St Giles CofE Primary School

Together in the light of God's love
Respect – Nurture – Inspire –Achieve
Bringing out the best in every child

Fortnightly Flyer – 15th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to start by welcoming you all back to the St Giles Community! We hope that you had a lovely summer holiday – we have certainly enjoyed hearing about all of the adventures that the children had. We have had a positive start to the year with children coming in ready to learn and excited for their new topics. It has been great to welcome our new families in Oak Class to St Giles and the older children have been amazing with all of our new starters, both in class and on the playground.

Over the summer, Miss Hakimi, Mrs Curtis and Mrs Tourle have spent a lot of time clearing out our playtime and PE shed and organising the equipment in there. As a result of this the children now have team colour boxes for each day with different equipment in. Our Year 6 children have taken on responsibility for collecting in the equipment each day and have been stars at making sure we have everything back. The children have enjoyed playing with different things and it has been great to see their imagination at play! A big thank you to Miss Hakim, Mrs Curtis and Mrs Tourle.

Most of the dates for events this term have been finalised, these are listed at the end of the newsletter and on the website. Sycamore 3 and 4 have already been to Cumnor House for a Football and Hockey festival and we are planning more exciting extra-curricular events for the rest of the term. Class meetings for parents in Years 1 - 6 will be taking place in the week beginning the 22nd September - these will give you the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, understand class expectations and to ask any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend please don't worry as the office will send out information after the meeting.

Class learning and homework grids will come home next week via Parentmail. These aim to help you understand what your child will be learning this term. You may notice that some subjects have a list of vocabulary; this is because understanding these words really helps children to secure their learning. Please take a minute to discuss them with your child.

Finally, we have a lot planned for this term – please do keep an eye on the Monday Memo and the Fortnightly Flyer to keep up to date with everything. Also, we love to share good news, so if any of your children achieve something amazing outside of school in sport, dance, singing etc, please do let us know.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Coulson and Mr Savage



A prayer for the new school year



Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.
Open my ears to hear the adults around me.
Open my mind to learn new things.
Let my heart remember you are near when I am afraid.
Help me to love others like you do.
Help me to remember that we are all unique and to leave a positive imprint on the year.
Help me to shine your light so bright here at St Giles.
Amen



Welcome to our new children in Oak Class

Our newest members of the school community have had a fantastic first week. They are getting to know our routines and the people that will be working with them and have certainly enjoyed being with the older children on the playground. We hope that they are not too tired.
Miss Fleet has been sending pictures home via Class Dojo of the new children – we hope that you enjoy finding out what they have been up to during their first two days.

Collective Worship

We started off this term thinking about fingerprints and how unique they are, no two are the same. This then led us to think about the individual imprint that you can leave and what imprint the children going to leave in school this year.
Our theme for this half term is now 'Together Again' thinking about how we can work together as a community, show compassion, kindness and resilience, as well as helping each other to flourish.

Friday services at St Giles Church have resumed as well. As always parents are welcome to attend these. New reception children will be joining us after half term. We look forward to seeing you join us in our worship and helping us celebrate the achievements and birthdays of our children.



Harvest

On Friday 3rd October, we have our **Harvest Festival Service** in St Giles Church at 9:00 a.m. Children from Year 1 to 6 will be performing a class song or poem. Please note our new Reception children are not quite confident enough for a public performance yet so their teacher will record their song and share it with parents via class Dojo.

We are collecting food for the Family Support Work charity to help stock their food bank – please see the poster to see what they are asking for. Please encourage your child to bring items of food into school from Monday 30th September. I will leave a box by my office and just inside the front door.
Thank you ever so much for your support with this.



WOW- the walk to school challenge!

Next Monday, we will be launching a brand new and exciting initiative here at the school to encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school. This initiative is the WOW – the walk to school challenge and is delivered by Living Streets, a UK charity for everyday walking. The challenge involves children self-reporting how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk / cycle, scoot or 'Park and Stride') at least once a week, for a month, they will get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!
I will be sending a letter out next week with more details. I know that many of you already actively travel to school, but we are doing this to encourage more of you to do so and to reward those that do. It seems that the school run is getting busy again with more cars coming up the lane – this will be a fun way to try and change that.



Buddies!

On Friday, our buddies met for the first time. There were some very excited Year 6s, who were very keen to meet their new Reception buddies. The atmosphere in every classroom was buzzing with children finding out everything they could about their new buddies and discovering there was quite a lot they had in common. We really enjoy our buddy sessions and have some good ones planned for the year. Buddies often get to play together at play and lunchtimes and it is lovely to see the older children including the younger ones in their games – today we had a large circle of 'duck, duck, goose' going on with a variety of ages playing!
In our buddy session, each team also chose their new Team Captains and I am pleased to announce that they are the following children:
Red Team – Sofia
Blue Team – Sophie
Green Team – Bowen
Yellow Team – Henry
Congratulations to those four and also well done to everyone who went for it – they had to give a speech on why they wanted to be Team captains!

