



# St Giles C of E Academy School News

Class 3/4 practicing for their Christmas Production.



Princess Sparkle from the Prince of Wales Hospice.



## Christmas Fair Reminder



We are excited to welcome you to our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 3rd December at 1:45 pm, taking place in the School Halls.

If you are collecting your child after the fair begins, please note the pick-up locations:

- EYFS and KS1 children will be in Class 1 (Mrs McGuinness's room, opposite the Reception classroom doors).
- KS2 children will be in Class 4 (Miss Gibson's room, accessible via the playground door).

Last year Santa and his elves got a little chilly in the Reading Shed grotto, so this year we've promised the big man a warmer spot! You will find Santa in the Reception classroom, which can be accessed through the Reception-Year 1 courtyard. Children who do not have an adult attending the fair will still have the opportunity to visit the stalls with school staff. If your child is bringing spending money for when they visit the stall with school staff, please inform their class teacher via Dojo in advance. Our Christmas Fair is always very popular and can become extremely busy, so we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

We look forward to seeing you there for some festive fun!

Have a lovely weekend - *Mr Grace*



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John 4:19



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## A Very Festive Week Ahead!



**Reindeer Run** - We have an exciting and festive week lined up in school! Our annual Reindeer Run will be taking place, supporting the amazing work of The Prince of Wales Hospice. This is a charity that is always so well supported by our school community. We also had a special visit from Princess Sparkles this week, who encouraged our children to do their very best! Your child should have brought home their sponsor form—please check their bag if you haven't seen it yet.

**Carols by the Choir** - Our School Choir will also be spreading festive cheer in **Pontefract Market Square** on **Wednesday** morning next week at **9:30am**. Families are very welcome to come along



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# Reindeer Run



FRIENDS OF ST GILES

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER

1:45PM

Quiet entry for invited families at 1:30pm

Join us for a fun filled  
afternoon of games, stalls  
and tasty treats!

This event is cash only.

# TIS THE SEASON TO BAKE!

We are looking for  
homemade or shop  
bought tasty treats for our  
Christmas Fair on  
Wednesday 3 December.

Can you help?

Just hand them in to your class teacher  
in the morning of the fair. Please  
remember we are a nut free school!





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## **This Week's 'Love' Value Award Winners**

### **Nursery – Rowan-James B**

For the absolute transformation in how happy and settled you are in nursery. You are coming to nursery every day with a smile and you are also trying so hard to try new things and make new friends. Well done, Rowan, we are so proud of you, keep it up!

### **Reception 1 – Phoebe C**

Phoebe is such an eager and enthusiastic learner who is always curious about learning new things. She has been working hard on her sounds and can always be relied upon in group times to contribute and share her ideas. Well done, Phoebe!

### **Reception 2 - Rosie J**

Rosie has made amazing progress this term with her reading and writing. She also can always be relied on to help around the classroom whether it's tidying up, helping the adults or looking after a friend. Well done, Rosie, you little superstar.

### **The Ark - Dhanika T**

Dhanika is making progress in intervention time like a total superstar! Every day, he's learning, growing, and showing off his new skills—all while having fun with his friends. Whether he's sharing or taking turns in games, Dhanika brings fun and kindness to the Ark. Watching you learn and laugh at the same time is the best kind of progress Dhanika.

### **Class 1 – Noah S**

Since being in Class 1, Noah has been a little star especially with his reading, he is reading with expression and fluency, he shows good understanding of what's happening in the story. Noah, you are becoming a confident, fluent reader—keep turning those pages!

### **Class 1/2 – Jacob S**

Jacob is an absolute joy to have in class. His positivity is infectious, and his funny stories and jokes never fail to brighten everyone's day. He is always eager to know more, works exceptionally hard in all areas of his learning and presents his work with great pride. What a superstar!

