



St Giles C of E Academy School News



World Book Day.

World Book Day this week, was a wonderful celebration of reading and self-expression. Children enjoyed the chance to wear their favourite 'comfy' clothing, helping them feel relaxed and confident as they explored stories in their own way. One of the highlights of the day was welcoming so many parents into school to read with their children—creating a warm, shared love of books across our community. It was a joyful day that truly celebrated the magic of reading together.

Have a great weekend everyone - *Mr Grace*



Value – Faith — Friday 06th Mar 2026

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Anti-Litter Poster Competition

St Giles pupils are invited to get creative and help look after our environment by designing an anti-litter poster for the Great British Spring Clean (13–29 March).

Create a bright, bold, hand-drawn A4 poster with an original slogan and strong message. The best posters will be displayed in Pontefract Library, with some chosen for other locations around the town.

A group of pupils will be invited to a special library presentation, where one winning poster from St Giles will receive a trophy. All pupils who take part will receive a certificate.

A brilliant chance to show your creativity and make a real difference – the **closing date for posters is Monday 16th March.**

Spring Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evenings

On **18th and 19th March** we will be holding our Spring Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evenings. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and learning with their class teacher. As usual, timings will be shared by class teachers via ClassDojo, with appointment slots allocated on a first come first served basis. If your child's teacher is currently not in school, please note that these meetings will instead take place after the Easter break. Mrs Beardmore will still be fulfilling her appointments – although she will be on crutches! We will share the new dates for any rearranged meetings as soon as possible.

This Week's 'Faith' Value Award Winners

Nursery – Henley D

For the bravery and strength he has shown returning to nursery after his recent operation. He has come back shining more than ever and is definitely even more super speedy on his feet. Well done Henley, we are so proud of you!

Reception 1 – Raya R

For the amazing progress she has made with her reading and Phonics, especially with her written work and letter formation. Keep up the good work, Raya.

Reception 2 – Violet S

Violet has really developed her pencil grip this week and is remembering our three friends hold when writing. Well done, Violet!

The Ark – Evie-Rose S

Evie has started touch typing this week and has enjoyed practicing her skills on the computer. She is showing confidence in writing sentences and is doing a lovely job at expressing her ideas. She is also a kind and thoughtful member of the Ark who shows care for her friends. You make us smile Evie.

Class 1 – Esmae H

Esmae has demonstrated excellent perseverance and determination this week. Even when faced with challenges, she has shown resilience and a real desire to succeed. Her commitment to learning and growing is truly inspiring. Keep it up!



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Class 1/2 – Arthur D

Arthur is working so hard in class. He is trying hard in both his classwork and P.E. and is a pleasure to have in class 1/2. Keep that confidence growing Arthur, you are a star!

Class 2 – Ted H

Ted is a kind and supportive member of our class who gets on well with everybody. He is a wonderful friend and the whole class think the world of him. Ted always gives 100%. He listens carefully and starts his work straight away. He tries his best in everything he does and sets a fantastic example for others to follow. Well done, Ted — you are working your socks off!

Class 3 – Amelia E

Amelia has made leaps of progress with all of her work since being in year 3. We are really proud of her handwriting in particular, as she has been trying her best to form each letter correctly. In lessons, Amelia has shown improvements in her concentration and focus. We hope it continues!

Class 3/4 – Christiana W

Christiana has had a brilliant start since coming back after half term. She has displayed a fantastic attitude and comes in each day smiling and happy. She makes our classroom such a wonderful place, and her positivity has a real impact on everyone around her. Well done, Christiana!

Class 4 – Max B

Max has been super enthusiastic towards learning this week. We have been particularly impressed with the effort he has been putting into his work & the determination he has shown. He has told me 3 times this week alone, "Miss, I love this lesson! Can I do more?" - Keep up the hard work Max, you're smashing it!

Class 5 – Jack W

Jack is a quiet young man with a lovely, cheeky sense of humour. He works hard in his lessons and is making great progress. We are very proud of his effort and the positive attitude he brings to school each day.

Class 5/6 – George B

George has had to wait a long time for this award. Despite the wait, he has consistently worked hard, achieved incredibly well and never given less than his best. He is an amazing young man with a bright future ahead of him. Well done George, you're a star.

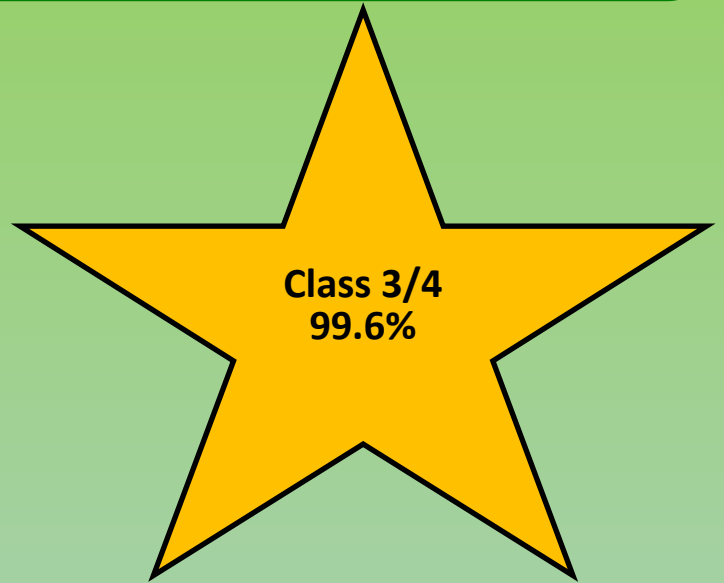
Class 6 – Roza A

Roza comes into class with a hunger to learn and a smile on her face every day. Her geography understanding and knowledge is second to none and her contribution to RE discussion is always insightful. Keep it up Roza!

Staff Member of the Week – Mrs Jepson

Mrs Jepson is recognised for everything she does for all the children of St Giles, especially those in Class 1–2. She places the children at the heart of everything she does and works tirelessly to support them, ensuring they feel happy, safe and ready to learn every day.

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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 – 97.9%			
Reception –1	98.5%	Class 3/4	99.6%
Reception –2	96.5%	Class 4	94.8%
Class 1	96.7%	Class 5	98.8%
Class 1/2	99.2%	Class 5/6	98.1%
Class 2	98.5%	Class 6	97.5%
Class 3	97.9%	Target	96%

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