



St Giles C of E Academy School News



This term's value - Confidence

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school and we have been particularly pleased with the excellent attendance this week.

I have spent time visiting every class and the children were so eager to share their news with me, especially how many Easter eggs they received. Their enthusiasm and smiles have really set a positive tone for the term ahead.

Our school value for this term is confidence. We will be celebrating how brave we need to be when we try something new or find something difficult. During collective worship we have been talking about the importance of resilience and perseverance and how important these qualities are in helping us to keep going when things feel challenging. Together we can ensure our children learn not to give up when things get hard.

Have a wonderful weekend - *Mr Grace*

Nursery Easter Starters

It has been a pleasure to welcome our Easter starters into Nursery this week. They have made a fantastic start to their time as part of the St Giles family and it has been wonderful to see how quickly they have begun to shine and grow in such a short space of time. Well done to all of our newest children and a huge thank you to the staff and parents who have helped to make this such a positive and successful start.

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Year 6 Residential Visit

Year 6 set off on their residential visit to Robin Wood this morning and there was so much excitement as they began their adventures. This is always a highlight of the year and a fantastic opportunity for the children to challenge themselves, build confidence and create lasting memories.

Year 6 parents are encouraged to keep an eye on the ClassDojo page where staff will be sharing updates and photos of the amazing activities the children will be taking part in. We know this will be an unforgettable experience for them all.



This Week's 'Confidence' Value Award Winners

Nursery – All our amazing new starters

Charlie, Dottie, Ella-Mai, Freddie, Lilah-Mae, Molly-May, Neveah, Parker, Sophie and Yahya have had a fabulous start to their St. Giles journey. They have settled in brilliantly, are trying so hard to learn our nursery routines and are making us beam with a proud smile everyday. Well done!

Reception 1 – Micah M

Micah might have only just joined our class but he has settled in so well. He follows our rules and routines correctly and has made lots of friends. He always tries hard in lessons. Welcome to the St Giles family Micah.

Reception 2 – Riley C

Riley had really tried this week with his Phonics he has been concentrating in lesson time and his writing has improved greatly. Well done, Riley.

Class 1 – Charlie B

Charlie has settled into St Giles School wonderfully. As a new member of Class 1, he has shown kindness, enthusiasm, and a positive spirit, quickly becoming a valued and cheerful part of our school community. His presence is a delight, and we are thrilled to have him as part of our class.



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Class 1/2 – Tyler T

Tyler has been working incredibly hard in Phonics and with his reading this week. All of the adults in our class have noticed his efforts and we are so proud of the progress he is making. Well done, Tyler – keep it up!

Class 2 – Hani M

Hani has returned to school this term with a great attitude towards learning. She is focusing well in lessons, confidently answering questions, and completing her work to a high standard on time. We are extremely pleased with this positive start. Well done, Hani—keep up the excellent work!

Class 3 – Freddie C

Freddie brings so much knowledge and enthusiasm to Class 3, it really wouldn't be the same without him. This week he has worked hard to welcome visitors to our class and make sure that others are on task and trying their best too.

Class 3/4 – Lucas B

Lucas consistently demonstrates an exceptional attitude toward learning; he is always engaged, eager to improve and ready to learn. His enthusiasm sets a wonderful example for those around him and he approaches every task with a positive and determined mindset. I have been particularly impressed with the progress he has made in his handwriting this year. Keep it up!

Class 4 – Lucas H

This week, Lucas has shown outstanding progress in his work, especially in his Maths. He has demonstrated a positive attitude towards learning, increased confidence, and a real determination to improve across all areas. Keep it up, Lucas — we are so proud of you!

Class 5 – Zak P

This award goes to a young man who has had a brilliant week! He has worked really hard and produced some lovely work that he can be very proud of. He has also been a great team player, working nicely with others and showing a positive attitude. Well done – keep up the fantastic work!

Class 5/6 – Yi Heng H

Yi Heng helps make St Giles the wonderful family that it is. We love it when he joins us in class, and his friends always ask for him to come and join us. Well done Yi Heng; we love you.

Staff Member of the Week – Mrs Curtis

It has been lovely to welcome Miss Curtis back to St Giles and it is clear how much she has been missed by staff, children and families alike. We are delighted to have her back as part of the team.



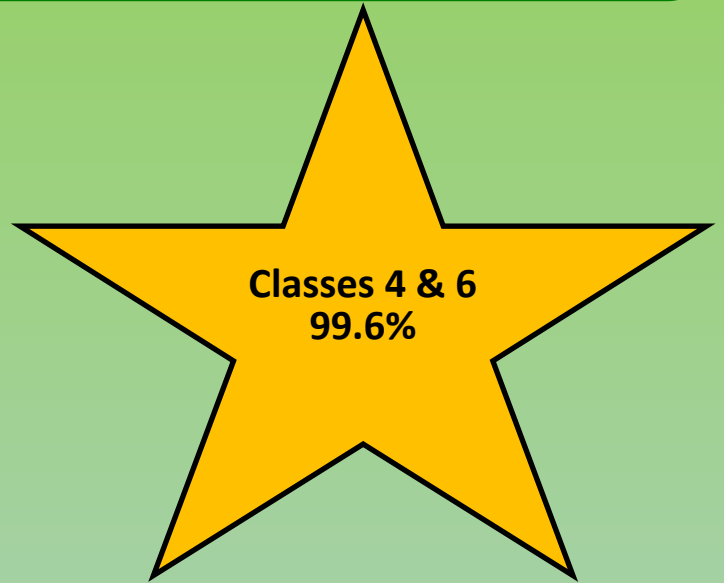
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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 – 97%			
Reception –1	94.7%	Class 3/4	97.2%
Reception –2	99.5%	Class 4	99.6%
Class 1	95.2%	Class 5	99.2%
Class 1/2	94.6%	Class 5/6	95.7%
Class 2	94.8%	Class 6	99.6%
Class 3	97.9%	Target	96%



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