



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

17 July 2026

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

Message from Mrs Gardiner, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

This is St James' final Newsletter of this academic year; and what an amazing year it has been!

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the wonderful staff here at St James' for their hard work and dedication to ensuring your children get a wonderful all-round education. Their professionalism and dedication to their jobs is exceptional.

Then I'd like to thank all of you; our parents and carers. Your continued support for us here at the school is hugely appreciated at the many events we have had throughout the year from Celebration assemblies, cake sales, Christmas Fayre, School Disco, sports fixtures and many more... I am already looking forward to seeing you all again in September and saying good morning on the gate.

Finally, and most importantly, I'd like to thank all the children for just being amazing. It is a pleasure to work here at St James' Junior School, and your children are what makes it a pleasure. They never cease to amaze us and make us all laugh. No day is ever the same and that is why it is such a rewarding job.

We wish all the Year 6s the best of luck in their new schools and their future adventures and we feel confident that they will all grow to be successful in their own special ways.

We wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again on **Thursday 3 September 2026 at 8.45 am (breakfast club from 8.00 am).**

Kind regards

Mrs E Gardiner, Headteacher

Videos and photographs from Smoosh Performance: St James' Church of England Junior School - SMOOSH!

Congratulations to the new Head Girl – Amelia S, Head Boy – Ilyaas,
Deputy Head Girl – Ayrach, Deputy Head Boy – Derin
And Prefects:

Dorothy, Atiyah, Ruquiya, Laura, Ameya, Naira, Safiyyah, Jayden-Leigh,
Linuki, Mason, Taliya, Zayd, Zakira, Zunairah, Sereena and Amelia M.

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 17 July

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

Breakfast Club from 8.00 am

Thursday 10 September

Year 5 Swimming

Friday 11 September

Year 6 Swimming

School Hours from September 2026

8.00 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 8.00-8.30 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.00 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.

SWIMMING FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Shortly parents of next year's Year 5 and Year 6 have been given and sent a copy via email. 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.

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.

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.

Wick Farm Residential for Year 5 – please sign up on your child's parental portal.

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.

**Great British Summer Savings: Families can now
find deals closer to home at the click of a button**

Find thousands of restaurants, cinemas, theatres and other attractions near you offering customer discounts following the Chancellor's summer tax cuts.

[Great British Summer Savings: Families can now find deals closer to home at the click of a button - GOV.UK](#)



HAF Activities Across Gloucestershire

The Countdown is On!
Soft Launch from 12 noon Monday
22nd June '26

Booking Opens 6th July

Look out for the
STEMworks
sessions near you

Find out more at **stemworks.co.uk**

Book your place via the
Gloucestershire
Family Hub App

Contact us:
Telephone: 01452 865028
Email: admin@stemworks.co.uk

Bookings for Gloucestershire HAF events are now live! Families can book their places via the Gloucestershire Family Hubs website: [Gloucestershire Family Hubs HAF bookings](https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/events-haf). We'll be bringing our Not So Secret Book Club to the Gloucester City Pop Up Activity Days, featuring storytime, crafts, a treasure hunt and free books to take home. A free lunch will also be provided by The Eat Well Wagon. You will also find us on Robinswood Hill on Tuesday the 25th of August, from 11am until 1pm, just look out for our yellow gazebo!

<https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/events-haf>

SATURDAY 18TH JULY **THE GREAT BIG** **1PM-6PM**

CLIMATE CIRCUS

BY YOUNG PEOPLE - FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

FEATURING - FILM ARTWORK PROJECTIONS WITH DANCE, RAP, SPOKEN WORD & YOUTH MUSIC & CIRCUS PERFORMANCES

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
ARTS & CRAFTS, RINKY DINK SOUNDSYSTEM
CIRCUS WORKSHOP, BIKE WORKSHOP, CLOTHES SWAP
GIANT BUBBLES, PEDAL POWERED MUSIC & ART
FOREST GREEN ROVERS, FOOD, STALLS
GAMES & MORE

THE VENTURE COMMUNITY HUB
WHITE CITY, GLOUCESTER

CLOUCESTER FAMILY BEACH

ORCHARD SQUARE

SCAN FOR MORE INFO  **30TH JULY TO 31ST AUGUST**

DIVE INTO SUMMER WITH QUAYSIDE BEACH FUN, FAMILY RIDES, FERRIS WHEEL AND UNFORGETTABLE FAMILY DAYS OUT!

YOUR ULTIMATE SEASIDE ESCAPE IN THE CITY!



@GLOUCESTERQUAYS

 Pied Piper Appeal

AARDMAN PRESENTS

Lloyd of the Flies

BUG HUNT!

FROM JULY 17TH TO
SEPTEMBER 7TH 2026

ROBINSWOOD HILL COUNTRY PARK

**FOLLOW THE TRAIL
TO FIND LLOYD
AND HIS FRIENDS**

Download the augmented
reality app to shrink down to
fly size and see the world
through insects' eyes!

FREE TO DOWNLOAD
SEARCH FOR 'BUG HUNT'

ENTER LOCATION CODE
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Across the county it's the "Summer of Bug"

With "Lloyd of the Flies" visiting Robinswood Hill this summer, we've gone bug crazy and have dubbed summer 2026 as the summer of bug

Wild Workshops



Damsels and Dragons
Explore the world of damselflies and dragonflies; dare you bravely visit their pond kingdom?

Robinswood Hill:
Wednesday 22 July
10.30am
Tuesday 4 August
10.30am



To Bee or Not To Bee
Discover more about, and the difference between, our buzzing pollinator friends

Crickley Hill:
Monday 27 July
10.30am
Robinswood Hill:
Friday 31 July
10.30am



Battle of the Flutterbyes
Prefer butterflies or moths? Find out why both are amazing and important. Will you change your mind?

Robinswood Hill:
Thursday 20 August
10.30am
Crickley Hill:
Monday 24 August
10.30

£8 per child



**Gloucestershire
Wildlife Trust**

Book at
gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/events

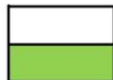
New Academic Year Term Dates & Holidays



St James' Church of England Junior School School Term Dates & Holidays - 2026-27

SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER						NOVEMBER						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
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Term Time
Bank Holiday



Holidays
INSET



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Term 2: Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3: Tuesday 5 January - Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4: Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5: Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6: Monday 7 June – Tuesday 20 July 2027

Bank Holidays 2026-27:

Christmas Bank Holidays	Friday 25 December 2026 Monday 28 December 2026
New Year Bank Holiday	Friday 1 January 2027
Good Friday	Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29 March 2027
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2027

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2027/28 - Term Dates & Holidays



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