



# St Giles C of E Academy Newsletter



## Parent meetings next week!

Just a reminder that next week is the last week of the Spring term and we will be closing for the Easter holidays on Friday 22nd March at the usual times. We return to school for the Summer term on Monday 8th April. As it's the end of the Spring term we have our Parent consultation meetings next week. If you have not made an appointment with your child's class teacher please make sure you are in touch over Class Dojo to arrange this. If you have not made an appointment by the start of next week we will be ringing around to make sure you don't miss the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers.

Have a great weekend - *Mr Grace*

## School Uniform—Upcoming Changes

In recent months we have seen more and more children coming to school in the incorrect school uniform, especially for PE days. We want the children to continue to come to school in our uniform PE kit on their PE days, removing the need to change in school, but also keep the to the high standards that we expect at St Giles and look smart. We have introduced a new black school sweatshirt, that is available to purchase now. This jumper should be worn on PE days with plain black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts and the embroidered red t-Shirt.

**We wanted to give you plenty of notice as this change in PE uniform will be compulsory from September 2025.**

The sweatshirts are available from Better and Bright in the market hall in Pontefract and on the 'myclothing' website and are priced between £10.50 and £12. We think this still provides good value and our children will look really smart.



## Value – Faith 15th March 2024

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## Amazon Wishlist

Reading is at the heart of the St Giles curriculum and something that is absolutely flourishing across school, and as part of World Book Day we are launching our Amazon Book Wish Lists! We have done this before and you can see all the details of how you can help on the school story on class dojo! Thank you so much for all your support. Miss Beardmore

Click on the links below to visit our wish lists:

EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2RUTECCS7YBGK?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2RUTECCS7YBGK?ref=wl_share)

KS1 Classes 1, 1/2, 2 and the Ark

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/24NAVP78Y265R?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/24NAVP78Y265R?ref=wl_share)

Lower KS2 Classes 3, 3/4, 4

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IK79RKS172VS?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IK79RKS172VS?ref=wl_share)

Upper KS2 Classes 5, 5/6, 6

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I9P3D4K4CR0F?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I9P3D4K4CR0F?ref=wl_share)



## This Week's 'Faith' Value Award Winners

### Nursery – Eleanor H

Eleanor, you are so kind, caring, and helpful to all of your friends in Nursery, including your teachers. Thank you for being you Eleanor and helping all of our Nursery children see how to live out our St Giles values. Well done and keep it up!

### Reception 1 – Kashley M

Kashley has had a great week, he has shown enthusiasm about his learning and been very eager, particularly with his Phonics. He has listened much more carefully to adults and looked after his friends. Keep it up Kash!

### Reception 2 – Harry W

Harry has been on fire this week. He has listened carefully in lessons and followed instructions. He has made great progress with his blending and reading. Well done Harry keep up the hard work we are proud of you.

### Class 1 – Isabelle C

Isabelle has worked really hard this week to improve the handwriting and presentation in her books. Super effort Isabelle, keep up the great work.



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### **Class 1/2 – Caoimhe L**

This week Caoimhe has produced some great work, especially in Science. When Caoimhe puts her mind to it she is capable of amazing things. Keep it up, you are great!

### **Class 2 – Rory L**

Rory has been impressing us this half term with his fantastic English work! He consistently tries his best and uses challenging vocabulary to up-level his writing. He is turning into a talented writer!

### **Class 3 – Millie M**

Millie has been a shining star this week! She has shown perseverance with activities that she has found tricky but powered through with a huge smile. We are super proud of you.

Keep it up - Well done Millie.

### **Class 3/4 – Ava R**

Ava is one of Class 3/4's 'always' children. She is pleasant to everyone, well-mannered and always sets a super example to others. She is fun-loving and a friend to everyone. This week, during assessment week, she has shown independence, resilience and confidence - very mature attitude. Ava is an absolute joy to teach. Keep being you Ava and shine like the star you are. : )

### **Class 4 – Kyra L**

Kyra is such a happy, positive girl. She will always push herself to be her very best. She is a fantastic friend to others and displays all the St Giles values daily. Keep it up Kyra!

### **Class 5 – Jake W**

Over the last few weeks, Jake has been working so very hard to improve the presentation of his work and has blown us away with the outcome. We are so proud of you Jake! Keep it up!

### **Class 5/6 – Leonie A**

Leonie is someone that tries her best everyday. She is kind, thoughtful and someone that always looks out for others. Because of these qualities, she has made amazing progress this year and continues to radiate brilliance. Keep this up Leonie because we are all so proud of you.

### **Class 6 – Alicia M**

Alicia shows grit and determination week in, week out in Class 6, always with her hand up to offer answers or opinions. She especially impressed us when Father Sam came into school, with her input into the Stations of the Cross. Keep it up Alicia!

### **Staff Member of the Week – Miss Timmins**

We have so many Maths geniuses at St Giles and that is no surprise as we have a super Maths leader at our school—Miss Timmins. She is so passionate about her subject and it shows through how much our children love Maths.





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Winners!

Class 6  
98.7%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less  
absence per year  
**97% or above**  
**VERY GOOD**  
**THIS IS YOUR**  
**TARGET**

Between  
7 and 19 days  
absence per year  
**90% - 96%**  
**BELOW**  
**EXPECTATIONS**

More  
than 19 days  
absence per year  
**Under 90%**  
**POOR**  
**ATTENDANCE**

St Giles School attendance for this week – 94.5%			
Reception 1	90%	Class 3/4	96.9%
Reception 2	91.5%	Class 4	89.7%
Class 1	97.3%	Class 5	96.7%
Class 1/2	94.5%	Class 5/6	96.3%
Class 2	91.0%	Class 6	98.7%
Class 3	95.7%	Target	97%

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