St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter 23rd October 2026

Our Value for the year is **Respect**

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 6A who won this week's attendance with 99.3%. Well done

Got a question? Need to know something?

This was the turn of 5A to lead our Collective Worship. They presented a thoughtful message of kindness and friendship through drama, speeches, song and prayer.



The Y6 trip to Oxford University was a great success. The children visited the beautiful buildings, shared in the thrill of science and experienced the wonders at the Ashmolean Museum.

Wick Court Farm residential

Children and staff have had a fabulous time on the Farm. Photos are on the Website.





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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Important Dates & Holidays – Please keep a copy of the term dates handy!

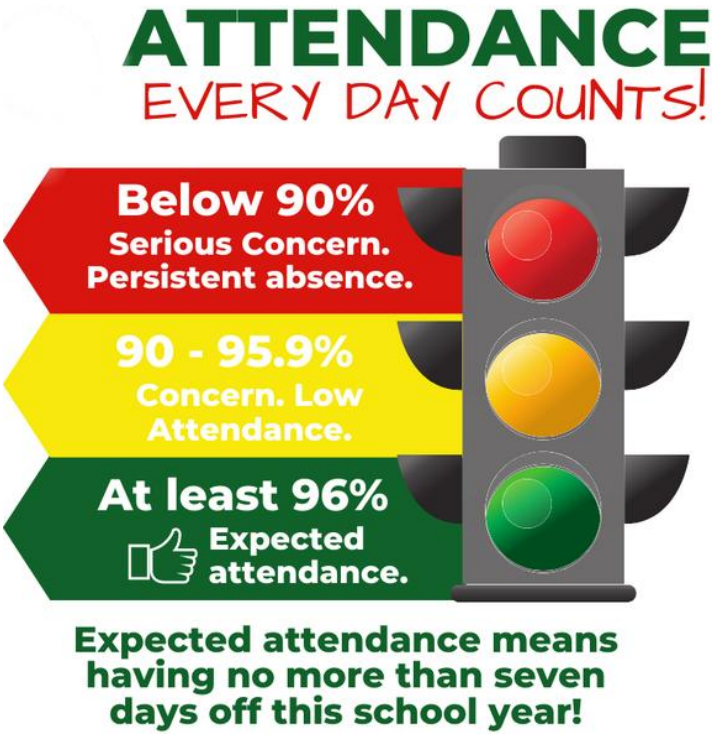
Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2026-27 and 2027-28 here.

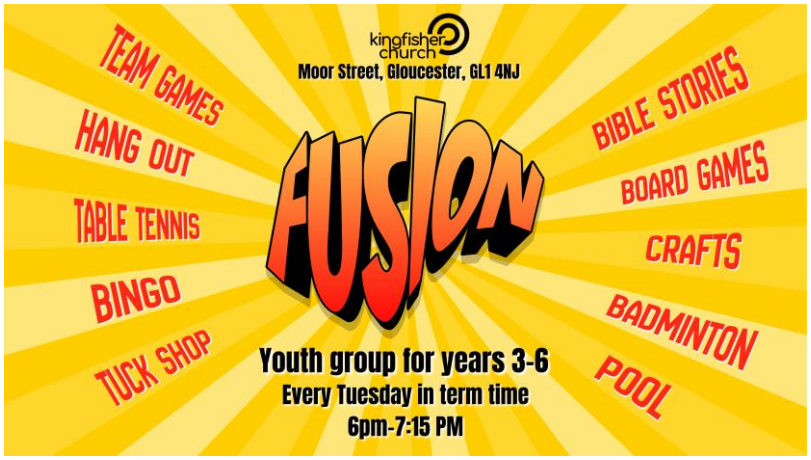
Friday 23rd October 3:20pm End of term 1
Monday 2nd November Start of term 2
Wednesday 4th November Y5 trip to the Tower of London
Thursday 5th November Y6 swimming
Friday 6th November Y5 swimming

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.





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).

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.

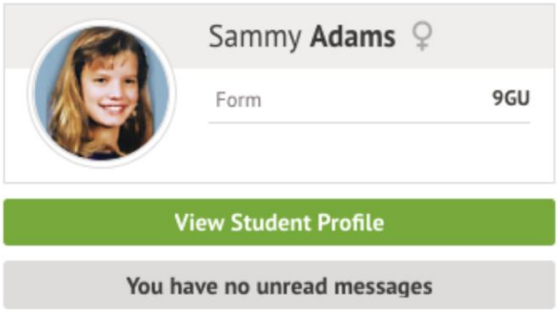
SWIMMING FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6
You can pay in instalments or in one lump sum via the Arbor Parent Portal. You will be able to see how much you have paid and how much you owe. No cash payments will be accepted.

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.

Beezee FAMILIES

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.



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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

glo.maximusuk.co.uk

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

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HIGH SCHOOL

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.



Contact

Ms Sarah Graves, G7 Admissions Manager
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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.





Getting ready to book October holiday activities

A range of activities are taking place across Gloucestershire during the October school holidays, with events available in multiple local areas.

You'll need an account to book some activities. Creating an account allows you to set up an adult profile and add profiles for the children or young people you are booking on behalf of.

If you already have an account, simply sign in and check that your information is up to date so you're ready when bookings go live. If not, you can create an account now so everything is set up in advance.

Please note: Events will continue to be added in the run-up to the school holidays, so please check back regularly.

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Gloucestershire Family Hubs

Scan the QR to find out more about Half term activities.

familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk



Harvest Fun at the Farm!

St James City Farm, Albany Street
11am - 1pm | COMPLETELY FREE!

- Monday 26th -

Join **Kulchalee** for some arts and crafts and also a table-top sale with clothes/toys and bric a brac at bargain prices.

- Tuesday 27th -

Making bird feeders with Karen, and Harriet from **Fair Shares**.

- Friday 30th -

Cake and Craft Sale!

Delicious homemade cakes and quality crafts. They'd make perfect gifts, they have been donated to us from a craft group who meet at the Folk of Gloucester. We'll also be selling S'more kits for children to make themselves.

We'll also have **DEC'S CREEPY CRAWLY** collection, some harvest colouring activities and snacks/hot drinks available to buy every day as well as our animals to feed.

St. James City Farm & Riding School

Fair Shares community time banks

Unity In Diversity Kulchalee Arts



SPORTS AND PE SPECIALISTS

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WHERE OPPORTUNITY MEETS POTENTIAL

PLAY
LEARN
BE ACTIVE
MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN!

ABBEYMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
26TH OCTOBER	27TH OCTOBER	28TH OCTOBER	29TH OCTOBER

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

AGES 5 – 11

- SPORTS & GAMES
- CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS
- HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES
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MUMS & DAUGHTERS

BOYS UNDER 7 CAN JOIN IN WITH MUMS

Pizza Night

THURSDAY

29TH OCTOBER 2026

AT FRIENDSHIP CAFE

7:30-9:00PM

★ BOOKING ESSENTIAL

★ £3 PER PERSON



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