



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

18 September 2026

Our Value for the year is **Respect**

Congratulations to our:
Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 5A who won this week's attendance with 99.3% and 6A who were runners-up with 98.3%. 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 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
Thursday 8 October		Year 6 Swimming
Friday 9 October		Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 13 October		Harvest Festival at St James' Church
Wednesday 14 October		School Photographs (Children should wear full uniform)

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.**

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

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.

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.

Head Lice

We have been advised by some parents that they have discovered head lice on their children. Please 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.

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.

Arbor Parent Portal

The Arbor Education online system is a data system that allows you to view your child's attendance, data information, register for clubs, pay for swimming, trips and buy ties, book bags and house t-shirts.

When your child starts at St James', you will receive a welcome email from Arbor. It is important when you receive the email that you activate your Arbor account via parent portal, as we will be sending you communications via Arbor.

The email will contain your login information to access Arbor, where you will be able to view your child's attendance data and the information we hold for you (eg: name, address, email, contact details).

Process

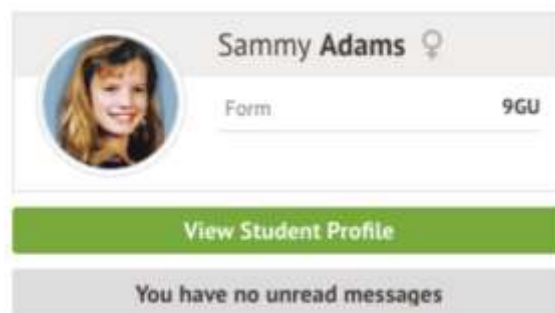
1. You will receive a 'welcome to Arbor' email from St James' Church of England Junior School
2. Within that email it will have a link to login. Click on **login**
3. The Arbor site will appear, input your email address and click '**forgot password**'
4. You will receive a password link sent by email from St James' Church of England Junior School (please check your junk/spam folder)
5. Using the username and password in the email, login to Arbor
6. Verify account
7. Enter the Date of birth of your child
8. Verify
9. Account verified - you will see your child's data! (see example below).

Once you have logged into Arbor, check the data information we hold for you is correct. You will be able to amend any information to update your contact details. You, as parent, have the facility to change data, you do not need to inform the school office if the data is incorrect.

Your Homepage Dashboard

The dashboard is the first screen that you will see. This gives a quick glance of the student's daily timetable, behaviour points, meals, notices, current attendance and progress.

You can see your [in-app messages](#) by clicking this button under your child's photo. (Photos added after being taken in school by school photographers).



You can return to this page at any time by clicking on the school's logo or choosing Dashboard from any menu. On the homepage you'll also see sections for:

- **Statistics** - This shows information about the student's attendance, behaviour and progress statistics for the current term.
- [Accounts](#) - The **Accounts** section loads the student's account balances. **Lunches will still be paid via Parentpay.**
- [Trips](#) - Sign your child up for trips.
- **Clubs** - Sign up to [After School clubs](#).
- [School Shop](#) - Make purchases for items.

For further Information:

[St James' Church of England Junior School - Parental Communication via Parent Portal and Parent App](#)



Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre

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

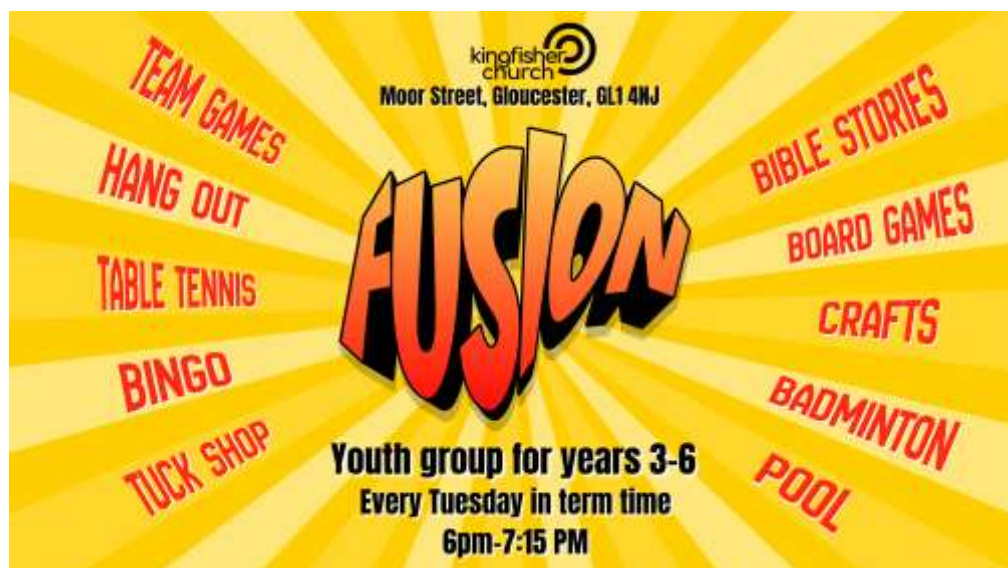
Icon	Value
Mountain	AMBITION High aspirations for every learner
Lightbulb	OPPORTUNITY A wider future within reach
Trophy	SUCCESS Achievements that last a lifetime

