



St Giles C of E Academy School News



World Cup Kick-Off !

This week has seen the start of World Cup fever at St Giles!

We began on Monday, with each class being given four countries to explore. Pupils have been finding out more about them beyond football, learning about culture, geography and interesting facts. We then officially launched the World Cup with an assembly led by Mr Greateorex, which really got everyone excited.

The children have already started creating some fantastic fact files about their countries, and we are really looking forward to celebrating the rest of the tournament together in school.

What a way to start the competition too — three red cards in the opening match...
wow!

We know the match times are not always ideal for us here in the UK, so it may be a case of catching up on the highlights. Whatever your plans, have a great weekend and enjoy the football. If you are not a fan, I hope you manage to find a bit of space away from it all!

Have a lovely weekend. - *Mr Grace*



Value – Growing Together —

Friday 12th June 2026

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Squishies, Fidgets and Toys

Recently, we have seen a growing number of fidgets, squishies, trading cards and other toys being brought into school. While we do not want to completely ban these items, as they can have some benefits, we are now seeing situations where children are bringing in large quantities — sometimes enough for the whole class. Unfortunately, this is no longer helping concentration and is instead becoming a distraction. Going forward, one or two small items is more than enough, please do not send in anything of sentimental or high monetary value as we are not able to monitor ownership or manage swapping between children; if this continues to be an issue, we may need to introduce a full ban. Thank you for your support with this. — The St Giles

Team

This Term's 'Growing Together' Value Award Winners

Nursery – Douglas M

Douglas had made a marvellous start after joining us in Nursery this week. He is trying so hard to learn our rules and routines and is starting to make some new friends already.

Well done Douglas, welcome to the St Giles family!

Reception 1 – Rory C

We are incredibly proud of the progress that Rory has made in Phonics this term. He is remembering lots of letter sounds and applying this knowledge in his written work. He is concentrating much more in Phonics lessons and is the first to put his hand up, well done Rory, keep up the great work.

Reception 2 – Hunter-Lee G

Hunter could get this award every week for his kind and caring nature and attitude to learning. But this week we have been amazed by his knowledge in Phonics and his written work. He understands when and where to use a capital letter, what a diagraph and a trigraph is and how to use finger spaces correctly. Hunter uses this knowledge to produce some wonderful sentences.

Well done Hunter; keep being the star that you are.

The Ark – Jamie C

Jamie has had a fantastic week, and it has been an absolute pleasure to see how well he adapted in his new setting. He has been happy, well-regulated, and ready to engage with the opportunities and experiences throughout the week. Well done, Jamie.

Class 1 – The Whole Class

The whole of class 1 - In recognition of their fantastic achievement in completing the Phonics Screening Check. Throughout the year, every member of the class has worked incredibly hard to develop their phonics knowledge, reading skills, and confidence. You have shown great enthusiasm during phonics lessons, tackled new sounds and words with determination, and demonstrated a wonderful attitude towards learning. Well done, Class 1! You have done yourselves proud. Mrs McGuinness and Mrs Stack could not be prouder of everything you have achieved. Keep believing in yourselves, keep reading, and keep shining!



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Class 1/2 – All of the Year 1 Children

Wow, what a week it has been! The children have worked their socks off all year in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check which took place this week. I am immensely proud of each and every one of them. I know I speak on behalf of all the adults who have been part of their Phonics journey when I say that we are blown away by the progress they have made. Keep flying high, you reading superstars! We couldn't be prouder!

Class 2 – Jasmine C

Jasmine has had a fantastic week in class. She has been focused, motivated and ready to learn. We have done a couple of SATs papers this week and she has concentrated really hard and done her very best. In History, she persevered and drew a beautiful, neat Viking ship. Mrs. Pickin and I are really proud of you this week. Well done.

Class 3 – Freddie C

Freddie has worked especially hard this week. He has tackled his Maths with determination and has shown us how mature he can be in the classroom. Well done Freddie, keep it up!

Class 3/4 & Class 4– All of Year 4

For the fantastic effort they have put in to preparing for and completing their Multiplication Tables Check. We have been so impressed by their hard work, determination and positive attitudes. Throughout the year, the resilience they have all shown when challenging themselves and improving their times table knowledge has been outstanding. They have done themselves and St Giles proud. Keep shining year 4!

Class 5 – Henry A

This Head Teacher's Award is given to a young man who has shown real strength and confidence in Maths, working hard and tackling challenges with determination and a positive attitude—keep up the great work!

Class 5/6 – Leo W

We all love Leo! From proving me wrong in Maths (more often than I care to admit) to helping his friends, Leo is such a wonderful boy to have in class. I am so proud of how much he has grown as a person and feel incredibly lucky to have taught him this year. We'll miss him when he leaves us, but I have every confidence that he is leaving us high school ready. Well done, Leo – you're a brilliant role model to others!

Class 6 – Angela C

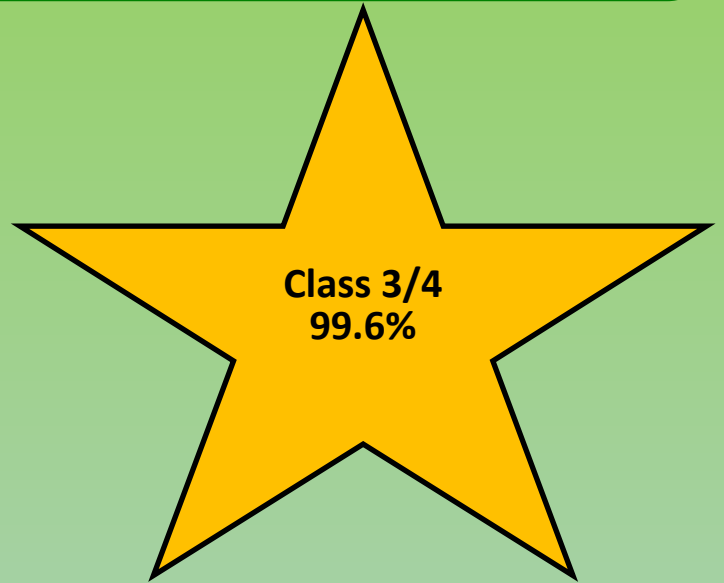
She is always our go to girl! She has taken her role as Captain Hook very seriously putting her heart and soul into her performance just like she does with everything. Star learner, star performer - what can't this girl do? We are always proud of you Angela! You are so ready to smash high school.

Staff Member of the week – Miss Dyas

Miss Dyas has been an absolute star this week. She has truly become part of the St Giles team, and it already feels like she has always been here.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



St Giles School attendance for this week – 95%			
Reception –1	90.4%	Class 3/4	99.6%
Reception –2	79.6%	Class 4	88.8%
Class 1	95.9%	Class 5	97%
Class 1/2	98.9%	Class 5/6	98.5%
Class 2	98.1%	Class 6	97.2%
Class 3	96.8%	Target	96%



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