

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

8 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 5B who won this week's attendance with 97.5% and 3A who were runners-up with 95.8%. 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](#).

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
Monday 25-Friday 29 May	Half-Term
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
Wednesday 24 June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 June	Sports Day Back-up
29 June - 1 July	Year 6 - JCA Residential

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.

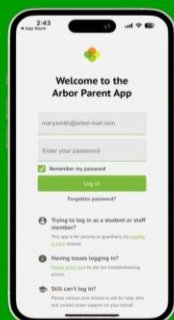
Breakfast Club is available from 8.15-8.30 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.15 am when the gates open.**

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).

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.

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

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

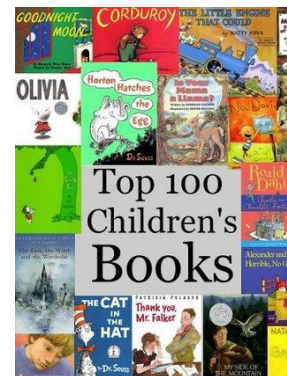
Sponsored Read

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.](#)



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!



ROCK Values Respect + Optimism + Community + Kindness

Open Evening

Thursday 4 June 2026

5:00pm - 7:00pm

For
Prospective
Students

Year 7
Admission
September
2027



Unlock Your Potential

Talk from the Principal at 6pm in the main hall.

With The Ball

MultiActivity Holiday Club

My Children had a great time. Smiley faces every day!



£15
(1/2 day)

£27
(1 day)

£75
(3 days)

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

Hillview Primary School, GL3 3LH

Open To All Children R - Year 6

Sports, Activities, Arts & Crafts

Sibling & PP Discounts

Scan here for more info & to book!



www.withtheball.co.uk

MULTI-SPORT CAMPS – Every school holiday ✓



Just Camps

School Holidays just got a whole lot more fun!

at Sir Thomas Rich's School, Longlevens

Register Early and Save 20%

including:



- Multi-Sports
- Tag games
- Mini-Olympics
- Themed Arts & Crafts
- Team games
- And much more!

My son absolutely loves Just Camps! So glad we've found this club. Amazing value and I know he is safe!

LONGLEV, PARENT



Ages 4-16 years
✓ Ofsted registered
✓ Childcare vouchers

justcamps.co.uk



Ask us about Just Camps Parties!

Online support courses for Parents



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Parenting Courses page
Email: info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



We will be giving away items that we no longer need, or that we have excess of on **16 May**. This event is aimed at families that will use these items, rather than people coming to take what they can just because it is free.

The items will include: Certain sizes of nappies that we have lots of (currently sizes 2 and 3), Child Step Stools, Bath supports, World Book Day Books, Knitted cardigans and jumpers, Sample size shampoo, conditioner and toothpaste, Children's toothbrushes, Shower Gel.... and anything else we may find between now and then!



The Government is running a UK-wide consultation to shape Government policy on online safety and digital wellbeing, with surveys for young people aged 10 to 21, parents and carers of young people aged up to 21, and professionals.

You can find all three surveys on this link [Growing up in the online world consultation - iwill](#). They close on 26 May. Gloucester is one of seven towns and cities hosting a face-to-face consultation, with our partners the #iWill Movement, for the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology.

Friday 29th May, 4pm to 6.30pm, Patch in Gloucester - link to book a space for a young person below:

[#iWill Hack - U16s Social Media & Digital Space - 4pm to 6.30pm at Patch in Gloucester](#)

Because any changes will affect young people U16 the most, the event is specifically for young people aged 13,14 and 15.

What does it offer young people?

- Chance to ask questions and feed into a national strategy about a subject they feel strongly about.
- Chance to meet other local young people, Gloucester and neighbouring districts, who want to make sure change for young people happens with young people.
- Something interesting/different to include in job, college, volunteering applications.
- Chance to find out about/connect with other similar projects locally and nationally.
- Food and snacks provided.
- Transport costs can be covered.

Young people can come alone (with parent/carer/guardian consent) or with a trusted adult. They don't need to be from Gloucester; they do need to be able to travel into the city centre.

The event is being held in Patch, the co-working space in new city-centre development The Forum. We understand that a new place with new people can be a big ask, so we'll be creating some pre-event notes/video so that young people know what to expect and feel confident that they will get the support they need to take part in ways that work for them.

Can you help us make sure that local young people are represented?

#iWill be creating some Gloucester content for us to share so please keep your eyes peeled...

Any questions, rachel.key@tvch.org.uk

Rachel, The Venture Community Hub



Big Health Day 2026

An inclusive FREE event to promote health and wellbeing

Thursday 11 June 2026 (9.30am to 2.30pm) at Oxstalls Sports Park, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9DW

This event is held each year for people with a physical or learning disability, sensory loss or mental health needs

Try different sports and activities



Meet people and have fun



There are FREE health checks on offer, as well as health and wellbeing information and lots of services to make contact with

Big Health Day is organised by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust
Email: bighealthday@ghc.nhs.uk

Directions and Facilities



Address: Oxstalls Sports Park, Plock Court, Tewkesbury Road, Longford, Gloucester, GL2 9DW.
Entrance on A38 Tewkesbury Road.



Use the 97 bus from Cheltenham or Gloucester.
Use the 71 bus from Tewkesbury.



Free car parking on-site.
Blue badge parking available (first come, first served).



Accessible toilet facilities inside.
Mobile accessible toilets outside.



Help provided by more than 130 volunteers.



Bring a packed lunch and water bottle.



Dedicated quiet area.



Assistance dogs are welcome. Please do not bring other dogs.

This year's Term Dates



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	
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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	
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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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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