



# St Giles C of E Academy School News



## 🌞 Important Dates 🌞

We hope you have had a good week and have been enjoying the welcome upturn in the weather. It has been lovely to see the children making full use of the school field and it really does remind us how fortunate we are to have such beautiful grounds while being so close to the town centre.

**Bank Holiday Weekend Reminder** - A reminder that this weekend is a long bank holiday weekend. School will be **closed on Monday**, with pupils returning on Tuesday 5 May. We will also be **open on Thursday 7 May**, again as we are not a polling station.

**Non-Uniform Day Dates Confirmed** - The Friends of St Giles have now confirmed the dates for our upcoming non-uniform days in support of the Summer Fair:

**Friday 22nd May** – donations of toys and sweets

**Friday 26th June** – bottle stall donations

**Final Dates for Next Academic Year** - Although most dates were already available, this week we have finalised our final INSET day and can now confirm all dates for the next academic year—**Please see on the next page full list of dates.**

Have a Lovely weekend - *Mr Grace*



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## Final Dates for Next Academic Year

- **Return to school:** Thursday 3 September 2026
    - **October half term:**  
Break up: Thursday 22 October 2026  
Return: Tuesday 3 November 2026
      - **Christmas:**  
Break up: Friday 18 December 2026  
Return: Monday 4 January 2027
        - **Spring half term:**  
Break up: Friday 12 February 2027  
Return: Monday 22 February 2027
          - **Easter:**  
Break up: Thursday 25 March 2027  
Return: Monday 12 April 2027
            - **Spring bank half term:**  
Break up: Thursday 27 May 2027  
Return: Monday 7 June 2027
- **Summer:** End of school year: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Please note: although Thursday 6 May 2027 appears as a school closure on the Wakefield school calendar website, we will be open as **we are not a polling station**.



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## Bikeability 'Well done Year 5'

Well done to all our Year 5 pupils who took part in Bikeability over the past two weeks. They were fantastic and all made significant progress. The Bikeability team commented positively on the children's behaviour, manners and resilience. Every single one of them made us extremely proud.



## Nursery

We've had great fun this week in Nursery learning about the butterfly life cycle through the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We even have our very own caterpillars that the children are observing as they progress through their life cycle stages to transform into beautiful butterflies.



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

### **Nursery – Carson-Jay M**

It is an absolutely joy to see and hear Carson using his voice in Nursery. He is loving learning and using new words and his friends are really enjoying him joining in their conversations. Well done Carson, we are so proud of you, keep up the super work!

### **Reception 1 – Ivan C**

Ivan, you have truly impressed us with your incredible general knowledge about animals and their habitats. Your curiosity shines through in everything you do, and you always approach learning with enthusiasm and determination. You are a valued member of our school, and we are so proud of you. Keep believing in yourself and continue to let your talents shine!

### **Reception 2 – Evie C**

Evie, you are such a chatty, happy member of our school, and your positivity brings a smile to everyone around you. This week, you have worked incredibly hard on your writing, especially when learning about saving orangutans. You showed great care, effort, and determination.

Keep shining, keep smiling, and keep trying your very best!

### **Class 1 – Amelia M**

This week, you have shown fantastic effort and focus across all your lessons. You have worked really hard in your phonics, and your concentration has clearly helped your reading progress. Not only that, but you have shown a positive attitude, been helpful to your classmates, and approached every task with enthusiasm and care. We are so proud of all your achievements this week!

### **Class 1/2 – George M**

George has made fantastic progress in reading and phonics this year. This has really helped his writing to become clearer and more developed. He wrote a brilliant postcard this week, including all the features we have been learning about. Well done, George! I'm very proud of you!

### **Class 2 – Faith B**

Faith has been working really hard in Maths over the last couple of weeks. She is focused and concentrates well during lessons. She is answering all the questions by herself. Faith has also been completing extra work to help her learn how to add and subtract two-digit numbers, and she is making amazing progress. Keep at it Faith!

