



St Giles C of E Academy School News

Headteacher Update

As many of you will be aware from the letter shared on Class Dojo, Mr Elliott and Mr McCormick will be taking over the leadership of St Giles after the half-term break.

I am sure you will make them feel as welcome and valued as you have made me over the past eight years. St Giles is a very special school because of its people and I know our families will give them the same support, kindness and encouragement that you have always shown me.

It has been a privilege to be part of this wonderful community, and I know that the school is in very safe hands. Mr Elliott and Mr McCormick are looking forward to getting to know our children, families and staff and continuing the journey that makes St Giles such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you, as always - *Mr Grace*

A Quick Word About the Car Park

I know parking can be challenging at busy times, but I'd like to remind everyone that the school car park should only be used by those who have received permission from the school. This isn't about convenience. It's about safeguarding. At the start and end of each day, our focus needs to be on the safe arrival and departure of over 340 children through the pedestrian gate. When the car park is used without permission, it creates an additional safeguarding responsibility for staff who are already supervising children and supporting families.

Our priority must always be monitoring the children leaving our site safely, rather than having to identify unauthorised vehicles and manage car park access.

For every parent who follows the rules, it can be frustrating to see others ignore them. Please help us by respecting the arrangements we have in place.

If unauthorised use of the car park continues, we will have to consider locking the gates during drop-off and collection times. This would be a real shame for those families and visitors who have a genuine need and have requested permission appropriately, but the safety of our children must come first.



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Harvest Festival Message from Fr. Ian

"A huge thank you to everyone at St Giles for your incredible generosity during our Harvest collection. Your donations filled my car and provided around 50 bags of food for the local Food Share. The team were amazed by your kindness and the difference this will make to families in need. Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless."



Looking Ahead to Next Week

Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 21st October**. If you have not yet booked an appointment via your child's class story on Dojo, please do so as soon as possible.

School will close on **Thursday 22nd October** for the half-term holiday.

To finish the term with a little fun, Thursday will be a non-uniform day. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and, if possible, bring a donation for the children's tombola at our Christmas Fair.



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FRIENDS OF ST GILES

NON UNIFORM DAY

THURSDAY 22ND
OCTOBER

Please bring
new/unopened sweets,
toys or any other treats
for the kids tombola at
the Christmas Fair





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This Week's 'Respect' Value Award Winners

Nursery - Dottie H

For 'always' being the absolute ray of sunshine she is in Nursery. She literally skips into class every morning with a smile, plays kindly, sings and listens beautifully and gives her all with everything we do. It is an absolute pleasure to have you with us, Dottie.

Reception 1 – Archie S

Well done, Archie! You have made fantastic improvements in your behaviour and concentration. It has been wonderful to see you trying your best and making such great progress in recognising your letters. Keep up the brilliant work, Archie – we are very proud of you!

Reception 2 – Archie C

Well done, Archie! You always sit so beautifully on the carpet and are a wonderful role model for your friends. You try your very best in everything you do and always show such a lovely attitude to your learning. Keep shining, Archie! We are so proud of you!

The Ark – Yi Heng H

Yi Heng has had a fantastic week, showing great resilience and doing so well at managing his emotions. We are so proud of him for the progress and positive choices he has made. Well done, Yi Heng.

Class 1 – Amara E-R

Amara has worked incredibly hard in both Maths and English this week. She has joined in enthusiastically with lessons and has shown a fantastic understanding of her learning. She did a brilliant job retelling the story of The Great Big Turnip. Well done, Amara! Keep up the fantastic work!

Class 1/2 – Harriet E

Harriet is such a lovely, smiley girl. She has made so much progress since joining Class 1/2 and is much more confident coming into school each morning. She works incredibly hard and Miss Heale and I have both noticed how well she is doing in her reading and Phonics. Well done, Harriet!

Class 2 – Joshua A

Joshua has had a great half term and has worked hard in every lesson. It has been wonderful to see his confidence grow. He is starting to share his ideas, tackle new challenges and show greater independence in his learning. We are very proud of you Joshua. Well done.



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Class 3 – Daniel B

Daniel always tries hard in everything he does. This week he has done some amazing descriptive writing in our English using all the features he has been taught to make a really interesting and mature piece of writing. Well done, Daniel! Keep it up!

Class 3/4 – Remè S

Remè has settled into Class 3/4 amazingly and it has been wonderful to see her confidence grow. She comes into school each day ready to learn with a fantastic attitude. Her manners are impeccable, she works incredibly hard and tackles every challenge head on. Remè is a true St Giles child and an absolute pleasure to have in our class.

We are so proud of you!

Class 4 – Bobbie B

Bobbie is a true 'always' girl who could earn this award week after week! She is always happy, smiling and a fantastic role model to everyone around her. She has also written a brilliant Jungle Book setting description this week. We love having you in Class 4 Bobbie, and we are so proud of you.

Class 5 – Alice P

Alice is an absolute superstar in our classroom! She always tries her best and takes great pride in everything she does. She is a dream student who we can always count on. We are so proud of you, Alice and feel very lucky to have you with us this year!

Keep shining!

Class 5/6 – Eddie A

Eddie is such an amazing boy to teach. He is so hardworking and genuinely cares about his learning, especially when it comes to checking if his work makes sense. His sense of humour makes us all laugh. Keep it up Eddie, you're a star!

Class 6 – Mylie B

For being one of the most hardworking girls, who has made everyone at St Giles so incredibly proud over the years. Your beautiful smile brightens everyone's day and your kindness, warmth and determination make you such a special person. We have loved watching you grow Mylie; we couldn't be prouder of you!

Staff Member of the week – Ms Rhodes

For making such a fantastic start to her time at St Giles. She has quickly become a valued member of the team, bringing enthusiasm, positivity and dedication to everything she does.



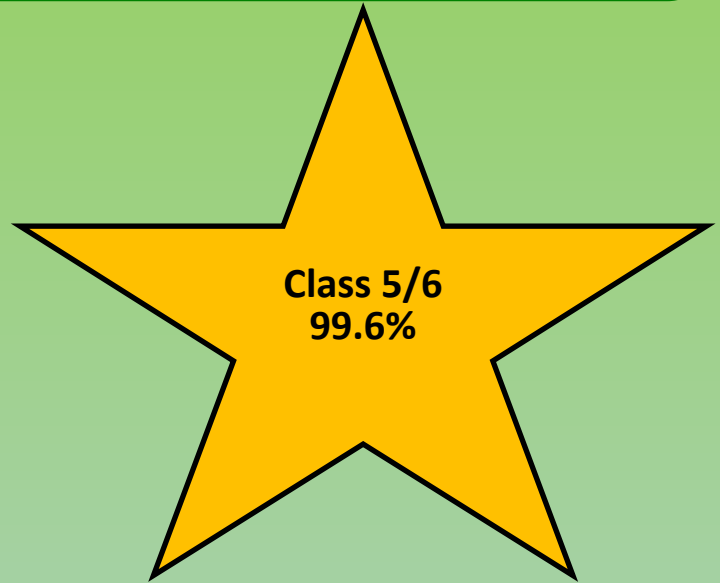
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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 week – 96.2%			
Reception –1	96.5%	Class 3/4	98.5%
Reception –2	94.4%	Class 4	99.3%
Class 1	92.9%	Class 5	97.8%
Class 1/2	92.6%	Class 5/6	99.6%
Class 2	95.7%	Class 6	96.2%
Class 3	95%	Target	96%

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