



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

3 July 2026

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

Photographs from JCA Residential this week and the classroom opening today:

[St James' Church of England Junior School - Year 6 JCA Residential 2026](#)

[St James' Church of England Junior School - New Classroom Opening](#)

Congratulations to 4A who won this week's attendance with 95.2% and 5B who were runners-up with 95% Well done!

Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar ● Parent Portal ● Communication

[Please look at our website or Arbor Parent Portal first before ringing us](#)

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, 2026-27 and 2027-28 here.](#)

Friday 3 July 3.10 pm New Build Open Afternoon for SJJS Families

Tuesday 14 July 2.00 pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents welcome)

Wednesday 15 July 2.00 pm End of Year Celebration at St James' Church

Friday 17 July Non-Uniform Day – Pay £1

Term 6 ends at 1.30 pm

Monday 20 July INSET Day (No-one in school)

Tuesday 21 July Summer Holidays begin

Monday 31 August Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1/Wednesday 2 September – INSET Days

Thursday 3 September First Day of Term 1 2026/27 for all pupils

Thursday 10 September Year 5 Swimming

Friday 11 September Year 6 Swimming

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.**

Photos from the opening of the new classroom (more on website)



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.

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.** Please make sure that the parentpay account is clear at the end of this term.

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.

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AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

See Clubs on Arbor Parent Portal

Choir - Mondays

FINISHED

Maths with Mrs Pervaiz

Mondays & Tuesdays (Selected Students)

3.20-3.50 pm

Puzzle Club – Tuesdays

Until 4.00 pm

Finishes Tuesday 14 July



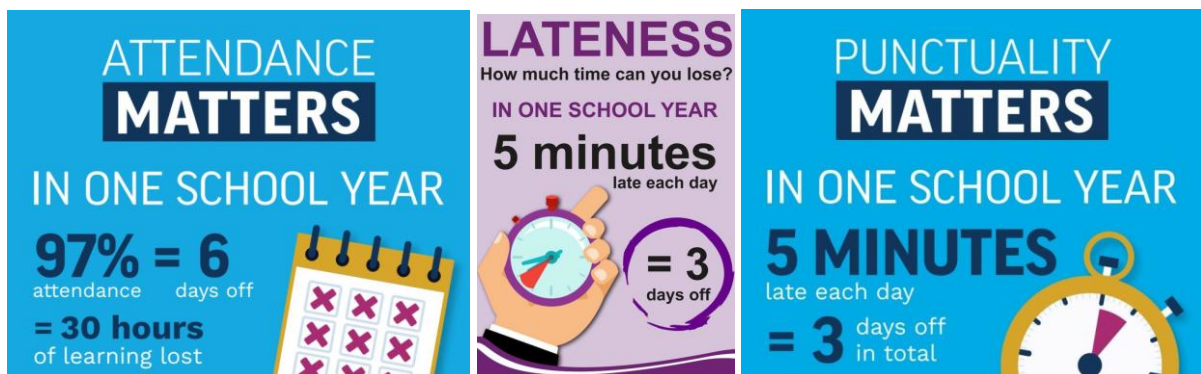
Friday 17 July – Non-uniform Day



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.



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

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.



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2027 ADMISSIONS TEST UPDATE (APPLICABLE TO CURRENT YEAR 4)

'Attend school every day, enjoy your learning'. One simple message for success in the new Admissions test.

The grammar schools in Gloucestershire are delighted to be working with the Future Stories Community Enterprise (FSCE) to provide the entrance test to be completed in July 2027 for entry in September 2028.

What will be in the test?

The test is designed to align closely with the work students experience in their primary schools. Maths and English form the main part of the assessment, so preparation can focus on developing the maths skills they are learning in school, along with reading a wide and exciting range of books across different genres.

The test has been developed alongside primary school experts, ensuring there are no surprises or the need for specialist preparation beyond the core curriculum.

As part of the assessment, there will also be an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their passion for learning through the lens of the foundation subjects studied at primary school. No specific prior knowledge is required, but the topics are designed to engage and interest those taking the test.

To support this, activities such as visiting museums, exploring new genres of books, and applying mathematical learning to everyday life can all be valuable ways to prepare.

