



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

11 September 2026

Our Value for the year is **Respect**

Congratulations to our:
Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3B who won this week's attendance again with 99.2% and 4B who were runners-up with 99%. 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 2026-27 and 2027-28 [here](#).

Tuesday 15 September	9.00 am	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 16 September	9.00 am	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 17 September		Year 6 Swimming
Friday 18 September		Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 22 September	9.00	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 24 September		Year 6 Swimming
Friday 25 September		Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 30 September		Nasal Flu Immunisations
Thursday 1 October		Year 6 Swimming
Friday 2 October		Year 5 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.**

Head Lice

We have been advised by some parents that they have discovered head lice on their children over the last couple of days. May I please ask that you all check your children's hair for head lice. Please check your child's hair frequently as eggs hatch very quickly. Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair. Nits are the empty egg cases attached to hair that head lice hatch from. Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4-11. They're largely harmless but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with. Head lice can be difficult to spot. They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed. The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb. This is called detection combing.

HOW TO GET RID OF HEAD LICE AND NITS: Treatments to get rid of head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online. You don't usually need to see your GP. Treatments are: • lotions or sprays that kill head lice – these can be very effective, but some aren't suitable for pregnant or breastfeeding women, or for children under 2. • removing head lice with a specially designed comb – this is suitable for everyone and relatively inexpensive but needs to be repeated several times and can take a long time to do thoroughly. A pharmacist can advise you about the treatments available if you're not sure which is best for you or your child. Make sure you carefully follow the instructions that come with the treatment you choose.

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.

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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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. If you need log in details please email admin@sjjs.dgat.org.uk and they will be emailed to you.

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. Please don't use Parentpay for anything but payment of lunches.

SWIMMING FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

You can 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.






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OPEN EVENTS

BE PART OF OUR JOURNEY

"I look forward to welcoming you to our Open Events"

Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher

We can't wait to welcome you!



Calendar Icon	Date	Event	Time
	TUES 6 TH OCT	Open Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm
	WEDS 7 TH OCT	Open Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm
	THURS 8 TH OCT	Open Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm
	THURS 8 TH OCT	Open Evening	6.00pm – 8.00pm
	WEDS 4 TH NOV	Sixth Form Open Evening	5.00pm – 7.00pm

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Please book your place for one of our Open Mornings via Eventbrite:

[Book Open Morning Places](#)

* Booking for Open Evening is not required*

This year's 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	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24		
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thur	3	10	17	24		Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur	5	12	19	26		
Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	
DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23		
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28	Thur	4	11	18	25		
Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28		
MARCH						APRIL						MAY						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	3	10	17	24		Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	2	9	16	23	30	
JUNE						JULY						AUGUST						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues		3	10	17	24	31
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur	3	10	17	24		Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

Term Time

Bank Holiday



Holidays

INSET



Term 1: Thursday 3 September – Friday 23 October 2026

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

INSET DAYS: TUESDAY 1 and WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026, MONDAY 4 JANUARY, MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 21 JULY