



# St Giles C of E Academy School News



## ☀️ End of Half Term - Confidence ☀️

This half term our focus value has been **confidence**, and we have seen this in abundance throughout the weeks.

Our Year 6 children have shown fantastic resilience while completing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. As always, they have made us, their families and most importantly themselves incredibly proud. Year 5 have been developing their independence and life skills through the Bikeability scheme, learning how to ride safely and carefully on public roads. Meanwhile, Year 6 enjoyed their annual residential visit to Robin Wood where they faced challenges head on while demonstrating excellent teamwork and building strong friendships.

Years 3 and 4 had an amazing time at West Leeds Activity Centre, experiencing the thrills and excitement of the wide variety of activities available to them. Key Stage 1 have impressed us with their creativity, producing wonderful African sunset artwork.

Year 1 are now in the final stages of preparation for their phonics screening check, and Year 4 are preparing for their multiplication tables check — please continue to support them with practise at home over the break.

Reception have been learning all about rainforest animals and have been incredibly creative with their artwork and handwriting. In Nursery, we even had some butterflies — and that was just the staff! What a colourful team we have.

Have a wonderful Spring Bank holiday. Enjoy the predicted beautiful weather, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st June.

Have a great weekend - *Mr Grace*



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## Wishing Mrs Firth Well

Today we do not say goodbye to Mrs Firth, but instead, 'see you soon and good luck'. As we shared last week, Mrs Firth will be moving to another school within the trust to support them and share her expertise and guidance. She truly makes a difference to the lives of our children, and her positive impact will be felt wherever she goes.

Mrs Firth will be greatly missed by everyone in our school community. Thank you for everything you have done, and we wish you the very best of luck — Sandal are very lucky to have you.

## Year 6 Football Tournament

To close the half term, our Year 6 pupils took part in the annual Enhance Academy Trust football tournament.

Although we just missed out on reaching the semi-finals and did not bring home a trophy this time, the team's behaviour, sportsmanship, manners and skill were outstanding throughout the day. It was particularly pleasing to hear other schools comment on how impressive our pupils were. We are incredibly proud of them for representing our school so positively.

## This Term's 'Confidence' Value Award Winners

### Nursery – Maddison T

This year and during this half term in particular, Maddison has gone from strength to strength in so many ways. Her progress across so many areas of our EYFS curriculum has soared and her increasing confidence, accompanied by her beaming smile are a joy to see. It is an absolute pleasure to have her in Nursery and we can't wait to see what next half term brings. Keep it up Maddison, we are so unbelievably proud of you!

### Reception 1 – Aria A

We have all been so impressed with Aria's confidence this week; she has absolutely smashed her phonics assessment and is much happier to join in with class discussions. We are so proud of the progress you have made this half term keep up the hard work.

### Reception 2 – Dylan J-G

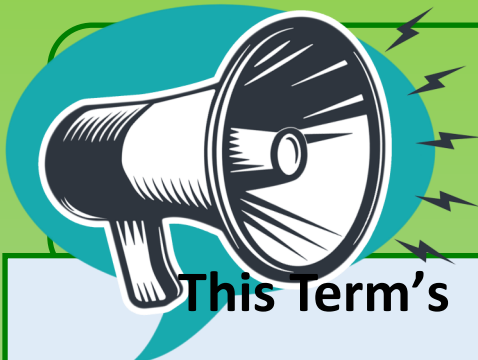
Dylan has really blown us away this week with his attitude to learning. He is much more focused in all lessons and gives 100 % to everything. This has shown particularly in his written work when he is writing full sentences and applying his phonic knowledge.

### The Ark – Silva T

Silva is a bright, smiley, and happy little boy who has grown so much in confidence this half term. He chats lots with his friends and adults, joins in enthusiastically with games and activities, and is doing really well at taking turns. Silva is kind, helpful, and lovely with his friends, bringing lots of joy to the Ark every day. We are very proud of you Silva.

### Class 1 – Lola H

You have grown so much in confidence, and it has been wonderful to see. You are becoming increasingly self-assured in your reading, and your writing shows that you are trusting yourself and applying the skills you have been taught. You are a kind and caring child who continues to be a good friend to others, helping to make our classroom a happy and supportive place to be. Well done, Lola — you should be



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### **Class 1/2 – Noah B**

Noah has grown in so much confidence this half-term. He has tried super hard in Maths, confidently reasoning and explaining his answers. This week in English, he has written a fantastic retell of our story 'Five Minutes Peace' including all the features we have learnt about. It was a joy to read. Well done Noah - you are flying!

### **Class 2 – Ada C-E**

Everyone in Class 2 would agree that Ada is a confident member of our class. She has worked consistently hard all half term and you can see that she is becoming a sensible and mature young lady. It is a joy to know Ada. Her smile and positive attitude makes our classroom a brighter and better place. Well done Ada.

