



St Giles C of E Academy School News



Have a great Easter break!

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. The children have had a fantastic day and we have celebrated their excellent attendance, with Class 3 winning the Easter attendance race this half term. In addition, every class has two 100% attendance winners who will be bringing their Easter egg prizes home today. All the staff at St Giles would like to thank you for your ongoing support this half term and wish you a restful Easter break.

Have a wonderful holiday - *Mr Grace*

Cross-Country Superstars!

St Giles made history this term by attending our very first cross-country event as a team at Temple Newsam. It was a memorable day, with 32 pupils proudly representing the school against competitors from across Yorkshire. Every runner showed determination, resilience and team spirit, tackling the challenging course with enthusiasm and supporting one another throughout.

For many, this was their first large inter-school competition, and they rose to the occasion brilliantly. Each child should feel proud of their achievement, and this marks an exciting milestone for St Giles as we look ahead to future events. A huge well done to all of our runners—you represented our school fantastically!

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Summer Term

Date	Event	Year group
1 st June	Return to School	All pupils
WC 1 st June	Multiplication tables check (Year 4)	Year 4
WC 8 th June	Phonics screening check week (Year 1)	Years 1 & 2
10 th June	Ark Sports Day	Ark children
WC 15 th June	St Giles Sports week – more details to follow	All pupils
17 th June	Sports day Key Stage 1 - 9:30am (Refreshments available)	Years 1 & 2
17 th June	Sports day Key Stage 2 - 1:30pm (Refreshments available)	Years 3,4,5 & 6
24 th June	Alternate Sports day Key Stage 1 - 9:30am	Years 1 & 2
24 th June	Alternate Sports day Key Stage 2 - 1:30pm	Years 3,4,5 & 6
1 st July	Summer Fair – 1:30pm quiet entry 1.45pm Rest of School	All pupils
8 th July	Year 6 production 1.30pm & 5.30 pm Subject to High School Transition Days	Year 6
10 th July	Year 6 leavers Service 1.45pm @ St Giles Subject to High School Transition Days	Year 6
17 th July	Leavers Assembly & Graduation 10:00am @ School	Year 6
17 th July	Break up for the Summer at regular times.	All pupils
3 rd September	Start of 2026/2027 School Year (Thursday)	All pupils

School Uniform Consultation Outcomes

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent school uniform consultation. We gathered views on whether to keep our current uniform or consider a move to a black jumper or cardigan to reduce the number of logo items required.

After carefully considering all responses, the overwhelming majority of families expressed a preference to keep the uniform as it is. As a result, we will not be making any changes at this time. Thank you again for your valuable feedback and continued support.

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Keep Britain Tidy Competition

This week, Pontefract Civic Society arranged the award ceremony at the library. Our four winners from St Giles were over the moon to see their entries on display. Our overall winner was Angela, who was delighted to receive the trophy.

The winning posters will be on display in the library for the next couple of weeks, so do pop in and take a look!



This Week's 'Faith' Value Award Winners

Nursery – Albie L

For the amazing term he has had since joining Nursery in January. His enthusiasm to learn and willingness to be involved in everything and anything we do is a joy to see and the progress he is making is brilliant. Albie has such faith in himself and others and always wants to be a friend to all. Well done Albie, we are so proud of you; keep on shining like the star you are!

Reception 1 – Archie M

Archie has really matured over the past few weeks and is showing great commitment to his learning. He is confidently applying his Phonics skills in both his reading and writing, which is wonderful to see. Archie is a kind and caring member of the class who always tries his best and follows our class rules. He can always be relied upon to set an excellent example for others. Well done, you superstar, Archie – keep up the amazing work!

Reception 2 – Ayla-Mae R

Ayla-Mae has made great improvements in both her reading and writing, and has shown real determination in developing her handwriting. She listens carefully during lessons and takes time to think thoughtfully about her answers, showing a positive and mature attitude to learning. Ayla-Mae is also a kind and considerate member of the class, always showing care towards others.

Well done, Ayla-Mae – keep up the excellent work!

The Ark – Jude M

It's been great to see you giving your best with your comprehension work — your effort and willingness to have a go really have shown these past few weeks. You are also such a kind and caring friend in the Ark, always looking out for others. Keep it up Jude; we are proud of you.

Class 1 – Rori T

Rori has made fantastic progress this week and should be very proud of his achievements. He approaches every task with determination and a positive attitude, and his steady efforts have really paid off. It has been wonderful to see his growth and to see that he is beginning to have real faith in himself and his abilities.



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This Week's 'Faith' Value Award Winners

Class 1/2 – Iris M

Iris has shown she has faith in both her ability and her confidence this half term. She has come into class smiling and ready to learn and always gets on well with all her classmates and school friends. We all have faith in you too Iris, keep shining bright.

Class 2 – Evelyn S

Evelyn has had the best half term! She comes into class every morning full of smiles and positive energy, ready to start her day. She listens carefully, tries her hardest, and always gives her very best. Because of this brilliant attitude, she has made some fantastic progress, and Mrs. Pickin and I are incredibly proud of her.

