

St Giles C of E Academy School News



SATs Week – A Message for Our Year 6 Pupils

On Monday, SATs week begins for our Year 6 pupils. As we say every year, give it your best, try your hardest and make yourselves proud, because we are already immensely proud of the young people you have become.

This cohort has truly impressed the whole upper school team. Your commitment, resilience, good humour, kindness and acceptance of others shines through every day. You live and breathe the St Giles values and show real pride in your school.

We don't need to wish you luck because you are well prepared and ready to shine. You have been a wonderful Year 6 group and whatever the results, nothing can take away what you have achieved here. A few words we would like you and your families to keep in mind:

“Do your best and that is enough.”

“Believe in yourself – you are capable of more than you think.”

“These tests measure some things, but they will never measure your kindness, courage or character.”

Please enjoy a restful weekend with plenty of sleep. Take next week in your stride and enjoy showing just how much you have learned.

'Be the best that you can be.'

Have a great weekend - *Mr Grace*

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2026**

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Lower Key Stage 2 Trip – West Leeds Activity Centre

This week, pupils from classes 3, 3–4 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic and adventurous trip to the West Leeds Activity Centre. The children threw themselves into the day with enthusiasm, courage and a real sense of determination, challenging themselves every step of the way. From rock climbing and water slides to bushcraft and assault courses, the range of activities was incredible and that was only the tip of the iceberg. Throughout the day, our pupils demonstrated resilience, teamwork and a willingness to try new things. They were a real credit to themselves and embraced every opportunity with positivity and confidence. The staff were incredibly proud of how the children supported one another and gave everything a go. I'm sure that, like the adults, they all slept very well on Wednesday night after such a full and exciting day. These are memories that will stay with them for a long time.



This Week's 'Confidence' Value Award Winners

Nursery – Juliana W

In recent weeks Juliana has tried so hard to make new friendships and manage her emotions in ways that has enabled her to show how compassionate and empathetic she can be. She is trying harder to listen and concentrate which is helping her progress really take off. Well done Juliana, keep it up!

We are all very proud of you!

Reception 1 – Jayden H

Jayden has shown fantastic improvement in writing, especially with his excellent writing about sea turtles. He developed great confidence when using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We are very proud of the progress he has made. Keep up the amazing work, Jayden!

Reception 2 – Adeline G

Adeline has been noticed this week for her mature attitude to learning and the fantastic progress she has made in coming into class confidently and without tears. Adeline has shown great courage, resilience, and determination every day, and we are very proud of her. Keep up the wonderful work, Adeline!


The Ark – Everyone

This week we have looked at healthy eating and read the story about Oliver and his vegetables. The children all tried spinach! We are so proud of you all for trying a new food.

Well done, everyone.

Class 1 – Taylor-Jade W

This week, you have shown fantastic effort in your learning, especially with listening and concentrating in all your lessons. Your hard work is clearly paying off, and it can be seen in your day-to-day writing, where you have made great progress in Kinetic letters. Well done, Taylor-Jade! Keep up the amazing work — we are so proud of you!



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This Week's 'Confidence' Value Award Winners

Class 1/2 – Luka B

Luka really deserves this award – he has stood out all week. He has been sensible and ready to learn in every lesson, setting a fantastic example to others. He has listened carefully and produced some great work. He has also been trying very hard with his handwriting and it is looking great. Well done Luka!

Class 2 – Olivia-Rae E

All of Class 2 agree that Olivia is a kind and caring member of the class. She always sits quietly, listens carefully and tries her best. She is growing in confidence everyday and this is starting to show in her work. Don't stop now Olivia!

Class 3 – Harlee B

Harlee is always setting the best example to his peers, he listens carefully to instructions and helps others follow them. During this week's trip to the Activity Centre, Harlee was Mrs Firth's assistant, spotting tasks that needed doing before she had, as well as supporting others with their confidence on some of the more challenging activities. Thank you!

Class 3/4 – No Award

Class 4 – Alice H

Alice deserves this award for her positive attitude, hard work, and caring personality. She always tries her hardest in lessons and is a brilliant friend to those around her. Miss England loves how Alice naturally checks in on others, especially when someone may need a little support. It's a beautiful quality to have and shows what a kind person she is.

Well done!

Class 5 – Ava W-S

Ava is such a lovely young lady, inside and out. She is an "always" child and could easily win this award every single week. Wherever she goes, she lights up the room with her contagious smile and giggle. We have been so impressed with her efforts to improve her handwriting using the new kinetic handwriting approach, resulting in a huge improvement in her writing. We are so proud of you, Ava, and feel very lucky to have you with us this year. What a superstar!

Class 5/6 – Darcey C

Darcey is someone who gives absolutely everything to every challenge, working her socks off each and every day to achieve her very best. She brings so much humour, positivity and personality to Class 5/6, helping to make it the wonderful classroom it is. During Bikeability week, there was definitely a noticeable Darcey-shaped hole in the classroom whenever she was out riding!

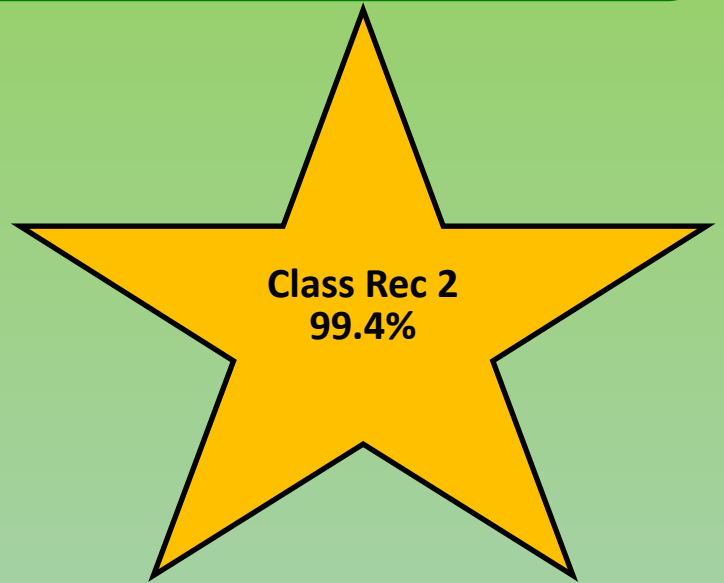
Class 6 – Sienna D

Sienna you are a ray of sunshine every single day! We are so proud of your efforts and progress in the lead up to SATS; you have shown such determination and I KNOW you are going to smash next week. Well done Sienna – you are ace.

Staff Member of the Week – Lower Key Stage 2 Team

Thank you for creating such a memorable and fun-filled experience for our children this week. Every pupil came away having learned something new, feeling proud of themselves and full of stories to share.

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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%			
Reception –1	98.8%	Class 3/4	95.2%
Reception –2	99.4%	Class 4	99%
Class 1	97.6%	Class 5	97.4%
Class 1/2	95.1%	Class 5/6	96.1%
Class 2	97.1%	Class 6	95.8%
Class 3	95.1%	Target	96%

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