



St Giles C of E Academy School News

Transition Day and Class Organisation .

On **Monday 13th July**, children will spend the day in their new classes as part of our annual **Transition Day**. They will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and begin to familiarise themselves with their new classroom environment.

This can be a nervous time for everyone involved – children, parents, carers and even teachers. Some people find change difficult and, after spending a year with the same teacher, moving to a new class can feel daunting. We encourage families to talk positively about this exciting next step, as your support plays an important role in promoting your child's wellbeing during this period of change.

Please be assured that every decision we make at St Giles C of E Academy is guided by what we believe to be in the best interests of the children. When class lists are shared, we kindly ask that you trust our professional judgement and support your child in approaching the transition with confidence and enthusiasm.

At St Giles, we have 45 children in each year group, but only 30 children can be accommodated in each class. This means that, like many other schools in the area, we have to create mixed-age classes. We understand that there can sometimes be misunderstandings about how these classes are organised, so we would like to explain the process.

Firstly, there is no "top" or "bottom" set. Children are initially allocated according to age, with either the older or younger children from the year group joining the mixed-age class. We then carefully consider a range of factors, including children's social needs, friendship groups and which children work particularly well together, as well as those who may not always work well in the same classroom. So some children who might have expected to be in a mixed year group class may not be.

It is important to remember that **best mates do not always make the best classmates**. Children will continue to see their friends during breaktimes, lunchtimes and whole-school activities. We also take into account situations where children may have personality clashes and could benefit from being placed in different classes.

We strive to be as fair as possible and can assure you that these decisions are never made lightly. A great deal of thought, care and time has gone into creating classes that will support all children to thrive both academically and socially.

Have a lovely weekend. - *Mr Grace*



Value – Growing Together —

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Next Year's Class Teachers .

Ahead of Transition Day on Monday, we are pleased to share our class teachers for the next academic year. You may notice a few staffing changes. We will share further information and say farewell to those staff leaving St Giles in next week's final newsletter of the year.

Nursery	Mrs Roose	Class 3	Miss Long / Mrs Winwood
Reception 1	Miss Lunn	Class 3/4	Miss Timmins /Mrs Cass
Reception 2	Miss Dyas	Class 4	Miss Dale
Class 1	Mrs McGuinness	Class 5	Mrs Walker
Class 1/2	Miss Curtis	Class 5/6	Mr Greatorex
Class 2	Mrs Fowler	Class 6	Miss Beardmore

This Week's 'Growing Together' Value Award Winners

Nursery – Jarnella S

You have been an absolute dream ever since you joined St Giles. You are kind, caring, considerate, have impeccable behaviour and your attitude to learning is exemplary. You truly encompass everything that our school values promote and you have grown and blossomed in so many ways this year it has been a joy and privilege to have been part of your nursery learning journey. Well done Jarnella, we are so unbelievably proud of you!

Reception 1 – Harriet E

Harriet has made superb improvements in her writing. She has worked hard to remember to use capital letters and full stops correctly, and it has made a real difference to your work. This week, your writing based on Martha Maps It Out showed great progress, with longer, more detailed sentences and excellent effort. Keep up the brilliant work—we are very proud of you!

Reception 2 – Adeline G

This week's award goes to Adeline, for always showing such kindness and thoughtfulness. You are always willing to help by tidying up, even when it isn't your mess, and you are a fantastic helper to the teachers. You are also a caring and supportive friend who makes our classroom a happy place to be.

Thank you for being such a wonderful role model—keep up the amazing work!

Class 1 – Oliver W

Oliver has worked incredibly hard to develop his reading and writing skills and has shown fantastic determination every step of the way. He has put great effort into improving his handwriting, taking pride in his work and always striving to do his best. His perseverance and positive attitude towards learning have been truly impressive, and all of his hard work is now paying off. Well done, Oliver! We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished this year. Keep up the fantastic work!



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Class 1/2 – Harry W

Harry has been on fire this week! He has a fantastic imagination and thinks of great ideas. He has written a brilliant setting description that I am very proud of. Harry loves writing and is always challenging himself to improve his sentences. Well done, Harry! Keep up your enthusiasm and love for learning.