### **Class 2 – Tilly G**

Tilly is the most caring and loving member of our class. She is friends with everyone and treats everyone fairly and with great respect. Her manners are beautiful and she uses them all the time. She is a great role model and we are very proud to have her in our class.

### **Class 3 – Clayton L**

Clayton has been working his socks off since he has been in Class 3. He constantly wants to learn and has made some big leaps in his progress over the past few weeks. As well as all of this excellent learning, Clayton always wants to help others, especially the teachers, to keep our learning environment tip top!



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### Class 3/4 – Lydia M

Lydia is a kind and caring soul who puts others before herself. She is always on hand to help others and shows kindness each and every day. I am especially proud of the efforts she is currently putting into her times tables and she's already scoring full marks on the MTC- WOW!!!!

Keep shining Lydia!!

### Class 4 - Oliver C

This week, we have been so proud of how Oliver has shown courage and confidence when approaching new challenges. He is really showing what he is truly capable of and is making amazing progress due to this determination! Well done, Oliver.

### Class 5 - Charlotte L

For being wonderfully kind and caring, and for always doing what is asked of her with a positive attitude. She is our very own dancing queen who loves to sing, and she brightens every day with her beautiful smile. I am sure she comes and goes by bubble! We are so lucky to have her as part of our class!

### Class 5/6 – Martha H

Mrs Cass and Miss Butterfield insisted that Martha was given the award this week for her insightful thoughts in RE and wider subjects. I agreed 1000% because Martha has shown herself to be a trust-worthy and mature student we are lucky to have at St Giles. Her love of learning is almost as big as her love of alpacas! Well done, Martha, for impressing everyone you meet.

### Class 6 – Cole M

What an inquisitive and curious mind you have Cole! We love Cole's instinct to always delve further into new learning. He always has extra information to give and he really brings a great energy to our class. You are a fountain of knowledge Cole - keep it up and you'll go far, I'm sure!

### Staff Member of the Week – Mrs Walker

For her enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work in planning and organising an exciting Science Week, which all of our children absolutely loved. Mrs Walker lives and loves her favourite subject and it really shows with the quality of the childrens' work.



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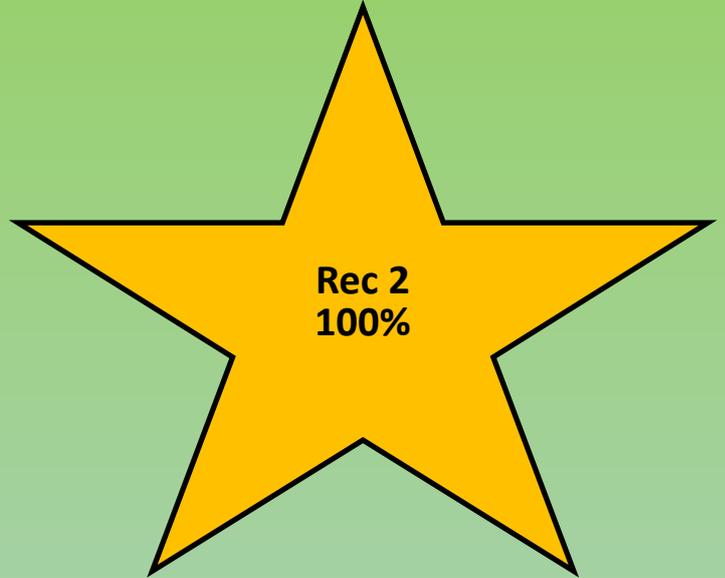
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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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 – 91.2% |       |           |       |
|--|-------|-----------|-------|
| Reception –1                                     | 87.4% | Class 3/4 | 85.8% |
| Reception –2                                     | 100%  | Class 4   | 92.8% |
| Class 1  | 98.1% | Class 5   | 92.1% |
| Class 1/2  | 87.4% | Class 5/6 | 93.9% |
| Class 2  | 81.1% | Class 6   | 90.7% |
| Class 3  | 96.6% | Target    | 96%   |

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