



# St Giles C of E Academy School News



## A Brilliant and Busy Half Term at St Giles

It has been a brilliant and very busy half term at St Giles, with so much exciting learning taking place across school.

This week alone we have travelled back in time for Roman Days in Lower Key Stage 2, where children fully immersed themselves in life as Romans. We have also seen many classes joining in with Chinese New Year celebrations as we prepare to welcome the Year of the Horse. It has been wonderful to see the bright colours, creative activities and, most especially, to share some delicious homemade Chinese food brought in by families. I even had a dragon visit my office – which was certainly a surprise!

As part of our “People Who Help Us” topic, we have welcomed several visits from the fire service and the police. The children have loved learning more about the important role they play in keeping our community safe, and they asked some very thoughtful questions.

One thing that has truly blown us away this half term is the incredible improvement in the children’s handwriting as they get to grips with our new handwriting scheme. I have had so many children knocking on my door, eager to show off their new talent. Their pride in their work has been a joy to see.

Have a lovely weekend everyone - *Mr Grace*



**Value – Hope — Friday 13th Feb 2026**

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## Children's Mental Health Week – "This Is My Place"

This week we have also marked Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme "This Is My Place".

Across school we have been thinking carefully about the places and people that give us a sense of belonging and allow us to thrive. Our children have taken part in a wide range of activities that have helped them to understand what mental health is and why having a fit and healthy mind is just as important as being physically healthy.

They have explored what it feels like to belong, how that supports their own wellbeing, and how they can help others to feel included and valued. As always, our children amazed us with their thoughtful reflections, exciting ideas and wonderful imagination.

Today we celebrate the close of Children's Mental Health Week by wearing something that helps us feel like we belong – because this is our place.

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

### Nursery – Archie C

For the way he has absolutely blossomed this half term. Archie is growing in confidence and is finding his voice in Nursery. He is trying hard to make new friends and it is so lovely to see his little personality shine. Well done, Archie, we are so proud of you!

### Reception 1 – Aliko S

Aliko has really grown in confidence this half term. She will happily chat to members of staff and will now answer questions in lessons, without being prompted. She has also shown great progress with her handwriting and sentence work. Well done, Aliko.

### Reception 2 – Ivy J

We have been so impressed with the progress that Ivy has made this half term. She has become much more confident in her written work and with her reading. She is also being much more vocal in the classroom, which is lovely to see when contributing to class discussions and when playing with her friends.

### The Ark – Yi Heng H

Yi Heng has truly impressed us this half term, he has grown in confidence with his writing and is applying his phonics knowledge with independence. It has been wonderful to see him communicating more with both friends and teachers and expressing his ideas. Yi Heng is happier, more settled, and developing understanding of his emotions. We are incredibly proud of you Yi Heng.

### Class 1 – Orla S-S

Orla has blossomed this half term and truly come out of her shell. She has amazed all the staff in Class 1 with her perseverance and determination, especially in Phonics, where her progress has been outstanding. Her growing confidence and willingness to share her ideas with others are a joy to see. Orla demonstrates a real sense of hope and belief in herself, and I am excited to see how she continues to shine next half term.

### Class 1/2 – Noah B

Noah has tried so hard this half term, both in his attitude to learning and being a good friend to his classmates. He has a positive outlook on all he does in class and it is showing in all his work. Keep it up Noah, we are all so proud of you.



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### Class 2– Ivy-Rose H

Ivy has worked consistently hard all half term and you can see that she is becoming a sensible and mature young lady. She wants to do well and make further progress, so she always listens carefully to any advice and guidance that she is given. This is now starting to show in her amazing work. Well done, Ivy.

### Class 3– Pola D

Pola has been working her socks off this half term, consistently listening to advice and putting it into practice both at home and at school. She has shown fantastic determination in improving her reading, handwriting and spelling, always pushing herself to do her very best. We are so proud of her positive attitude, hard work and the brilliant progress she has made. Well done, Pola!

### Class 3/4– Polly C

Polly could receive this award every week — she is such a kind, caring, and hard-working girl. Throughout the half term, she has demonstrated all of the St Giles values, especially Growing Together. Polly loves to help others and is a great role model to those around her. I love to read her writing; she will always go the extra mile to make sure she has used all the correct features and make it an exciting read.

Keep up the good work Pol!

### Class 4– Lily B

Lily has demonstrated HUGE ambitious energy throughout this half term, to improve her handwriting technique and timetables recall. It has been a delight to read her beautifully presented writing pieces this week. Her hard work, both at school & at home has truly made a difference — I am so proud of you Lily!

### Class 5– George B

This award is for a brilliant student who works his socks off every single day. As soon as he walks through the door he is ready to learn and try his best.