### **Class 3 – Indi-Lou C**

Indi-Lou has worked incredibly hard in class and should be very proud of herself. She has shown growing confidence by answering questions and being brave in her learning, even when things feel tricky. Indi-Lou has also demonstrated a fantastic willingness to listen to and act on feedback, which can definitely be a challenge. This positive attitude shows real maturity and determination. Keep it up, Indi-Lou!



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### **Class 3/4 – Lillie M**

Lillie always gives her best in everything that she does, tackling each task with perseverance and a positive attitude. She is a great member of Class 3/4, always willing to help others and a real role model when it comes to showing resilience in her learning. Since the start of this term, we've noticed a lovely boost in her confidence in Maths which has been lovely to see. Lillie takes so much pride in her work too and it is always so beautifully presented. We are very proud of you Lillie -keep it up!

### **Class 4 – Jacob C**

Great job, Jacob! You've really impressed us with how hard you've been trying and the effort you put into everything. You always give things a go and don't give up easily — that's brilliant to see. You're also a kind and supportive friend, and you help make our school a positive place to be. We're proud of you!

### **Class 5 – Freddie L**

We are delighted to present this award to a young man who has made a fantastic start since joining our St Giles family. He has approached each day with a positive attitude and has been working hard to learn and follow the St Giles routines, showing determination and a real commitment to doing his best. It has been a pleasure to welcome him into our class and we are already beginning to see what a wonderful attribute he is going to be to our school community. We are very proud of his efforts and look forward to seeing him continue to grow and succeed.

### **Class 5/6 – Danny M**

Danny is someone we love in Class 5/6. He is energetic, fun-loving and full of creativity. In recent weeks, his energy has been channelled brilliantly into all aspects of school life, where he has shown growing maturity, determination and enthusiasm. He has approached new challenges with confidence and positivity, consistently bringing joy to those around him. During our Robinwood residential, Danny truly shone, impressing Mrs Cass with his resilience, teamwork and willingness to dive in with two feet. We are incredibly proud of the progress he has made and the wonderful character he continues to show each day.

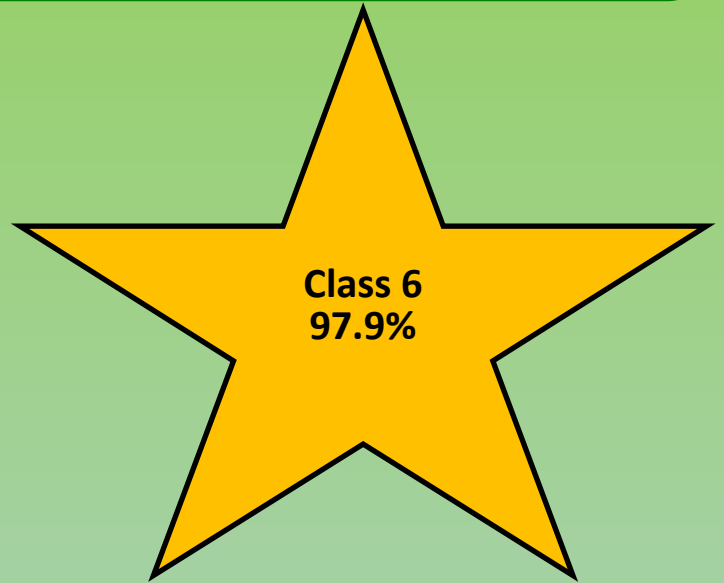
### **Class 6 – April W**

April is a real ray of sunshine who is always polite, caring and full of enthusiasm for school. She has really wowed me with her progress in Maths and has worked so hard. I know she is ready for her upcoming SATs and I am sure she will do brilliantly. Well done – you truly deserve this award!

### **Staff Member of the Week – Mrs Walker**

Mrs Walker consistently puts the children of St Giles first, always striving to help them be the best they can be. This week she successfully oversaw the Year 5 Bikeability sessions, ensuring a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for all.

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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 half term – 96%			
Reception –1	93.2%	Class 3/4	95.5%
Reception –2	97%	Class 4	94.8%
Class 1	95.2%	Class 5	96.4%
Class 1/2	97.3%	Class 5/6	95%
Class 2	95.4%	Class 6	97.9%
Class 3	97%	Target	96%

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