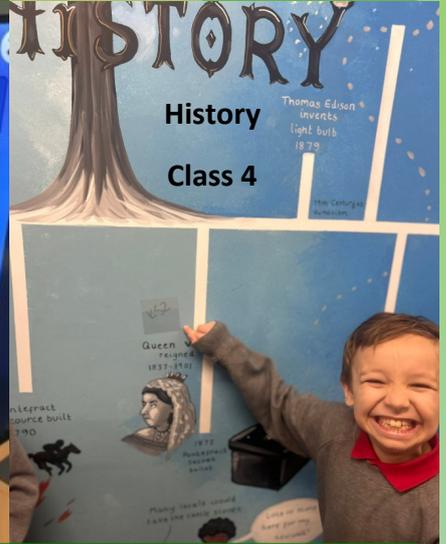




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Maths in The Ark



Happy New Year 2026 & Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break. It has been lovely to see everyone return to school for the new year, ready for what 2026 has in store. The children have been amazing and have come back with smiles on their faces. It has been wonderful to hear all about the excitement of their Christmas holidays, and despite the early alarm calls, they all seemed pleased to be back, children and staff alike! We are so very proud of how positively the children have settled back into school life.

Have a lovely weekend - *Mr Grace*

Mr Griffiths' Final Day – Friday 16th January

Some of you may already be aware that next Friday will be a very sad day for our whole school community, including staff, children, and families, as it will be Mr Griffiths' final day at St Giles. Mr Griffiths has had to make the very difficult decision—one he would much rather not have had to make—to leave his role at school in order to care for his wife, who has become very unwell. He will be deeply missed by us all. For so many years, he has been the first friendly “hello” and the last “goodbye” for hundreds of children and staff. He knows everyone by name, keeps the school gate safe, and is always cheerful no matter the weather—even when his beloved Liverpool lose!continued on the next page.

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Cont..... Although he definitely doesn't enjoy the heat, we've never known anyone love the rain quite as much as Mr Griffiths. On a personal note, I will miss our chats about football, the weather, and general day-to-day conversations. Please do take the opportunity over the coming week to say your farewells, as we know he will be greatly missed. We wish Mr Griffiths and his family all the very best, and he will always remain a valued part of the St Giles family.

Mornings and Home Times – Important Information

As Mr Griffiths will no longer be on the school gate, and due to financial constraints, his role will unfortunately not be replaced. We will do our very best to ensure that a member of the school leadership team is on the gate at these times. However, this cannot be guaranteed every day. We kindly ask parents and carers to keep a close eye on younger children as they enter and leave the school site as Andrew will no longer be there to ensure children do not leave the premises.

If you have been given prior permission to use the car park, please note that if no member of staff is on the gate, **it will be your responsibility to open and close the car park gates**. This also applies to taxis. Please do not block the school car park gates, as staff need access to enter and leave the premises at various times throughout the school day.

Children who arrive before **8:40am**—while there has never been a promise of supervision—we have previously benefited from Mr Griffiths being present at the gate. Going forward, children arriving before this time will **remain under parental supervision** until classroom doors open. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we adapt to these changes.

This Week's 'Love' Value Award Winners

Nursery – All our amazing new starters

Albie, George, Isabelle, Jarnella, Maria, Navey-Rome & Noah, have had a fabulous start to their St. Giles journey. They have settled in brilliantly, are trying so hard to learn our nursery routines and are making us beam with a proud smile everyday. Well done!

Reception 1 – Isabella B

Isabella has been very chatty this week, sharing stories with adults and happily engaging in learning. Her confidence is growing and it's lovely to see her smile!

Reception 2 – Ezra W

Ezra had made excellent progress with blending and reading words. We are so pleased with the effort and commitment you have shown both at home and school. Well done, Ezra.

The Ark – Silva T

Silva has settled well into our routine, he joins in with group table, work tasks and our activities. Silva is gaining more confidence in communicating with his new friends and adults. We are so happy you are with us Silva and you are a lovely addition to our Ark family.



