

Hatherley Winter Fair

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the Winter Fair and raising £243.39 for the school!

Well done to Ell, Musa, Aron, Hannibal, Elijah, Varnika, Hajra, Roman, Aria, Ahzab and Gabriel who won prizes for their decorated cups!



Mr Millington awards a certificate to the class with the highest attendance each Friday in our Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to **Owls** for the best class last week with an overall attendance of **95.11%**!

Well done!

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Class/Year	Time
12/12/23	Panto	Hedgehogs, Owls, Badgers	Morning, back for lunch
12/12/23	Nursery Nativity	Nursery	am and pm
14/12/23	Panto	Foxcubs, Rabbits, Squirrels	Morning, back for lunch
15/12/23	Nativity dress rehearsal	Rec & Y1	TBC
18/12/23	Nativity Performance	Rec & Y1	10am
19/12/23	Nativity Performance	Rec & Y1	10am
20/12/23	Christmas dinner & jumper day	Whole School	
22/12/23	Last Day of Term, early finish	Whole School	***1:15 finish***
8/01/23	Inset Day (no children)	Whole School	NA
9/01/23	Children Back to School, Term 3	Whole School	8:45am

Staffing Update

We are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Williams who is leaving on Friday. She has been with the school for 9 years and will be missed by the children and staff! We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Language of the Month

The children and staff enjoyed learning Sinhala last month. This December, the Language of the Month is Polish! Why not ask your child how to greet someone in Polish?



St James' C of E Junior School

Christmas Fayre

Thursday 14 December – 3.30 pm

✿ Raffle – prizes donated by staff and local suppliers ✿

✿ Bottle Tombola ✿

✿ Stalls ✿

✿ Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake ✿

✿ Games Stalls ✿

✿ Cake Stall ✿

✿ Tea/Coffee ✿

✿ Food Stall ✿

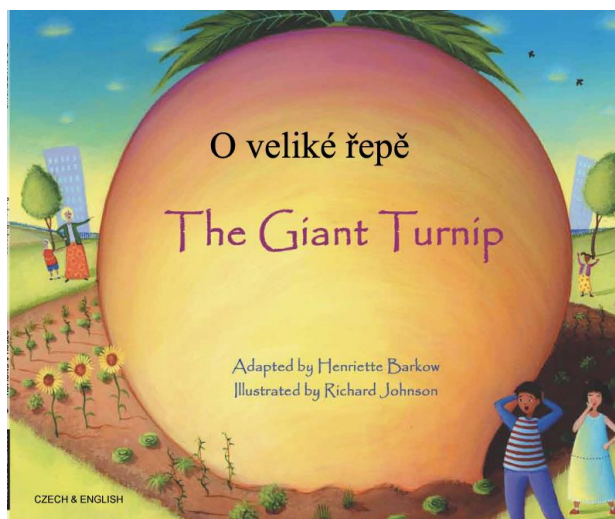
We look forward to seeing you!

Please bring lots of small change!



Home Story

This week, children thoroughly enjoyed listening to 'The Giant Turnip' in Czech! Thank you Radek for giving up his time to make this happen. If you would like to volunteer to read a story in your home language, please let Miss Kirby know.



FSM Holiday Vouchers

For the Winter school holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with 1 week of vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays which will complement the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) taking place over the Christmas Holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for December 2023 holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the Winter holiday are open from midday 28 November until midday 12 December. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 18 December. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 20 December, please encourage them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure you are registered beforehand. You can register by [clicking here](#).