Class 2 – Oliver A

When Oliver is motivated and focused, the work he produces in class is amazing. He always rises to the challenge in Maths and can often workout the answers before Mrs. Fowler! He is also a very talented writer and recently wrote a beautiful description of the rainforest. Keep working hard Oliver. You are going to be awesome in Year Three!

Class 3 – Theo S

Theo always puts 100% effort into everything he does. He is thoughtful, careful and takes time to consider the best way to tackle and achieve every task. He is a team player and champions everyone on their achievements. We are very lucky to have you as a member of Class 3!

Class 3 – Brody J

For always trying his very best in Phonics and working hard with his learning. Brody is growing in confidence every day and is a kind, polite member of our class. Well done, Brody.

Keep up the fantastic work!

Class 3/4 – Jack L

This week, Jack has stood out for the right reasons. He's got on with his work, tried his very best and written a beautiful setting description in English that he should be very proud of. It has been wonderful to see the hard work Jack has put in this week and we hope this continues into Year 5. Well done, Jack!

Class 4 – Ava D

Ava has stood out for all the right reasons this week. She has come to every lesson ready to learn, listened attentively and remained focused and on task throughout. It has also been wonderful to see her contributing more confidently during lessons too! Well done, Ava.

Class 5 – Edith M

Edith is a hardworking young lady who never fails to impress me with the quality of her work. She is a pleasure to teach and I have been very lucky to have her in my class this year. I know she is going to smash Year 6. Congratulations on your well-deserved Head Teacher Award!

Class 5/6 – Beau H

Beau stepped up this week when it came to the Year 6 Leavers Production. His sense of humour stood out for all to see on stage as a pirate of the sea, and his inner crocodile ticked away with a quiet confidence that made Captain Hook shiver her timbers. Well done Beau, I think you've found your calling!

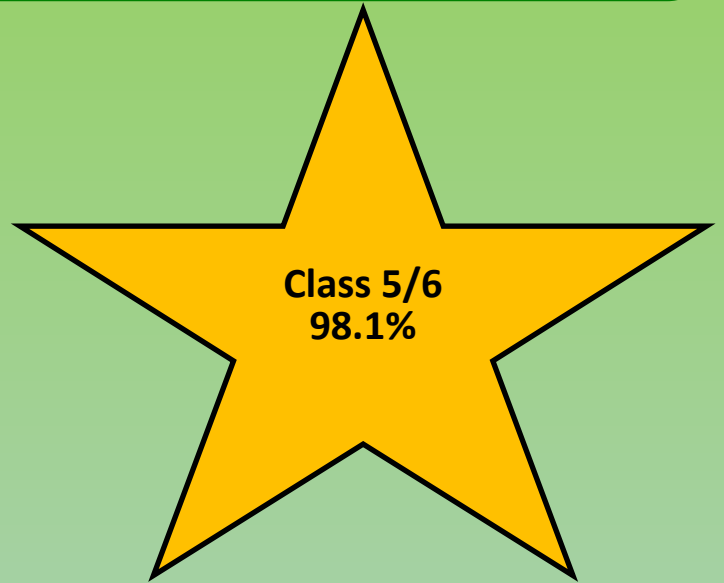
Class 6 – All Year 6

Here's to Peter Pan and never growing up! This wonderful set of superstars have wowed everyone with their stunning performance. Whether they had a main part or smaller role they all worked together to make something special. Performances like that don't happen by chance, you all contributed as a team and that is something we absolutely commend. You are an amazing bunch Y6 - In the words of Captain Hook "Batten down the hatches - you're a crew to be proud of!"

Staff Members of the week – Mrs Beckett & Mrs Stack

For their incredible dedication to The Friends of St Giles. Their care, passion and hard work help make so many wonderful things happen for our children. Supported by a fantastic team of parents, they always put St Giles pupils first. We are truly grateful for everything they do.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



St Giles School attendance for this week – 94.5%			
Reception –1	88.3%	Class 3/4	93.1%
Reception –2	92%	Class 4	95.2%
Class 1	97%	Class 5	96.2%
Class 1/2	95.7%	Class 5/6	98.1%
Class 2	93.5%	Class 6	92.2%
Class 3	94.2%	Target	96%



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