### **Class 3 – Leo B**

Leo is a kind, caring and thoughtful member of our class who truly lives out our school values every day, we can always rely on him to set a great example. He has helped make Class 3 a very special place, always bringing a great sense of humour and knowing just when to make Mrs Firth smile. This half term, Leo has grown in confidence through the positive choices he makes in his learning. We are so proud of him and the warmth he brings to our classroom. Keep being a star Leo.

### **Class 3-4 – Isla T**

This half term, Isla has shown a massive improvement in her behaviour and maturity, and she should be incredibly proud of how far she's come. She now approaches every day with a positive attitude, makes sensible choices and always puts 100% into everything she does. Isla's confidence has also grown massively, especially when reading aloud in class. It has also been wonderful to see Isla's creative side shine, especially in Art where she is a real superstar. We're so proud of you Isla - keep it up!

### **Class 4 – Aiden M**

Aiden has grown in confidence so much this half term. He has been giving some excellent answers in maths lessons and particularly enjoyed this week's learning on time. It has been lovely to see his confidence building, and he is a fantastic member of the class.

### **Class 5 – Millie M**

Millie's confidence is blossoming as the year goes on and she is a pleasure to have in Class 5. She is working hard in Maths, especially with her times tables, and is showing great determination in overcoming challenges. We are so proud of you, Millie - keep it up!

### **Class 5-6 – Molly S-B**

Molly's attitude to learning this year has been nothing short of exceptional. No matter the task or time of day, she approaches every challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a commitment to always give her very best. I'm so proud of how hard she has worked and I know her family are too.

Well done Molly- you're a star.

### **Class 6 – Tessa H**

Tessa has been a star from the moment she first stepped through the doors of St Giles. She is a truly deserving recipient of this award, recognised for the quiet confidence she brings to everything she does. Her calm self-assurance, positive presence, and consistent dedication inspire those around her and make a lasting impact every day. Her smile is something I'll never forget - you are amazing Tessa.

### **Staff member of the term – Mrs Firth**

For being an inspiring and dedicated member of staff whose care and commitment have made a lasting impact, you have truly changed the lives of the children at St Giles and will always be part of the St Giles family — it's not goodbye, we will miss you.



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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 our well-deserving award winners!

### UKS2

Subject	Class 5	Class 5/6	Class 6
English	Freddie	Antonia	Ava
Maths	Mylie	Seth S	April
Reading	Ava	Leo	Angela
Science	Charlotte	Poppy	Elliott
History	Roxie	Bella	Ronan
PE	Henry S	Cameron	Ivy
RE / PSHE	Kyle	Micah	Roza
Art	Harlie-Blu	Emily	Imaani

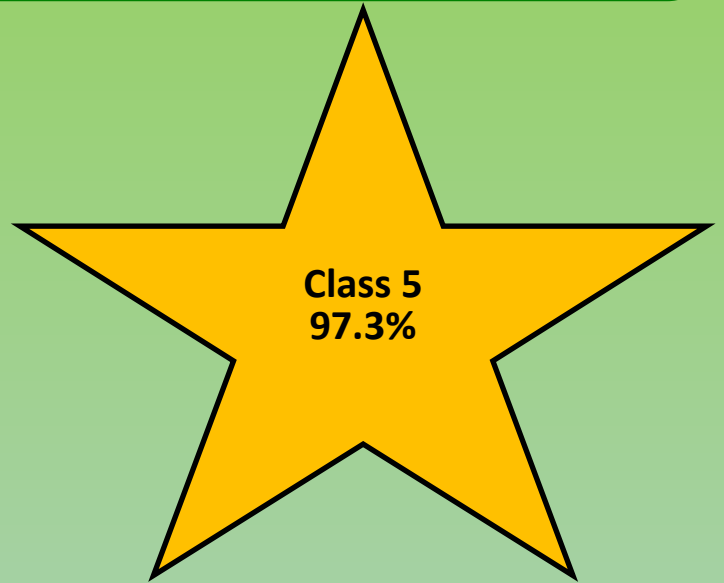
### LKS2

Subject	Class 3	Class 3/4	Class 4
English	Thomas	Christiana	Cohen
Maths	Emily	Connor	Frankie
Reading	Hunter	Polly	Rory
Science	Brody	Zander	Skyla
History	Daniel	Jack	Senara
PE	Nyameapam	Alia	Alice
RE / PSHE	Harrison	Bobby	Jacob and Martha
Art	Emilia	Lucas	Amelie

### KS1

Subject	Class 1	Class 1/2	Class 2
English	Bella	Phoebe	Ada
Maths	Peggy	Ilina	Tilly
Reading	Dhanika	Tyler	Audrey
Science	Eloise	Reuben	Kashley
History	Noah R	Arthur D	Daniel B
PE	Farrah	Eloise	Reme
RE / PSHE	Orla	Joshua	Oliver
Art	Bethany	Violet	Elsie

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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 – 95.7%			
Reception –1	93.5%	Class 3/4	95.2%
Reception –2	96.3%	Class 4	96.8%
Class 1	96.5%	Class 5	97.3%
Class 1/2	94.7%	Class 5/6	94.5%
Class 2	94%	Class 6	97.2%
Class 3	96.3%	Target	96%

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