All grammar schools in Gloucestershire will provide familiarisation materials on their websites from the end of September.

Contact

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Denmark Road High School Admissions

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About Denmark Road High School

Denmark Road High School is a girls' grammar school for students aged 11-18, located on Denmark Road, Gloucester.





Corinium Museum

Children's Summer Workshops 2026

Mammoth Rider Author Workshop with S.J.Poyton Sat 18 July, 2pm - 3pm	Craft a Prehistoric Axe Head Wed 5 August, 10.30am - 12pm Drawing the Stone Age Thu 6 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Prehistoric Pottery Tue 21 July, 10.30am - 12pm	Roman Swords & Shields Tue 11 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Making Botanical Prints Wed 22 July, 10.30am - 12pm	I Dig Cake! Edible Archaeology Wed 12 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Mini Mosaics: Nature Mosaics Thu 23 July, 10.30am - 12pm	Mini Roman Mosaics Thu 13 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Mini Votives Tue 28 July, 10.30am - 12pm	Viking Runestones Tue 18 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Prehistoric Printing Thu 30 July, 10.30am - 12pm	Anglo-Saxon Weaving Wed 19 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Prehistoric Painting Fri 31 July, 10.30am - 12pm	Anglo-Saxon Brooches Tue 25 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Fantastic Fossils Tue 4 August, 10.30am - 12pm	Mini Votives Wed 26 August, 10.30am - 12pm
	Mythical Mini Mosaics Thu 27 August, 10.30am - 12pm

For full details and to book visit:
<https://coriniummuseum.org/calendar/category/families/>

Corinium Museum, Park Street
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coriniummuseum.org



GEEKOUT GLOUCESTER

FAMILY-FRIENDLY POP CULTURE EVENT

25th July 11am - 4pm
 KING'S SQUARE • KINGS WALK • EASTGATE

WHAT YOU'LL FIND ON THE DAY

RETRO GAMING 8 stations with access to 5,000 games	POW! WALKAROUND CHARACTERS Meet your favourite heroes & villains	JURASSIC ZONE Dinosaurs, Dino Dig & themed props	ARTIST ALLEY & MAKERS MARKET Amazing artists, indie makers & unique finds	FACE PAINTING & FAMILY FUN Fun for all ages with activities & creative play	EVOLUTION WRESTLING Live wrestling entertainment throughout the day
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THREE ZONES. ONE EPIC EXPERIENCE.

1 KING'S SQUARE Main event hub	2 KINGS WALK Artist Alley & Makers Market	3 EASTGATE Jurassic Zone
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PERFECT FOR

FAMILIES	GAMERS	COMIC & POP-CULTURE FANS	COLLECTORS	STUDENTS & SHOPPERS
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DON'T MISS IT! SAVE THE DATE 25 JULY

BRING YOUR CREW. SHARE THE FUN. SEE YOU THERE! #GEEKOUTGLOUCESTER



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GKR KARATE GLOUCESTER CLASS TIMETABLE

BEGINNERS (White & Yellow)	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
GLOUCESTER	KINGSWAY 2 5.30-6.30pm Kingsway Primary School, GL2 2AR	QUEDELEY 2 6-7pm Q-Club, School Lane, GL2 4PJ	LINDEN 6-7pm Ribston Hall High School, GL1 5LE		KINGSWAY 5-6pm Waterside Sports Centre, GL2 2AG	QUEDELEY 10-11am Quedeley Comm Centre, GL2 4PJ	QUEDELEY 2 10-11am Q-Club, School Lane, GL2 4PJ
GLOUCESTER	LINDEN 6.30-7.30pm Ribston Hall High School, GL1 5LE	CHURCHDOWN 6.30-7.30pm Chosen Hill School, GL3 2PL	BROCKWORTH 5.30-6.30pm Coopers Edge Comm Centre, GL3 4BQ	BROCKWORTH 6-7pm Coopers Edge Comm Centre, GL3 4BQ	HUCCLECOTE 6-7pm Hillview Primary School, GL3 3LH		CHURCHDOWN 10-11am Chosen Hill School, GL3 2PL
CHELTONHAM	BISHOPS CLEEVE 6.30-7.30pm BC Youth & Comm Centre, GL52 8RL	ROWANFIELD 6.30-7.30pm Rowanfield Junior School, GL51 8HY	WARDEN HILL 6.30-7.30pm Bourneville School, GL51 3EF		ROWANFIELD 6.30-7.30pm Rowanfield Junior School, GL51 8HY	CHELTONHAM 10-11am Springbank Resource Centre, GL51 0LG	
STROUD	STROUD 6.30-7.30pm Stroud Leisure Centre, GL5 4AF		STROUD 6-7pm Stroud Leisure Centre, GL5 4AF				STROUD 10.30-11.30am Stroud Leisure Centre, GL5 4AF
DURSLEY			DURSLEY 6.30-7.30pm St Dominic's Church Hall, GL11 4ES		DURSLEY 6.00-7.00pm St Dominic's Church Hall, GL11 4ES		

