

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

5 June 2026

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Joy/Reflection**

Congratulations to our:
Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3B who won this week's attendance with 96.7% and 4A who were runners-up with 95.5%. 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](#).

Tuesday 9 June		Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral (No parents)
Wednesday 10 June		Rotary Fun Day at Cattle Country
Monday 15 June	4.00 pm	Choir to Cathedral
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 SJJS Families
Wednesday 15 July	2.00 pm	End of Year Celebration at St James' Church
Friday 17 July		Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm
Monday 20 July		INSET Day
Tuesday 21 July		Summer Holidays begin
Tuesday 1/Wednesday 2 September		INSET Days
Thursday 3 September		First Day of Term 1 2026/27

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

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.**

PGL Year 6 2026-27 – Year 5 Parents/carers can now sign up and pay for PGL for Year 6 on Parent Portal. Please also have a look at the PGL page on our website [here](#).

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.

REMINDER: School meals are £2.95 per day and £14.75 for a week and should be paid in advance via Parentpay. Please make sure all accounts are up-to-date and in credit. **We are concerned how many accounts are constantly in arrears; they should all be in credit.**

PGL for next year's Year 6 – Please see the recent email we sent and information on our website: [St James' Church of England Junior School - Year 6 PGL Residential 2027](#) Payment is now available via Parent Portal only.



Attendance Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

Not long until the 6 weeks holidays, I am sure we will all be ready for it. As a school our current attendance is **92.9%** which is below the national figure of **94.9%**.

As we head into the summer term, there are several key events on the horizon, including **Health and Wellbeing Week**. These events not only provide valuable learning experiences but also foster a sense of community and belonging among our pupils. It is essential that children attend school regularly to fully participate in these activities.

We appreciate that some absences can't be avoided (eg illnesses). Taking holidays during term time can disrupt a child's education – this year an exceptionally high number of holiday requests have been made and have resulted in Penalty Notices/Fines as stated in statutory guidelines. We have issued 26 penalty notices to both parents.

1st Holiday* = Penalty Notice of £160 per parent (Reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days)

2nd Holiday* = Penalty Notice of £160 per parent (No reduction)

3rd Holiday* = Prosecution in court which may result in a fine of up to £2,500

*** within a 3-year period**

We encourage families to plan holidays during school breaks to ensure that children do not miss out on crucial learning and social experiences.

Lates - We have also noticed an increase in children being late for school this academic year. Please remember that children should be in school by **8.45 am** ready to start lessons at 9.00 am.

Who can support me?

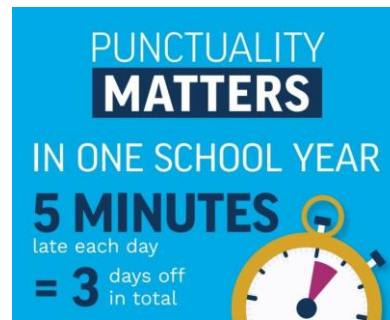
- Our school attendance champion is Mrs Emma Faulkner (efaulkner@sjjs.dgat.org.uk)
- You can speak to your child's teacher about attendance at any time.
- You can speak to anyone at school who will be pleased to advise and help you ensure your child attends school regularly.

Attendance Team



Year 3 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip – see the photos [here](#).

School Disco – see the photos [here](#).



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

See Clubs on Arbor Parent Portal

Choir - Mondays

Until 4.10 pm until Further notice

Maths with Mrs Pervaiz

Mondays & Tuesdays (Selected Students)

3.20-3.50 pm

Puzzle Club – Tuesdays

Until 4.00 pm

Finishes Tuesday 14 July

We're running a Read With Me Team 10k event!
St James' CofE Junior - Mon 22nd June

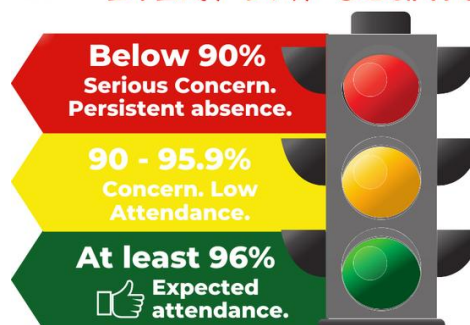
Read With Me volunteers hear children read here at St James' Junior and other schools across Gloucestershire. The **Team 10k** is a really fun event and great way to get the children involved in **fundraising!**

What happens on the day?
Each child will run as many laps as they can for their house and the chance to win the **Read With Me Cup**. There will also be **medals** on offer for the boy and girl from each year group who run the fastest lap!

How you can help:
A **sponsorship form** will be sent home with each child to raise as much as they can! All funds raised will help us to provide reading support for **every child in the county** by the end of 2026.

www.readwithme.org.uk

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

New resources about online hate and misogyny on the 'Kids online safety' website Together with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), we have published new resources on the '[Kids online safety website](#)' to help parents and carers understand and get support dealing with online misogyny. This **new section** is designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online. The updated content includes:

- what misogyny is
- why you should talk to your child about misogyny
- spotting the signs of misogyny
- how you can support your son or daughter

BBC

Does your child love making new friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new BBC series about *friendship*.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who are sociable and enjoy making new friends.

If your child is interested (with no pressure to take part) please apply at:

makingfriends.tv



THE BELONGING PICNIC ON LLANTHONY LAWN

**Saturday 20th June, 12pm-4pm
at Llanthony Secunda Priory**

Celebrating togetherness, sanctuary, belonging and courage – themes at the heart of this Refugee Week and connected to the Voices Gloucester Threads exhibition at Llanthony.

Enjoy free family workshops, theatre, music and dance, with free food including Ben & Jerry's ice cream. No tickets needed – just come along!



Organised by Create Sanctuary:
A network of organisations and individuals across Gloucestershire who offer welcome and creative activities for refugees.

Free Summer Activities for Children, Young People & Families



The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) returns this Summer with lots of fun activities and delicious food available for children and families from **21st of July**

HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This Summer 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 6th of July. Make sure you're ready to book by checking your account now
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:

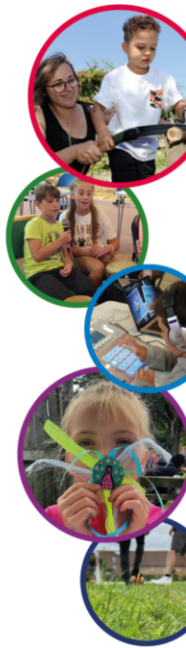
Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

T: 07340 709 871

E: gloshafconnector@gmail.com





GLoucester City HAF PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

HAF takes place three times a year during school holidays in:

- Spring
- Summer
- Winter

Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

- Family activities
- Children and young people activities
- Ticketed attractions

Signposting

You can contact us for support and we can signpost you to organisations that can help you.

Food

Food is available during activities making sure your children have access to a healthy meal.

If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:
gloshafconnector@gmail.com
 07340709871
familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk
 **Glos city HAF**

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer **Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals for Gloucestershire Schools.** We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents/grandparents of your own pupils, or indeed to anyone else in the community. Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Gloucestershire County Council

Kingfisher Church

Every day (5 days). Second week of the Summer holiday. Time - 10am-12noon. For children 4-11 years. Limited spaces - Book NOW! Using the QR code. £5 for the week per child, includes refreshments and a packed lunch to take home. Parents cafe upstairs, or children can be left with the trained DBS checked team of volunteers.



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
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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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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