



St Giles C of E Academy School News

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer, enjoyed some well-earned rest, spent quality time with family and friends and made the most of the lovely weather, although at times it may have been a little too hot for comfort!

It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have returned looking incredibly smart and have settled back into school life brilliantly. It has been wonderful seeing familiar faces again and also meeting those who are new to our school. The staff and I are delighted to be back and already there is a real buzz around school. We cannot quite believe that it is Friday already, as the week has flown by!

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

- Mr Grace

A Few Reminders

As the children settle into the new school year, we have a couple of quick reminders for families.

Please make sure all clothing is clearly named. We have already had a number of coats and jumpers misplaced this week. We always do our best to reunite lost items with their owners, but this can be quite tricky when there is no name inside them. A quick check of labels now could save a lot of searching later!

We would also like to remind families that jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of a watch and one pair of small stud earrings. Please note that smart watches are not permitted in school.

This policy supports both health and safety and safeguarding requirements, whilst also helping to prepare our children for a smooth transition to the high schools that many of them will attend in the future.

Thank you for your support with this.



**Value – Respect — Friday 4th Sept
2026**

‘Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners.’

Laurence Sterne



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Key Dates for the Year

A copy of our Key Dates for the Year is attached for your reference. We appreciate that family calendars quickly fill up, so we hope this helps you plan ahead and keep track of important events, celebrations and school activities throughout the year.

Please keep a copy somewhere handy, as we will be referring to these dates throughout the academic year. We look forward to another busy and exciting year together.

2026		
Autumn Term		
Date	Event	Year group
3rd September	Start of Autumn term (Thursday)	All pupils
16 th September	School Photos – siblings welcome @8.30am	All pupils
23 rd September	Meet the Teacher Afternoon (2.30 & 3.45)	All pupils
All October	Black History Month	All Pupils
13 th October	Harvest Festival KS1 9:30 – 9.50	Years 1 & 2
13 th October	Harvest Festival LKS2 10:00 – 10:20	Years 3 & 4
13 th October	Harvest Festival LKS2 10:30 – 10:50	Years 5 & 6
21 st October	Parents evening – KS1 Dining hall KS2 Sports Hall 2.00pm Start	All pupils
22nd October	Break up for Autumn half term (Thursday)	All Pupils
3rd November	Return to school (Tuesday)	All Pupils
TBC	Open Day for Reception	All Staff
16 th - 20 th November	Anti-Bulling Week	All Pupils
20 th November	Children in Need	All Pupils
2 nd December	Christmas Fair – 1:45pm – 3.30pm Quiet entry 1.30pm	All Pupils
10 th December Thursday	Christmas Production – Years 3 – 6 Year 3 & 4 - 9:30am & Year 5 & 6 - 10.00am Years 3 & 4 - 2:00pm & Year 5 & 6 - 2:30pm All KS2 Years 3- 4 - 5:30 pm	Years 3,4,5, & 6
15 th December	Christmas Production KS1 9:30am & 2:00pm	Years 1 & 2
16 th December	School and Staff Christmas dinner - Early Lunch	Staff and School
16 th December	EYFS Christmas Production 9:30am & 2:00pm	Nursery and Reception
17 th December	Christmas Service at St Giles KS1 & KS2 – 1:45pm (no parents)	
18th December	Break up for Christmas (Friday) Wear a Christmas jumper to school	All pupils



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2027		
Spring Term		
Date	Event	Year group
4th January	Return to school (Monday)	All pupils
3 rd -9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week	All pupils
12th February	Break up for Spring Half term	All pupils
22nd February	Return to school	All pupils
4 th March (Thursday)	World Book Day	All pupils
17 th and 18 th March	Parents evening – 19 th 2.00pm – 6.30pm Parents evening – 19 th 2.00pm – 4.30pm	All pupils
TBC	Easter Service @ St Giles KS1 & KS2 1.45 pm (no parents)	KS2
25th March	Break up for the Easter holiday (Thursday)	All pupils
12th April	Return to school (Monday)	All pupils
16 th April	Year 6 Robin Wood Residential	Year 6
WC 10 th May	SATs Week – KS2 (Year 6)	Year 6
27th May	Break up for Spring Bank Holiday	All pupils

Summer Term		
Date	Event	Year group
7th June	Return to School	All pupils
WC 7 th June	Multiplication tables check (Year 4)	Year 4
WC 7 th June	Phonics screening check week (Year 1)	Years 1 & 2
9 th June	Ark Sports Day	Ark children
WC 14 th June	St Giles Sports week – more details to follow	All pupils
16 th June	Sports day Key Stage 1 - 9:30am (Refreshments available)	Years 1 & 2
16 th June	Sports day Key Stage 2 - 1:30pm (Refreshments available)	Years 3,4,5 & 6
23 rd June	Alternate Sports day Key Stage 1 - 9:30am	Years 1 & 2
23 rd June	Alternate Sports day Key Stage 2 - 1:30pm	Years 3,4,5 & 6
30 th June	Summer Fair – 1:30pm quiet entry 1.45pm Rest of School	All pupils
14 th July	Year 6 production 1.30pm & 5.30 pm Subject to High School Transition Days	Year 6
15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party 5.00pm – 6.30pm	Year 6
16 th July	Year 6 leavers Service 1.45pm @ St Giles Subject to High School Transition Days	Year 6
21 st July	Leavers Assembly & Graduation 10:00am @ School	Year 6