St Giles CofE Primary School

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Newsletter – 24th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we must apologise for the delay in getting this newsletter out to you – we're not quite sure where the time has gone! With just four weeks left until the end of term and Advent starting next week, the school is buzzing with excitement at this magical time of year.

The corridors are alive with the sound of Christmas songs as KS1 rehearse for their nativity, **"Knock, Knock, the Nativity."** The songs are so catchy that many of us have found ourselves humming them outside of school! We can't wait to share this special performance with you.

A few weeks ago, our Year 5 and 6 pupils led a beautiful **Remembrance Service** in church. This years' service was inspired by their history topic on the Second World War, focusing on Dunkirk, the Blitz and evacuees. The children wrote thoughtful diary entries about these events, which they read aloud during the service. Across the school, classes also explored the important role played by people from the Commonwealth during both world wars. Our Bishop team represented the school at St Giles by reading prayers and laying a wreath.

We've also enjoyed welcoming prospective parents during our **open mornings**. Year 6 pupils have done a fantastic job giving guided tours, and we've received wonderful feedback about how knowledgeable and confident they are.

This half term included **Anti-Bullying Week**, with the theme "Power for Good." Children explored how they can use their own powers to make a positive difference and celebrate what makes each of us unique. Every child made a pledge to use their power for good, and some of these will be displayed in school.

KS2 pupils have been busy with extra-curricular activities too – from tennis lessons at Horsted Club to Science workshops at Cumnor and the NEARs Cross Country and Football Tournament.

Looking ahead, we have lots to look forward to:

- Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics
- PTA Christmas Fair
- Meet the Author at Ardingly for Year 6
- KS1 Nativity
- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
- Rocksteady concert
- KS2 Carol Service
- And of course, our Christmas celebrations on the last day of term, including the much-anticipated **Talent Show!**

Thank you for your continued support – we can't wait to share this festive season with you.
With very best wishes,
Mr Savage and Mrs Coulson

Collective Worship

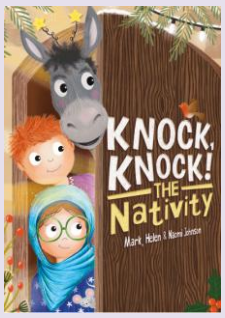
Collective Worship this term has been looking at making a commitment to making the world a better place through helping others, remembering those who have helped others and also praying for a better world.



Goodbye

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye this week to Fr Peter, as he is going to be the Associate Priest for Bolney and Cuckfield. Our last service with him will be this Friday 28th November at our Advent Eucharist. Fr Peter will be greatly missed as his support and guidance has been invaluable, especially with our Worship Team. We wish him all the best for the future.





KS1 Nativity

Performances are on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December at 2:00 p.m. – tickets are available via ParentPay – please do come and join us.

Sports Stars part 1!

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Cross Country runners who took part in the NEARs Cross Country race here at St Giles just after half term. Rory came 3rd overall and a number of our team have made it through to the Mid Sussex finals in January- well done team!



Sports Stars part 2!

Congratulations to Kobie who took part in a gymnastics competition last Sunday, he come first in the boys floor and beam – what a fantastic achievement. Well done Kobie!





Sports Stars part 3!

Congratulations to Olivia who competed in a gymnastics competition at the weekend and came first! Well done Olivia – what a great achievement!

KS2 Science at Cumnor – Rockets and Magnets!






Bowles Rocks

Just before half term, our Year 5 and 6 children went to Bowles for their residential. They all had a great time despite the rain, as you can see from some of the pictures!






Learners of the Week – 24th October and 7th, 14th and 21st November

Oak

Alexander for his attitude to learning and growing independence.
Keira for showing great resilience and fantastic coming in this week.
Sascha for engaging with discussion and sharing his ideas in all areas.
Emilia for being a kind and caring member of Oak and always giving 100%.
Eli for his hard work in Phonics and having a go at writing a sentence.

Elm

Jasper for amazing work in maths.
Tess for incredible maths work.
Nell for incredible effort with her writing and handwriting.
Posy for wonderful reading and always trying her best.

Sycamore

Hermione for inspiring writing this week.
India for great work in maths this week.
India, Georgia E, Felicity for amazing sentence starters and control of punctuation in writing.
Jim for fabulous knowledge about the digestive system.
Elspeth for determination in maths.
Year 4 Super Scientists for excellent work and attitude to learning this term.
Emily O for great work in our times tables work this week.
Emma for great work in English and being a fab new member of our class.

Maple

Amazing Maple for growth mindset and encouraging each other at Bowles – an amazing three days!
Amelia for two great written pieces this week.
Henry for precise maths work.
Lexie for excellent sentence construction.
Cassidy for great maths work this term.
Clara and Kye for a very well written poem following the structure and including humour.

Sports Stars

Neve for amazing catching at the end of the game.
Ivan for winning Hockey Player of the Season at his local club.
Year 4/5/6 Cross Country Runners for taking part in the NEARs race and representing the school so well.
Sienna for amazing listening and working hard at her shapes in gymnastics.
Jack B, James B and Lydia for supporting Oak Class in PE and being positive role models.

Marvellous musicians

Thomas for using a variety of body percussion to show the different note lengths in his rhythm.
James, Felicity and Georgia E for working well as a group to make a firework composition.
India for amazing attitude to performing with her group, even when practising solo at times.
Nell for great boomwhacker playing and enjoying the music with such enthusiasm.
Digby and Henry for gaining their Grade 1 Cello exam with a distinction

Happy Birthday to.....

Evie, Phoebe, Tess, Flora, Byron, Sophia, Kobie, Sascha, Jack, Clara, Oliver, Esme, Emilia, Oscar

Autumn Term 2025 Diary Dates	
Date	**Events**
24th – 28th November	**RE week**
Tuesday 25th November	**9:30 a.m. Prospective Parent Open Morning**
Thursday 27th November	9:30-11:30 Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics 7:30 p.m. PTA Christmas Wreath Making - Martindale Centre
Saturday 29th November	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 2nd December	10:00-12:00 KS2 Tennis lessons at Horsted Keynes Tennis Club 2:15 p.m. – Supporting your child to emotionally self-regulate Parents Workshop
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 6 Meet the Author at Ardingly College
Friday 5th December	School Life photos for website and around school
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
Friday 12th December	Cake Sale to raise money for Music
Tuesday 16th December	Rocksteady Concert 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch- please order via ParentPay
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
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
18th June 2026	29th June 2026
25th June 2026	6th July 2026
2nd July 2026	13th July 2026
9th July 2026	20th July 2026