Learners of the Week – 12th September

Oak	Olivia for her lovely input during class discussions and for inspiring the new Reception children.
Elm	Orla for a great start to Year 1 – always giving her best and showing kindness to all.
Sycamore	Hermione for a great start to Year 4.
Maple	Harrison for excellent focus on all tasks this week. Sophie for great participation in class teaching sessions.
Sports Stars	Bethany for great dribbling skills. Ivan for amazing reverse stick dribbling.
Marvellous musicians	Keira for copying rhythms accurately and with confidence.
Headteacher's Award	Inspire and Achieve – Myah for getting a guitar scholarship in Rock School. Respect – James P-R for being a good member of the school community and making sure that the sensory circuits are set up every morning without being asked.

Happy Birthday to.....
Faye, Eliza, Lyra



Keep reading for the diary dates!

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school BUT we are no longer a banana free school.

Autumn Term 2025
Diary Dates

Date	Events
Tuesday 16th September	Individual and Sibling photos
Monday 22nd September	Launch of WOW – walk to school challenge Year 1 Oak Parent meeting 3:30 p.m. Meet the teachers and class routines and expectations
Tuesday 23rd September	Elm Parent meeting 3:30 p.m. Meet the teachers and class routines and expectations
Wednesday 24th September	Maple Parent meeting 3:30 p.m. Meet the teachers and class routines and expectations
Thursday 25th September	Sycamore Parent Meeting – 3:30 p.m. Meet the teachers and class routines and expectations
Saturday 27th September	PTA Quiet Garden working party am
Tuesday 30th September	Harvest Loaf making with Years 5 and 6
Friday 3rd October	Harvest Service – St Giles Church 9:00 a.m. All pupils will be taking performing a song or poem.
6th – 10th October	**Dyslexia Awareness Week**
Tuesday 7th October	Bishop presentations and voting (in school event)
Wednesday 8th October	9:00am Phonics and Reading meeting for Reception parents PM Year 5/6 Football tournament at Burgess Hill
Thursday 9th October	Years 3/4/5/6 Cross Country Event at Cumnor
Friday 10th October	Bishops being presented in church Sharing afternoon for all classes – 2:45-3:30 p.m. Come and look at your child's work prior to parents meeting next week
Wednesday 15th October	**9:30am Prospective Parent Open Morning**
Friday 17th October	3:15pm Maple Class cake sale
Monday 20th-22nd October	Year 5/6 residential to Bowles
Thursday 23rd October	Flu vaccinations for all year groups
Half Term 27th -31st October	
Monday 3rd November	**INSET DAY**
Friday 7th November	School Remembrance Service – St Giles Church 9:00 a.m. led by Maple Class
10th - 14th November	**Anti-bullying Week – The Power of Good**
Tuesday 11th November	Parents Evening 3:30-6:00 p.m. and Inclusion Manager meetings
Wednesday 12th November	Year 5/6 Science at Cumnor pm
Thursday 13th November	**9:30am Prospective Parent Open Morning** Parents Evening 4:00-7:00 p.m. Note: these meetings take place at school. A crèche is provided
Wednesday 19th November	Year 3 /4 Science at Cumnor pm
Friday 21st November	Non-uniform day – collecting for PTA Christmas Fair
24th – 28th November	**RE week**
Tuesday 25th November	**9:30am Prospective Parent Open Morning**
Saturday 29th November	PTA Christmas Event
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 6 Meet the Author at Ardingly College
Tuesday 9th December	Nativity Performance 2:00 p.m. – for parents, siblings and preschool
Wednesday 10th December	Nativity Performance 2:00 p.m. – for adults only please
Tuesday 16th December	Rocksteady Concert 9:30 a.m.
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Carol Concert 6:30 p.m.– St Giles Church
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Christmas Holidays	
Monday 5th January	**INSET DAY**

Meal Ordering Cut Off Days 2025 – 2026

Order cut off	For week commencing
25th September 2025	6th October 2025
2nd October 2025	13th October 2025
9th October 2025	20th October 2025
23rd October 2025	3rd November 2025
30th October 2025	10th November 2025
6th November 2025	17th November 2025
13th November 2025	24th November 2025
20th November 2025	1st December 2025
27th November 2025	8th December 2025
4th December 2025	15th December 2025
25th December 2025	5th January 2026
1st January 2026	12th January 2026
8th January 2026	19th January 2026
15th January 2026	26th January 2026
22nd January 2026	2nd February 2026
29th January 2026	9th February 2026
12th February 2026	23rd February 2026
19th February 2026	2nd March 2026
26th February 2026	9th March 2026
5th March 2026	16th March 2026
12th March 2026	23rd March 2026
2nd April 2026	13th April 2026
9th April 2026	20th April 2026
16th April 2026	27th April 2026
23rd April 2026	4th May 2026
30th April 2026	11th May 2026
7th May 2026	18th May 2026
21st May 2026	1st June 2026
28th May 2026	8th June 2026
4th June 2026	15th June 2026
11th June 2026	22nd June 2026
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