taking part, parents and carers can:

- Understand their young person's challenges
- Learn practical strategies for resilience and wellbeing
- Gain tools to manage difficult conversations, set boundaries, and resolve conflict
- Feel more confident, supported, and less alone
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Join us online and take the next step in supporting your child's wellbeing.

To find out more, or to book onto a session, visit www.letstalkwell.org.uk/parents-carers/webinars

Limited spaces

Who: Tailored for Gloucestershire parents and carers of children ages 11-18.

When: A range of topics delivered across the year.

Where: Online Zoom Webinar

With The Ball

MultiActivity Holiday Club

£15
(1/2 day)

£27
(1 day)

£75
(3 days)

Tues 26th, Wed 27th, Thurs 28th May

Hillview Primary School, GL3 3LH

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LINDSEY, PARENT

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