GLOUCESTERSHIRE 11+
SUMMER SUCCESS PLANNER

Your month-by-month guide to staying on track and building confidence

PREPARE PRACTISE SUCCEED!

JUNE

BUILD STRONG FOUNDATIONS

MAIN GOAL

Finish the school year confidently and identify any gaps before the summer holidays.

FOCUS AREAS

ENGLISH

- Read 20–30 minutes every day
- Learn 5–10 new vocabulary words each week
- Practise inference and comprehension
- Keep a vocabulary notebook

MATHS

- Times tables (up to 12x12)
- Fractions, decimals, percentages
- Long multiplication & division
- Problem solving

Aim for accuracy before speed.

VERBAL REASONING

- Letter sequences • Codes
- Synonyms • Antonyms
- Missing words • Word links

2–3 short practice sessions each week.

NON-VERBAL REASONING

- Shape rotations • Mirror images
- Odd one out
- Pattern recognition

Little and often is best.

PARENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Review recent school reports
- [ ] Identify weaker subjects
- [ ] Buy any remaining practice books
- [ ] Create a realistic summer timetable
- [ ] Register for workshops / mock exams if appropriate

WEEKLY STUDY TIME GUIDE

Reading	Daily
Maths	2–3 hours
English	2 hours
Verbal Reasoning	1 hour
Non-Verbal Reasoning	1 hour

END OF JUNE GOAL

Your child should:

- ✔ Read confidently
- ✔ Know all times tables instantly
- ✔ Complete short practice exercises without frustration

JULY

BUILD SKILLS

MAIN GOAL

Develop confidence rather than rushing through lots of papers.

ENGLISH

- Continue daily reading
- Discuss characters, meanings, main ideas and predictions
- Complete 1 comprehension exercise each week

VOCABULARY

Learn around 10 new words each week.
Use them in conversation and writing.

MATHS

Focus on:

- Multi-step problems
- Fractions, ratio, percentages
- Mental arithmetic
- Time and money

REASONING

- 3 sessions of verbal reasoning
- 3 sessions of non-verbal reasoning

Keep sessions to 20–30 minutes.

BEGIN TIMED WORK

Introduce gentle timing.
Don't chase speed yet.
Accuracy comes first.

PARENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Encourage independence
- [ ] Praise effort, not just scores
- [ ] Keep learning enjoyable
- [ ] Visit museums, libraries or historical sites

END OF JULY GOAL

Your child should comfortably complete:

- ✔ Maths questions
- ✔ Reading comprehension
- ✔ Verbal reasoning exercises
- ✔ Non-verbal reasoning exercises without needing constant help

AUGUST

PRACTISE LIKE THE REAL EXAM

MAIN GOAL

Apply knowledge under realistic exam conditions.

WEEKLY ROUTINE

MON	Maths Vocabulary
TUE	Verbal Reasoning
WED	Reading Comprehension
THU	Non-Verbal Reasoning
FRI	Mixed Questions
SAT	Practice Paper
SUN	Rest

PRACTICE PAPERS

Complete one full practice paper each week.
Review every mistake carefully.
Understanding errors is more valuable than doing more papers.

FOCUS ON

- Speed
- Accuracy
- Reading instructions carefully
- Checking answers
- Staying calm

PARENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Reduce distractions
- [ ] Create a quiet workspace
- [ ] Encourage regular breaks
- [ ] Celebrate improvement

END OF AUGUST GOAL

Your child should feel comfortable:

- ✔ Completing timed papers
- ✔ Managing exam pressure
- ✔ Working independently

SEPTEMBER

FINAL PREPARATION

MAIN GOAL

Fine-tune exam technique and maintain a positive mindset.

CONTINUE

- Daily reading
- Vocabulary review
- Mental maths
- Short reasoning sessions

COMPLETE

1–2 full practice papers each week.
Review mistakes carefully.

REDUCE PRESSURE

Short, focused sessions are more effective than long, tiring ones.
Healthy balance is key!

HEALTHY HABITS

- Plenty of sleep
- Healthy meals
- Regular exercise
- Time outdoors
- Calm home environment

PARENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Confirm exam registration
- [ ] Know the test location
- [ ] Prepare any required documents
- [ ] Organise stationery
- [ ] Plan the journey
- [ ] Avoid last-minute cramming

THE WEEK BEFORE

Keep revision light.
Review key concepts.
Talk positively about the exam.
Remind your child that one test does not define them.

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Keep sessions short and focused (30–45 minutes).
- Review mistakes together and explain why the correct answer works.
- Encourage daily reading – it's one of the best ways to build vocabulary and comprehension.
- Celebrate effort and progress, not just high scores.
- Build confidence through consistent practice rather than cramming.
- Balance preparation with family time, exercise and rest.

EXAM DAY CHECKLIST

- [x] Healthy breakfast
- [x] Water bottle (if permitted)
- [x] Comfortable clothing
- [x] Arrive early
- [x] Stay calm
- [x] Read every question carefully
- [x] Move on if unsure
- [x] Check answers if time allows
- [x] Do your best!



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