



St Giles C of E Academy School News

Harvest Festival 2026 – Tuesday 13th October

On Tuesday 13th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival celebrations for all Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children (Years 1 to 6). We cannot wait to welcome families to our first performances of the school year. Harvest Festival is always a special occasion, giving our children the opportunity to come together in worship, reflection and thanksgiving.

As in previous Harvest festivals, last year, we were overwhelmed by the wonderful support from parents, carers and families. Unfortunately, the number of visitors exceeded the capacity of the hall, resulting in some family members having to listen from outside. To ensure that every child can have family support present, while also maintaining a safe and comfortable environment for all, we kindly ask that attendance is limited to two family members per child. We appreciate that many more relatives would like to attend and we are grateful for your understanding.

Harvest Festival Timings

KS1 Harvest Festival (Years 1 & 2): 9:30am to 9:50am

Lower KS2 Harvest Festival (Years 3 & 4): 10:00am to 10:20am

Upper KS2 Harvest Festival (Years 5 & 6): 10:30am to 10:50am

As we do every year, we will be accepting donations of non perishable food items from now until Harvest Festival. Please see the post on the next page - **Supporting Our Community Through Foodshare.**

Have a lovely weekend everyone - *Mr Grace*

A Quick Update About Photographs on Class Dojo

Some families may have noticed that we have not been sharing photographs on Class Dojo as regularly recently. As we continue to update and replace some of our school devices, not all staff currently have access to the same technology for uploading photographs. We know how much families enjoy seeing these special moments from school and we are working to ensure this can happen more consistently.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to sharing more of our school day with you again soon.



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Supporting Our Community Through Foodshare

Harvest is a time for giving thanks for all that we have, while also remembering those who may be facing challenging circumstances. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are proud to continue supporting the fantastic work of Foodshare through St Giles Church. Foodshare provides essential food and household supplies to local families and individuals who need extra support. Through the generosity of our school and parish communities, many people receive help at times when they need it most. This year, Foodshare is particularly in need of the following items:

Breakfast Cereals	Long Life Milk	Cook-in Sauces	Tinned Vegetable
Jam	Rice	Biscuits	Tinned Tuna
Soup	Pasta	Squash	Tinned Pies
Noodles	Instant Mash	Rice Pudding	Tinned Fruit
Meat Pastes	Baked Bean	Tea Bags	Instant Coffee
Instant Custard	All donations are welcomed with much thanks		

Any donation, no matter how small, will be gratefully received and will directly support members of our local community. We are always incredibly proud of the kindness and generosity shown by St Giles families and know that, together, we can make a real difference. Donations can be brought into school and will be presented as part of our Harvest celebrations before being passed on to Foodshare through St Giles Church.

This Week's 'Respect' Value Award Winners

Nursery - Deacon C

For the amazing start he has made to his St Giles learning journey. He is such a caring, considerate boy, who always tries his best to follow our class rules and routines and also remembers to use beautiful manners. Well done Deacon, we are so proud of you!

Reception 1 – Jettson S

Jettson has really impressed us this week with his beautiful handwriting. His kind and caring nature does not go unnoticed. He has also shown amazing resilience in dealing with his emotions. Well done, Jettson.

Reception 2 – Kylo F

Kylo has been amazing with his phonics and Maths this term! He shows great enthusiasm for learning and always tries his very best. Kylo listens carefully, works hard and takes pride in his achievements. His positive attitude and determination are wonderful to see. Well done, Kylo! You make us proud.

The Ark – Silva T

Silva you are doing amazing in Phonics and showing determination with learning in the Ark. You are a little superstar in number time and you have blown us away with your communication! You are fantastic Silva.

Class 1 – Ollie D

Well done, Ollie! You have worked incredibly hard all week and should be very proud of yourself. You have shown an excellent understanding of comparing numbers in Maths and have impressed us with your effort and determination. Keep up the fantastic work, Ollie!

