

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

12 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 4A who won this week's attendance with an amazing 99.3% and 5B who were runners-up with 97%. Well done!

[Cattle Country Photographs](#)

[Year 6 Leavers' Service at Cathedral](#)

## 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 15 June                         | 4.00 pm | Choir to Cathedral                            |
| <b>22-26 June</b>                      |         | <b>Health and Wellbeing Week</b>              |
| <b>Wednesday 24 June</b>               |         | <b>Sports Day</b>                             |
| Thursday 25 June                       |         | Sports Day Back-up                            |
| <b>29 June - 1 July</b>                |         | <b>Year 6 - JCA Residential to Croft Farm</b> |
| 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   |
| <b>Friday 17 July</b>                  |         | <b>Non-Uniform Day – Pay £1</b>               |
|  |         | <b>Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm</b>                 |
| <b>Monday 20 July</b>                  |         | <b>INSET Day</b>                              |
| <b>Tuesday 21 July</b>                 |         | <b>Summer Holidays begin</b>                  |
| <b>Tuesday 1/Wednesday 2 September</b> |         | <b>INSET Days</b>                             |
| <b>Thursday 3 September</b>            |         | <b>First Day of Term 1 2026/27</b>            |
| Thursday 10 September                  |         | Year 5 Swimming                               |
| Friday 11 September                    |         | Year 6 Swimming                               |

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

**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.

**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.**

### SWIMMING FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Shortly parents of next year's Year 5 and Year 6 will receive a letter about swimming. You will be able to pay in instalments or in one lump sum via the Arbor Parent Portal. You will be able to see how much you have paid and how much you owe. No cash payments will be accepted.

## 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)

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR  
**97% = 6** attendance days off  
**= 30 hours** of learning lost



**190 DAYS 100%**  
Very best chance of success




**183 DAYS 96%**  
Off to a flying start



**179 DAYS 94%**  
Less chance of success




**175 DAYS 92%**  
Harder to make progress



More than **18 days** absence less than **90%**  
Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)



**PUNCTUALITY MATTERS**  
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR  
**5 MINUTES** late each day  
**= 3 days off** in total




## Friday 17 July – Non-uniform Day

Children pay £1 to wear non-school uniform on the last day of term.

Monies collected go towards school activities.

If your child has grown out of their school uniform and it is still in good condition, please bring into school so we can pass it onto another child.



## 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

**Read with me Gloucester Team 10k**

**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](http://www.readwithme.org.uk)

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> of July. Make sure you're ready to book by checking your account now**  
[familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:gloshafconnector@gmail.com)

Gloucester City **HAF** holiday activities & food



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**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](mailto:gloshafconnector@gmail.com)  
07340709871  
[familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk)  
f **Glos city HAF**

**We have a new supplier for St James' uniform as well as Monkhouse**  
**Sweatshirts, cardigans, PE/swimming bags and book bags. Please order direct via**  
 St James' CofE Junior School (Gloucester) | Product categories |  
[www.gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-james-cofe-junior-school/](http://www.gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-james-cofe-junior-school/)  
**Delivery in 5-7 days**

You can still order PE House t-shirts and ties from the school via Arbor Parent Portal.



**YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM SERVICE**

**IT'S REALLY EASY TO BUY YOUR SCHOOLWEAR FROM GOODDIES:**

- 1 Go to [www.gooddies.co.uk](http://www.gooddies.co.uk) or scan the QR code.
- 2 Search for your school.
- 3 Register online.
- 4 Add your school items and simply check out!

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE SCHOOLWEAR FROM GOODDIES.**

**SCHOOL CLOTHING  
SPORTSWEAR  
ACCESSORIES**

Contact Us: 0161 344 6091  
 theteam@gooddies.co.uk  
[www.gooddies.co.uk](http://www.gooddies.co.uk)



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### Readathon

Thank you to all who have brought in sponsor money for a readathon challenge before half term. We ended the week by all coming together and sharing books and reading for 25 minutes in the glorious sunshine. The money raised will help many sick children, currently in hospital, access books and reading support.