Class 3 – Emily H

Emily has shown amazing determination and drive to succeed this half term. She has shown excellent learning behaviour and attitudes and regularly demonstrates to others what is possible. In interventions, Emily shines and motivates others to be the best they can be. Well done, Emily!

Class 3/4 – Avery-Jax M

Avery has been an outstanding role model this half term. I am incredibly proud of how hard he has worked, particularly with his times tables; his effort and determination have really paid off. He is a brilliant mathematician, a loyal friend and consistently demonstrates the St Giles values in everything that he does.

Class 4 – Alice H

We have always had faith in Alice's potential, but I know her peers will agree that she has particularly shone bright like a diamond this half term! She has approached every challenge not only with determination but with a positive attitude. Her willingness to explore new ways of thinking and embedding creativity into everything she does has been truly impressive & not a day has gone by where she hasn't tried her best. I could not be prouder! Keep it up Alice.

Class 5 – Elise M

Elise could quite easily win this award every single week! She approaches everything she does with positivity and determination, always putting in 100% effort to reach her full potential in every subject. Her enthusiasm for learning truly shines through and she consistently sets an excellent example for others. Elise is incredibly reliable, trustworthy, and an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom. We are so proud of her achievements—keep shining, Elise!

Class 5/6 – Lily S

Since the start of the year, Lily has shown a fantastic commitment to learning. She continually tries her best and produces work to a very high standard. She's also a bit of a whizz-kid when it comes to Maths. I know her friends will be very happy to see her win this award and rightly so. She's been a total star all year, not just for the whole term.

Class 6 – Evan G

Evan has always been a role model at St Giles. He is a wonderful boy who has a quiet but shining personality. Kindness and willing are things he shows in abundance and they are two of the most important qualities we can possess. A great term Evan - you are St Giles through and through!

Staff Member for the Term – Miss Slater

It has been wonderful to see how much you have grown in your short time with us. We have loved watching you take your first steps into your teaching career and develop with confidence. Keep up the hard work—if you need anything, you know where we are!



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Half-Term Subject Awards

At the end of each half-term, teachers select one pupil from each subject who has particularly impressed them with their outstanding effort and the quality of their work. Each nominated pupil receives **5 team points** in recognition of their achievement. Congratulations to all

UKS2

Subject	Class 5	Class 5/6	Class 6
English	Elliot	Evlynn	Kensa
Maths	Mylie	Antonia	Ronan
Reading	Henry S	Daniel Mc	Jake
Science	Elise	Emily	Felix
Geography	Henry A	Leo	Elliott
PE	Thea	Freddie	Lily
RE / PSHE	Arit	Darcey	Samuel
Art	Brooklyn	Bella	Sienna

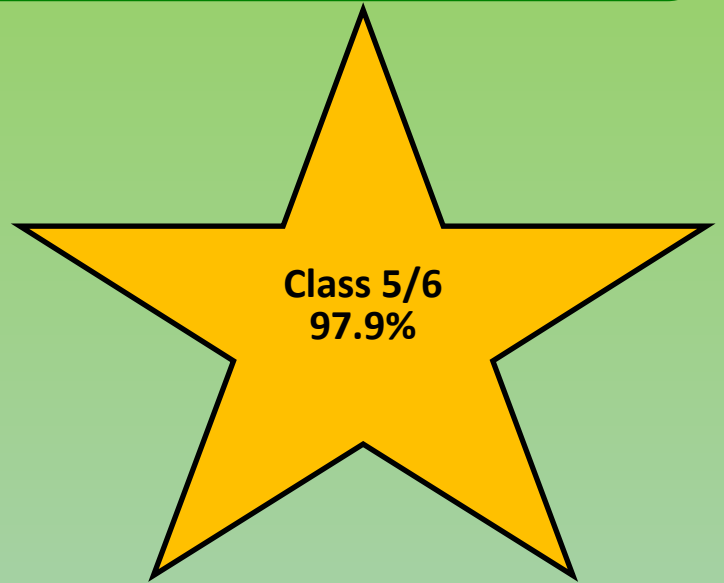
LKS2

Subject	Class 3	Class 3/4	Class 4
English	Arthur	Bobbie	Alice H
Maths	Hunter	Avery	Frankie
Reading	Pola	Aria	Jacob
Science	Leo B	Rory	Oliver C
Geography	Harlee	Jack	Cohen
PE	Nyameapam	Harry	Joe
RE / PSHE	Theo	Dolly	Ava
Art	Emily	Isla T	Bailey

KS1

Subject	Class 1	Class 1/2	Class 2
English	Aurora	Eleanor H	Mabel
Maths	Esmae	Iris	Mason
Reading	Luca	Iliana	Evie D
Science	Noah S	Isabelle C	Audrey
Geography	Noah R	Noah B	Jasmine C
PE	Lola	Albie	Daniel D
RE / PSHE	Harry	Eloise	Hani
Art	Eloise	Addisyn	Hannah H

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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 half term – 96.7%			
Reception –1	94.8%	Class 3/4	96.8%
Reception –2	96.1%	Class 4	95.5%
Class 1	96.4%	Class 5	97.7%
Class 1/2	97.5%	Class 5/6	97.9%
Class 2	97%	Class 6	96.5%
Class 3	97.5%	Target	96%

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