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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*



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Moor Street, Gloucester, GL1 4NJ

FUSION

YOUTH group for years 3-6
Every Tuesday in term time
6pm-7:15 PM

TEAM GAMES
HANG OUT
TABLE TENNIS
BINGO
TUCK SHOP

BIBLE STORIES
BOARD GAMES
CRAFTS
BADMINTON
POOL

Making healthy school lunches easy!



Helping children make healthier choices at school doesn't have to be complicated. A few simple changes can build healthy habits and help your children stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Here's a few tips to help you get started:

Tip 1:

Pack some healthy snacks

Including a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox, like a preferred fruit or plain popcorn, can help them stay energised throughout the school day and make nutritious choices easier.



Tip 2:

Know what options are available

Take a look at your child's school lunch menu together and talk about the healthier choices available. Exploring the options in advance can encourage children to try new foods and make balanced choices at lunchtime.



Tip 3:

Talk about healthy choices

School lunchtimes can be a great time to encourage independence and positive decision-making. Agree simple goals together and celebrate healthy choices throughout the week.



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or

Click to find
out more



gloucestershire.gov.uk

* Our courses are designed for families with children aged 4-12



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Open Evening
Thursday 1 October 2026
5:00pm - 7:00pm



For
Prospective
Students

Year 7
Admission
September
2027

**Faith & Learning in Pursuit
of Excellence**

Talk from the Headteacher at 6pm in the main hall.



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**Open Week for Prospective Students
Y7 Admission 2027**

Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th September 2026

10:30am-11:25am

Wednesday 30th September 2026

10:45am-11:40am



 Guided tour of the
school by our
students

 See our teachers and
classrooms in action

 Talk in the Hall from
the Headteacher

**Faith & Learning in Pursuit
of Excellence**

To book a session, visit our website.



Barnwood Park School

RESPECT | AMBITION | DETERMINATION | SUCCESS

OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Thursday 1st October 2026

Thursday 8th October 2026

*Bookings only

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October 2026

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Headteacher talk at 6:00pm & 7:00pm

*No booking required



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HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL Open Evening



TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

5:30PM - 8PM

@ HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

MILL LANE, BROCKWORTH
GLOUCESTER
GL3 4QF



**HEADTEACHER AND SENIOR LEADER TALKS AT
17:45, 18:15 & 19:15**

**LEARN ABOUT OUR SCHOOL &
GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

**Book in
advance
for fast
track entry**

CONTACT US

01452 863 372

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.henleybankhighschool.co.uk



Denmark Road
High School

Be part of the Denmark
Road experience.

Join us for our Open Events

5th October

8.45-10.30am

7th October

5.00-8.00pm

All welcome.

No booking required.

www.denmarkroad.org



Ribston Hall
High School

SHARING AMBITION



Open Events

Thursday 15th October 2026

Please join us for one of our Open Events this October:

Open Morning: 9am to 11:30am

Open Evening: 4:30pm to 7pm

Open Evening: 5:30pm to 8pm

Our open events are the perfect opportunity to find out more about our school and the changes to the Grammar Schools Test for 2027.

We will also be offering student-guided tours, and our Senior Leadership and Admissions teams will be available to answer any questions you may have.

To find out more and book your place please visit:

www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us

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EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

GL1 LEISURE CENTRE
GL1 1DT

Adults £8
Kids £4
Skate Hire £2

PAY WHAT YOU CAN
PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF

6-8PM

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MONDAY 26TH – THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026
FOUR DAYS OF SPOOKY FUN!

MONDAY PUMPKIN PARTY  MAKE Pumpkin Plate Painting TASTE Creepy Cupcakes PLAY Feed the Monster Monster Freeze	TUESDAY GHOSTLY FUN  MAKE Spooky Mobiles* TASTE Monster Biscuits PLAY Eyeball Spoon Race Wrap the Mummy
WEDNESDAY NEON MONSTERS  MAKE Neon T-Shirt Painting** TASTE Spooky Treats PLAY Spooky Relay Race Monster Corners	THURSDAY MONSTER MASH  MAKE Build a Monster TASTE Magic Mocktails PLAY Monster Freeze Spooky Walk to Hunts Grove Park

***TUESDAY: BRING A COAT HANGER • **WEDNESDAY: BRING A T-SHIRT**

MAIN SESSION 9.30AM–3.30PM • EXTENDED HOURS 8.00AM–5.30PM

FROM £30 A DAY • BOOK YOUR SPOOKY SPACE!

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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	
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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	
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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