St James' Church of England Junior School

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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 97.8%. 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**

The netball team played their first match of the season against St Peters. It was a fabulous, exciting match and Although the end result did not go our way, St James played energetically and showed wonderful team spirit. The next match in on Tuesday 13th at St James against Widden.



There is no football club after school on Monday as the football team have a match

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.

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)
19th – 23rd October	Wick Court Farm Residential
Wednesday 21st	Parents' Evening (all classes except 4B)
Thursday 15th October	4B Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd October	Y6 Oxford University Trip
Friday 23rd October 3:20pm	End of term 1
Monday 2nd November	Start of term 2

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.**

Up-to-date Information in Arbor

Please check the details we have for you and your child as it is important that we have up-to-date contact information. Go to **View Student Profile** on your child's Arbor Parent Portal page. You can add and change information for your child and parents/carers, address etc.

Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 30 September

Please go to to consent/refuse:

https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=GC115606

If you are unsure if you have completed the consent, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 (Immunisation Team, Children & Young People Service (CYPS) Part of the Children, Young People and Specialist Services Service Group, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust)

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Harvest Festival – Tuesday 13 October at St James' Church

Our Harvest Service, led by the Year 4 worship team, will take place on **Tuesday 13th October at 9.00 am** in the Church. Parents are welcome. We will be collecting for Gloucester Foodbank's Emergency Food Service. We will be collecting Cup a Soups as shown in the images below. All brands/flavours/sizes are accepted, as long as all are in date and unopened. Please bring in donations on either **Monday 12 or Tuesday 13 October.**



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.

Head Lice

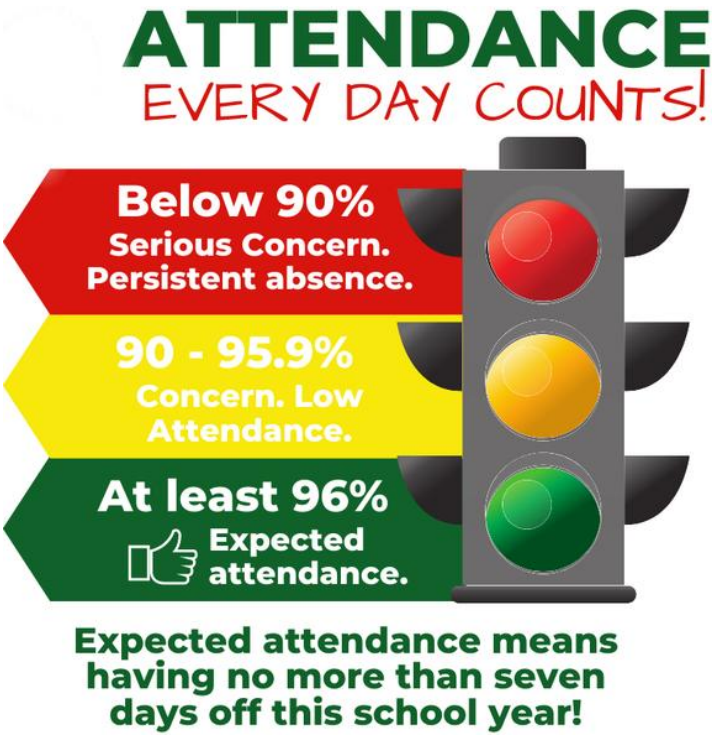
We have been advised by some parents that they have discovered head lice on their children. Please check your children's hair for head lice. Please check your child's hair frequently as eggs hatch very quickly. Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair. Nits are the empty egg cases attached to hair that head lice hatch from. Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4-11.

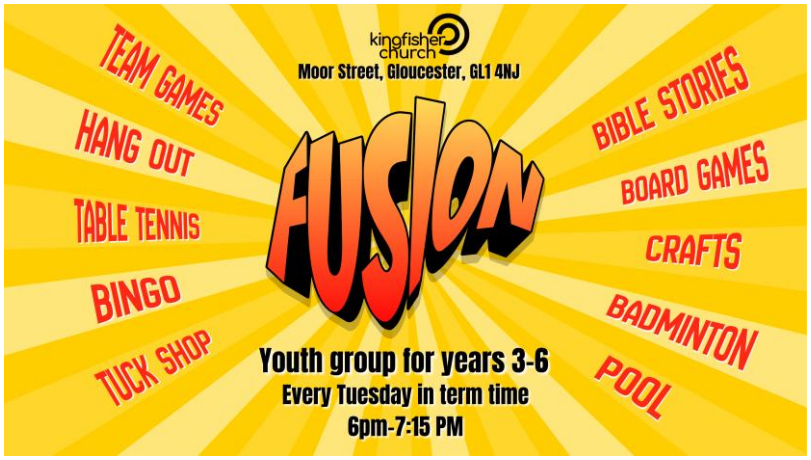
PGL for Year 6 – Please see the recent email we sent and information on our website: St James' Church of England Junior School - Year 6 PGL Residential 2027 Payment is now available via Parent Portal only.