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Class 1 – Isabella F

Bella has come back after the holidays with a superstar attitude. She has a heart full of love and a smile that brightens our classroom! This week, you've shown care and friendship to those around you. Whether it's sharing, helping, or saying kind words, you make people feel special. Keep spreading love and joy wherever you go.

Class 1/2 – Corey R

Corey has overcome some difficult emotions as he returned to school this week and has settled back in brilliantly. He has been eager to contribute, putting his hand up and sharing some fantastic answers and ideas. Corey has also been working hard to improve his handwriting; the progress he is making is lovely to see. Well done, Corey – I am so proud of you!

Class 2 – Evelyn S

Evelyn has come back to school this term ready to listen and learn. She is concentrating really hard in class and answering lots of questions. She is finishing her work on time and completing it well. I am very impressed Evelyn. Keep it up!

Class 3 – Gracie-Mae H-C

Gracie has been working hard to improve her attitude to learning and to focus on her own progress. Although she is wonderful at helping and caring for others, she has made a great effort to prioritise herself. We have seen a big improvement in her learning this week. Well done, Gracie!

Class 3/4 – Connor W

Connor, you have been so close to receiving this award every week. This year, we have seen such a huge improvement in your behaviour, and we absolutely love this. You are absolutely smashing your times tables—keep up the fantastic work!

Class 4 – Joe H

Joe has been working really hard to be resilient and confident this week. He is making good connections in lessons and really trying his best every day. We are so proud of you, Joe!

Class 5 – Edward A

Eddie has blown us away with his work on fractions this week. Although he struggled at first, he showed real determination and worked incredibly hard to understand the concepts. His perseverance has paid off and he is now smashing it. A fantastic effort! Keep it up Eddie.

Class 5/6 – Molly S-B

Molly's return to school has been fantastic. She's been switched on in her learning and, as always, Molly has tried her best every day. Her work as inclusion ambassador is first rate and to top it off, her presentation to the whole school about the Blue Peter Badges in assembly stood out for her enthusiasm and clarity. Keep it up, Molly - I know you will!

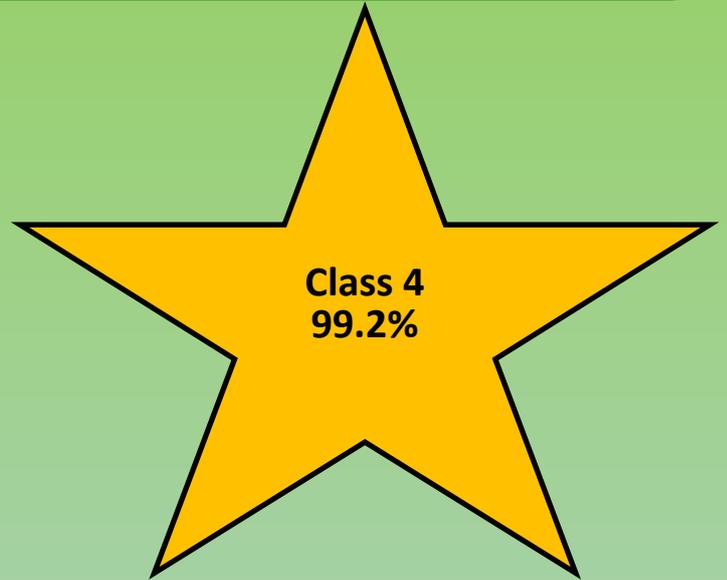
Class 6 – Hanna D

What a start Hanna has made to 2026! She has showed such enthusiasm in all subjects and brought her cheerful personality back into the classroom after the break. She is always hard-working, kind and respectful; we certainly think this year is going to be great for Hanna after this amazing start! Go Hanna.

Staff Member – Miss Freeman

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome Miss Freeman back to St Giles this week. The children have been delighted to see her again, and it has been wonderful to have her back as part of our school community.

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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 – 96.6%			
Reception –1	94.4%	Class 3/4	97.8%
Reception –2	96%	Class 4	99.2%
Class 1	97.4%	Class 5	96.4%
Class 1/2	92.9%	Class 5/6	95.4%
Class 2	96.3%	Class 6	98.8%
Class 3	97.9%	Target	96%



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