

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

15 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**



**Well done 5B for all your hard work this week!**



Congratulations to 5A who won this week's attendance with 97.3% and 6A who were runners-up with 97%. 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](http://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 18–22 May	Sponsored Read
Tuesday 19 May	Pentecost Service at St James' Church – (No Parents)
Tuesday 19 May	<b>FUNDRAISING DISCO</b> – Get tickets by Monday!
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)
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	<b>End of Term 5 at 3.20 pm</b>
<i>Monday 25-Friday 29 May</i>	<i>Half-Term</i>
<b>Monday 1 June</b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
Tuesday 9 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral (No parents)
Wednesday 10 June	Rotary Fun Day at Cattle Country
22-26 June	Health and Wellbeing Week
Wednesday 24 June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 June	Sports Day Back-up
29 June - 1 July	Year 6 - JCA Residential to Croft Farm
Friday 3 July      3.00 pm	New Build Open Afternoon for SJS Families
Monday 7 July	School Choir – Cathedral

### School Hours

<b>8.15 am</b>	Gates Open/Breakfast Club
<b>8.30 am</b>	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
<b>8.45 am</b>	Pupils come into school
<b>9.00 am</b>	First session
<b>3.20 pm</b>	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.

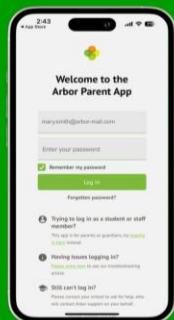
Breakfast Club is available from 8.15-8.30 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.15 am when the gates open.**

**REMINDER – SJS is now cashless except for non-uniform days, charity collections, cake sales and fundraising events. T-shirts, bags, ties and trips need to be paid via Parent Portal on Arbor.**

## 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

**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.**

Scan the QR code to download the Arbor Parent App, and use your email address to log in



# 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](http://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!**

**Bring £5 and slip in by Monday 18 May. Wear uniform to school and bring party clothes to change into.**



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.

# 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
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
Thursday 5 12 19 26	Thursday 2 9 16 23 30	Thursday 7 14 21 28
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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Term Time	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	INSET Days (No children in school)
<b>Term Dates 2025-26</b>			
Term 1: Wednesday 3 September – Friday 24 October 2025		Bank Holidays 2025-26:	
Term 2: Monday 3 November – Friday 19 December 2025		Christmas Bank Holidays	Thursday 25 December 2025
Term 3: Tuesday 6 January – Friday 13 February 2026		Friday 26 December 2025	
Term 4: Tuesday 24 February – Friday 27 March 2026		New Year Bank Holiday	Thursday 1 January 2026
Term 5: Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026		Good Friday	Friday 3 April 2026
Term 6: Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 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

# FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

## MAY HALF TERM 2026

Cheltenham Town Community Trust

MIXED SESSIONS FOR ALL ABILITIES | Ages 5-12 | 9AM 3PM

LOCATIONS:  
BISHOPS CLEEVE FOOTBALL CLUB  
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cheltenham Town Community Trust Charity No. 1180210

GIRLS ONLY FOR ALL ABILITIES | Ages 6-13 | 9AM 3PM

SCAN ME

£16 per day

INFO@CTFCCP.COM | 01242 518630 | WWW.CTFCCP.COM



## 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.