REMINDER – SJJS is a cashless school except for non-uniform days, charity collections and fundraising events. T-shirts, bags, ties, swimming 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.





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

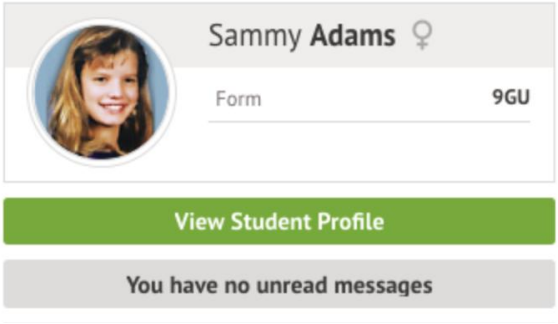
1. You will receive a 'welcome to Arbor' email from St James' Church of England Junior School
2. Within that email it will have a link to login. Click on **login**
3. The Arbor site will appear, input your email address and click **'forgot password'**
4. You will receive a password link sent by email 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).



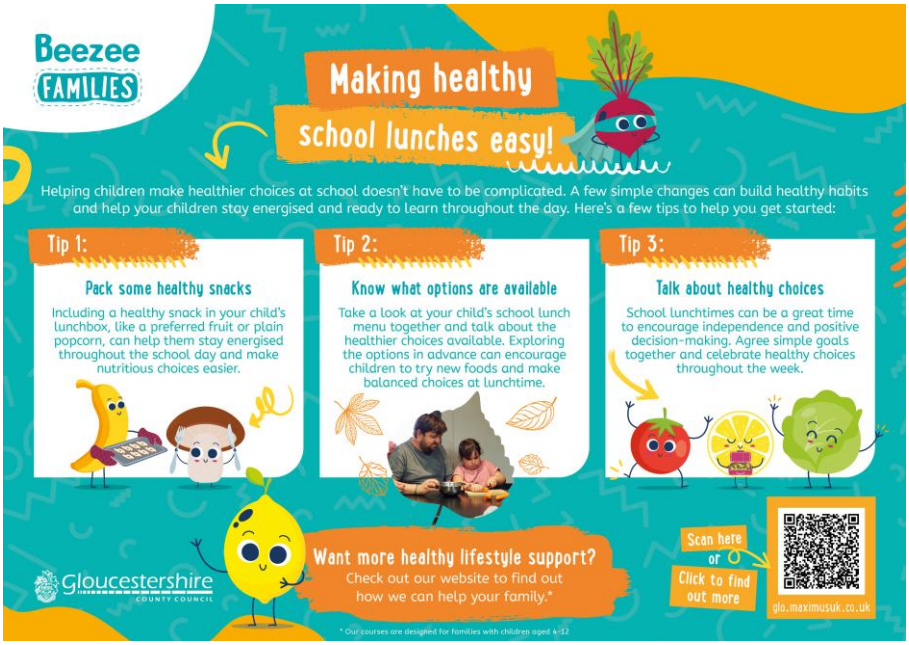
You can return to this page at any time by clicking on the school's logo or choosing Dashboard from any menu. On the homepage you'll also see sections for:

- 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

When you have logged in please go to 'View Student Profile' to check all parent/carer/student details and go to 'Quick Actions' to pay for t-shirts, trips etc.



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THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS ABOUT THE FSCE ENTRANCE TEST FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY

The Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Entrance Test for entry into Year 7 in September 2028 will take place on **Saturday 3rd July 2027**. If your child is currently in Year 5 and wishes to apply for a place at a Gloucestershire Grammar School, they must take this test.

Registration will open on Monday 8th February 2027 (12 noon) and close on Friday 19th March 2027 (12 noon).

Following the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools announcement earlier this year the test provider will be Future Stories Community Enterprise (FSCE). **The admissions test will consist of three FSCE papers:**

- **Adventure Paper:** English and Maths, with Multiple Choice Answer options;
- **Beacon Paper:** English and Maths, where you respond with Short Written Answers;
- **Compass Paper:** any of the following subjects you learn at school: Art & Design, Computing, Design & Technology, English, Geography, History, Languages, Maths, Music, Physical Education, Science, with Multiple Choice Answer options.



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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.



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