He always wants to improve and be the best he can be. We are so proud of his progress.

Well done, keep shining!

### Class 5/6– Cameron C

Cameron has been golden this term. He seems to be enjoying school and working incredibly hard every day to achieve the bags of potential he has. On top of his learning, Cameron has been an incredible help and friend to others - he's so kind. To top it off, Cameron was a big help as an assistant coach down at A1 during our recent festival. An amazing award for an amazing boy!

### Class 6– Ryan S

Ryan brings his shining personality, enthusiasm and kind-hearted nature to school everyday, Not only that, he always puts 100% effort into his work and this showed in his recent mock SATS results. He genuinely makes me smile every single day and he has grown into such a respectful young man. We all think you're great Ryan and you certainly deserve this award for the half term!

### Staff Member for the Term – Mr Greatorex

St Giles is a super sporty place to be, and that is thanks in no small part to Mr Greatorex's enthusiasm and dedication. He is always introducing new sports and encouraging every child to give something a go. His passion helps children discover activities they love and builds confidence along the way. Thank you, Mr G, for inspiring us all to stay active and aim high!



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## Half-Term Subject Awards

At the end of each half-term, teachers select one pupil from each subject who has particularly impressed them with their outstanding effort and the quality of their work. Each nominated pupil receives **5 team points** in recognition of their achievement. Congratulations to all

### UKS2

Subject	Class 5	Class 5/6	Class 6
English	Mylie	Darcey	Aca
Maths	Roxie	Freddie	April
Reading	Thea	Emelia	Elliott
Science	Edith	Jack	Evan
History	George	Zach	Cole
PE	Elliot	Emily	Tessa
Computing	Oliver	Cameron	Kal
RE / PSHE	Ava	Molly	Harrison
Music	Essie	Seth	Sam T
Art	Charlotte	Leo	Lily
French	Ella	Micah	Miroslav

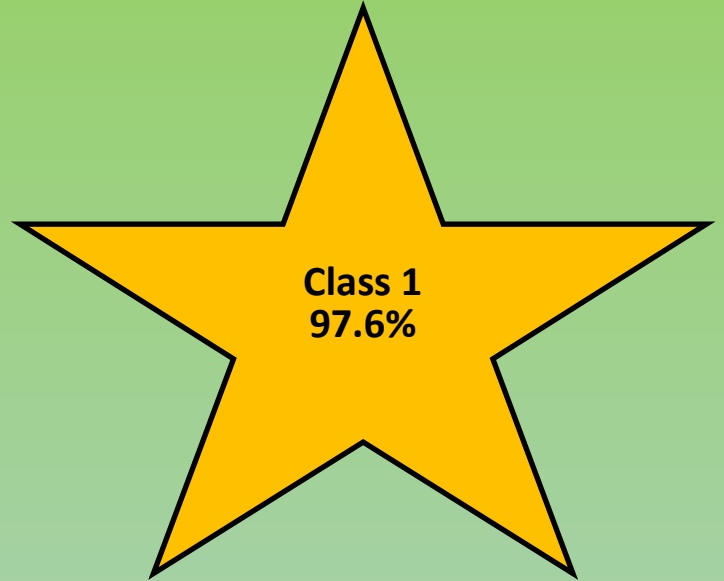
### LKS2

Subject	Class 3	Class 3/4	Class 4
English	Theo	Bobbie	Cohen
Maths	Clayton	Harry	Jacob
Reading	Pola	Arla	Beau
Science	Freddie C	Max	Max
History	George	Polly	Martha
PE	Freddie M	Lucas s	Alice
Computing	Indie-Lou	Jack	Riley
RE / PSHE	Thomas	Lydia	Nylah
Music	Reggie	Isabelle	Senara
Art	Brody	Isla	Lily
French	Sam	Oliver	Will

### KS1

Subject	Class 1	Class 1/2	Class 2
English	SifaAbigail	Phoebe	Emma
Maths	Lydia	Arthur	Kashley
Reading	Luca	Iris	Tilly
Science	Ada-Rose	Lyla	Oliver
History	Noah R	Corey	Elsie
PE	Marlie	Albie	Archie
Computing		Judd	Alfie
RE / PSHE	Amelia	Bodhi	Ada
Music	Orla	Nelly	Dolly
DT	Colt	Hattie	Ted

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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	93.1%	Class 3/4	96.1%
Reception –2	95.1%	Class 4	96.6%
Class 1	97.6%	Class 5	97.5%
Class 1/2	95.5%	Class 5/6	96.4%
Class 2	95.6%	Class 6	95.7%
Class 3	96%	Target	96%

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