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SUMMER** across
Blackbridge
and Podsmead!

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ACTIVITIES
MOST
DAYS**

BLACKBRIDGE

CHARITABLE COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

SUMMER IN PODSMEAD

**YOUR WEEKLY SUMMER HOLIDAY
ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

MONDAYS

HAF MOVE MORE CAMP Ages 5-13

- Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub
- Registration from 9.45am
- Activities 10am - 3pm
- 27th July | 3rd Aug | 10th Aug | 17th Aug
- **FREE** holiday activities, healthy meals and opportunities to make new friends
- **BOOK VIA HAF WEBSITE**

TUESDAYS

YOUTH CLUB (YEAR 7+)

- Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub
- 6pm - 8pm
- 28 July | 4th Aug | 11 Aug | 18 Aug
- **FREE**
- **Open to year 7+ all year round**
- With year 6 pupils welcome during the summer holidays

WEDNESDAYS

HAF TRIP-CATTLE COUNTRY Ages 11 - 16

- 12 Aug
- 9.30am - 4.30pm (approx)
- **FREE (FSM eligible)**
- **BOOK VIA HAF WEBSITE**

FAMILY TRIP-COTSWOLD WATER PARK

- 19 Aug
- 9.15am - 4.45pm
- £5 per person
- Please bring a packed lunch
- **Priority given to Podsmead families**
- **Book by email: youth@blackbridge.org.uk**



WELLBEING DROP-IN (YEAR 7+)

- Relax, connect and take part in creative activities to support your wellbeing.
- Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub
- 4pm - 6pm
- **FREE**

THURSDAYS

CALM SESSIONS (YEAR 7+)

- A welcoming and inclusive space for young people with additional needs
- Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub
- 6pm - 8pm
- 30th July | 6th Aug | 20th Aug
- **FREE**

FRIDAYS

FIT FRIDAYS YOUTH SESSIONS (YEAR 7+)

- Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub
- 14th Aug & 21st Aug
- 5pm - 7.30pm

PLAY DAYS
with Play Gloucestershire

- Scott Avenue Green Space, Podsmead
- 31st July & 7th Aug
- 10am - 4pm
- **FREE**
- Age 8+, children under 8 must be supervised by an adult

To find out more or if you have any questions email us at youth@blackbridge.org.uk

www.blackbridge.org.uk



BLACKBRIDGE

CHARITABLE COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

YOUTH CLUB IS OPEN!

At Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub
For young people in school years 7-11



Weekly Sessions (free)

Tuesdays - 6 - 8pm
Games • Music • Chill with friends
A fun and friendly space for everyone!

Thursdays - 6 - 8pm
Calmer • Sensory-friendly • Inclusive
A quieter session for those who prefer a peaceful space

Fridays
Fit Fridays Bookable Football - 5-6pm
Youth Café, 5.30pm-7.30pm



Want to join or ask questions?
Email: youth@blackbridge.org.uk
Call or text Kelz on: 07507 908821

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This year's Term Dates & Holidays



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	
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Term Time		School Holidays				Bank Holidays				INSET Days (No children in school)							

Term Dates 2025-26

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 Term 2: Monday 3 November – Friday 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:

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Next year's Term Dates & Holidays



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Term Time
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Holidays
INSET



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