Class 1/2 – Eleanor H

Eleanor has had a brilliant week. She has been focused, motivated and ready to learn. She has written some amazing sentences about the gingerbread man in English. She used capital letters, full stops and adjectives. You have been a star Eleanor. Keep it up!



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Class 2 – Taylor-Jade W

Taylor has been on fire this week! She has been kind to others, sensible and always ready to learn. She has contributed lots in lessons and it's lovely to see her setting such a wonderful example. Keep it up Taylor!

Class 3 – Luka B

Luka has had a really good week this week. He has tried his best to use interesting words in English. His handwriting is getting so neat and he is being so careful to use the correct punctuation. He should be so proud of himself. Well done Luka, keep up the good work.

Class 3/4 – Zara K

Zara has settled into the St Giles family amazingly. She is a kind and caring girl who treats adults and her peers with respect. Since joining us, she has worked her socks off and always tries her very best. We are so proud of the effort, determination and positive attitude she shows every day. Well done, Zara!

Class 4 – Zander R

Zander has settled into Year 4 brilliantly and always puts 100% into his work. We've already seen fantastic improvements in English, and he has been a real superstar in PE this week – definitely a defender to look out for! We're very proud of you, Zander. Well done!

Class 5 – Joe H

Joe is a real pleasure to have in the classroom. He enthusiastically involves himself in class discussions and always works hard to be the best he can be. His wonderful smile is contagious, and we feel incredibly lucky to have him in our class this year. Well done, Joe!

Class 5/6 – Lottie T

Lottie's writing this week blew me away! Her setting description was the best first draft I have read in ages; I'll be using it as a WAGOLL for her peers next week. Well done Lottie- you're standing out for all the right reasons!

Class 6 – Ava R

Ava has wowed me with her English work! She created some beautifully emotive and mature sentences about The Blitz which really stood out. She's always a star but thoroughly deserves the award this week - great work Ava!

Staff Members of the week – Mrs McGuinness

Mrs McGuinness is one of those special people who quietly makes a huge difference every day. Her dedication, care and commitment to both children and colleagues are second to none. She is highly respected within St Giles and beyond, yet remains incredibly humble. We are so fortunate to have her as part of our team. Thank you, Mrs McGuinness, for all that you do!

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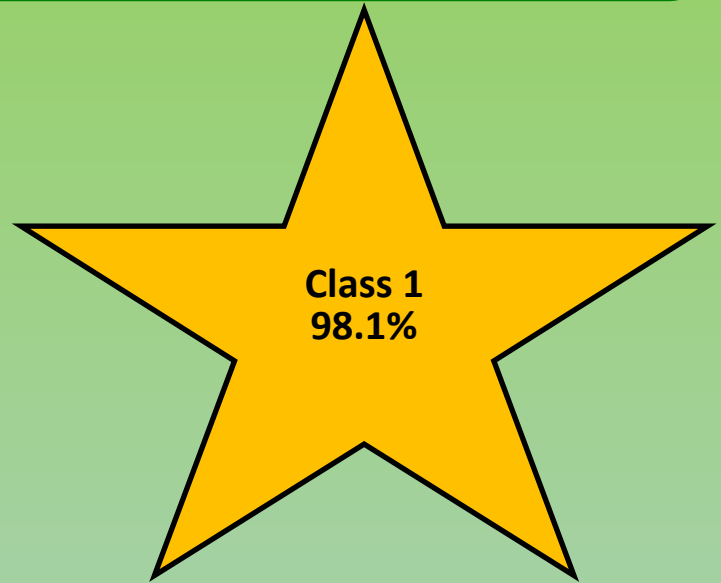
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



St Giles School attendance for this week – 97%			
Reception –1	94.9%	Class 3/4	95.6%
Reception –2	87.4%	Class 4	97.4%
Class 1	98.1%	Class 5	95.1%
Class 1/2	97%	Class 5/6	97.8%
Class 2	97.5%	Class 6	94.1%
Class 3	97.3%	Target	96%

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