



St Giles C of E Academy School News

Headteacher Update

Thank you so much to everyone who has stopped to speak to me on the school gate, sent messages or passed on their best wishes following my recent letter to families about me leaving St Giles on the 22nd of October. Those small conversations and kind words really do mean the world to me.

A number of parents have asked what will happen with the headship of the school after I leave at half term. Please be reassured that the Trust has both short-term and long-term plans in place and, as soon as I have confirmed details that can be shared, I will ensure families are informed.

In the meantime, thank you once again for your kindness and support.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone - *Mr Grace*

Harvest Festival Reminder

We are really looking forward to welcoming families to our Harvest Festival next week. Please see last week's list of items we need but any goods will be greatly appreciated.

Service Times:

Key Stage 1 (Classes 1, 1-2 and 2) – 9.30am

Lower Key Stage 2 (Classes 3, 3-4 and 4) – 10.00

Upper Key Stage 2 (Classes 5, 5-6 and 6) – 10.30

End of Half Term Reminder

A reminder that school will close for the half-term break on **Thursday 22nd October**. Children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** on this day. In place of a donation, we would greatly appreciate any contributions of toys, gifts or sweets that can be used as prizes for the tombola stalls at our Christmas Fair.



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New Starters Open Afternoon

Do you have a child due to start Reception in September 2027?
We would love to welcome you to our New Starters Open Afternoon on:

Monday 12th October - 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Come along and have a look around our wonderful school, meet staff and find out more about life at St Giles. We look forward to meeting you.

This Week's 'Respect' Value Award Winners

Nursery - Marnie W

Marnie has tried so hard this week with everything task set. She has used her listening ears brilliantly and been one of our kindest friends, helping and offering comfort to others if they needed it. Thank you, Marnie, well done and keep it up. We are unbelievably proud of you!

Reception 1 – Alfie B

We are so proud of Alfie this week; he has shown fantastic progress by participating more confidently in lessons and working hard to remember and recognise his letters. Keep up the amazing work, Alfie! We are so proud of you!

Reception 2 – Arthur M

Well done, Arthur! You are a fantastic role model in our classroom. You always show excellent listening and sit beautifully on the carpet, ready to learn. You put so much effort into everything you do, especially during Phonics. Your determination and enthusiasm for learning are wonderful to see.

Class 1 – Ada G

Ada brings a smile to everyone's face with her kindness, positivity and caring nature. She is a delight to have in class and always approaches learning with enthusiasm. Her thoughtful actions make her a fantastic role model, and we are proud of how she demonstrates the St Giles values every day.

Class 1/2 – Hunter-Lee G

Hunter-Lee is such a joy to have in class. He is always so eager to learn and tries his very best. He has especially impressed us with his number bonds in Maths this week. Well done! Keep being fab!

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Class 2 – Lydia P

It is a joy to have Lydia in our class. Since she started in September, she has been showing everyone what being respectful truly means. She is friendly, thoughtful and kind to all. Everyone in Class 2 loves her. To top this off, she has had a really great week and tried her best. Well done, Lydia!

Class 3 – Mabel M

Mabel, you try hard in everything you do and could get this award every week! Your kindness with your classmates and smiley face in school everyday makes you a pleasure to teach in Class 3. Well done Mabel. Keep being you!

Class 3/4 – Owen A

Owen has had a fantastic start in Class 3/4. It has been wonderful to see him grow in confidence and let his brilliant personality shine through. He has a real talent for Maths, and is always eager to challenge himself and push his learning further.

Class 4 – Freddie C

Freddie has had a fantastic start to year 4! He has matured so much over the Summer holidays and is consistently showing St Giles values, producing brilliant work and trying his best all of the time. It has been lovely to see him making good choices and showing a positive attitude to learning. Keep it up, Freddie, you're a superstar!

Class 5 – Bailey W

Bailey has shown a mature and positive attitude towards his learning and behaviour since joining Year 5. He always demonstrates that he is ready to learn and is a pleasure to teach. We are very lucky to have you in our class. Keep up the fantastic work!

Class 5/6 – Millie M

I've noticed a change in Millie over recent weeks. She seems to be taking each day in her stride and making the most of her final year at St Giles. Well done Millie, you've been a superstar!

Class 6 – Essie E

This girl knows what hard work is! Essie is always so determined to achieve her goals and puts her all into school. She's kind, bubbly and stands out for all the right reasons. She's going to do great things - proud of you Essie!

Staff Members of the week – Mr Dale

Mr Dale has only joined this week, but he has already made a fantastic start— keeping the school clean and safe. We are delighted to welcome him to the St Giles team.



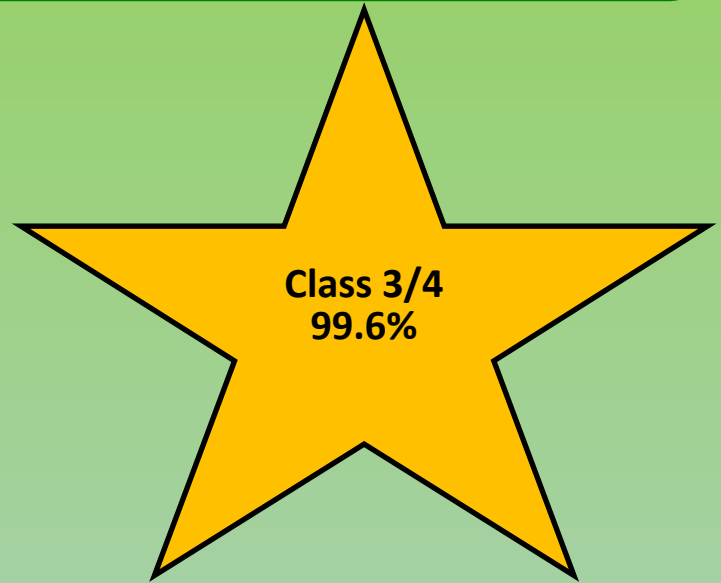
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



St Giles School attendance for this week – 95.6%			
Reception –1	86.9%	Class 3/4	99.6%
Reception –2	94.9%	Class 4	94.2%
Class 1	95.5%	Class 5	95.1%
Class 1/2	97.8%	Class 5/6	97.5%
Class 2	92.1%	Class 6	97.4%
Class 3	97.7%	Target	96%

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