St Giles CofE Primary School

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Fortnightly Flyer – 6th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy few weeks here at St Giles as the term has got into full swing! Teachers appreciated seeing so many of you at our Meet the Teacher sessions a couple of weeks ago – we hope that you have found them to be very useful and we would like to thank the teachers for putting together the information to share. This week we will be holding our coffee morning for the new Reception parents to introduce our Phonics scheme. If you are unable to attend any of these dates, please do not worry, as we will send out the presentations. If you have any questions about routines and expectations, please contact your child's teacher.

Last week, we enjoyed celebrating our Harvest festival here at school. As last year, children in Year 5 and 6 helped to make a harvest loaf which was used for both our celebration in school and the one in church that took place on Sunday. The children thoroughly enjoy making the different parts of the loaf, which always looks fantastic. What was even better was that they could make a second loaf which they could then share amongst the class. The Harvest celebration itself was amazing – each class sang a song that they had rehearsed and they were all fantastic and made us all smile. As one parent said, "it really was a gorgeous, uplifting experience for everyone that came to watch." Thank you to all of the staff who worked hard preparing the children for the service on Friday – they were all magnificent. We would also like to say a massive thank you to all of you who generously donated goods for the FSW – your gifts will make a difference to families in need in our area. We are trying to get a video of each song up onto the relevant Dojo page, but we are having some technical issues – hopefully this will be resolved soon.

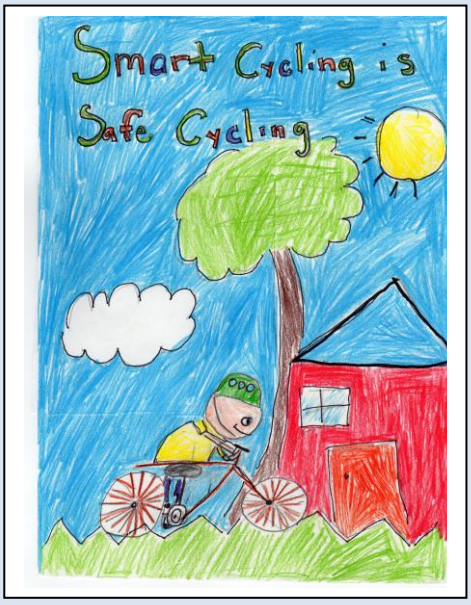
It seems hard to believe that we are now over half way through this half term, time seems to have flown by. We still have lots of things planned for the children including a football tournament at St Paul's, Cross Country at Cumnor, our first Open Morning of the year, Maple Cake sale, Bowles residential, village lunch and also finding out who our new Bishop Team will be – more on that in our next flyer.

Finally, an amendment to our school diary – it says that this Friday will be a sharing afternoon for parents to come and look at their children's work. We have changed the date of this to Friday 7th November as this is the Friday before the Parent Consultation meetings.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Coulson and Mr Savage

Important reminder

Road Safety on Church Lane - Whilst we are pleased to see so many children walking, dog walking, scooting and cycling to school, especially with the launch of our WOW initiative, this mix can cause issues with overcrowding and cyclists getting very close to pedestrians. We also need to be aware that Church Lane is a public road with access to houses and the lakes beyond. Throw into the mix deliveries etc., and there is real potential for an accident, hence the need for all users to take care. As a reminder children should walk on the right in pairs or threes. This way scooters and bikes can easily overtake and cars can get by. We also ask that children cycling or scooting stay with their parents and wear a helmet - we are seeing an increase in the number of children who are cycling ahead of their parents and not concentrating on the road around them – there have been some near misses involving cars and children cycling round them, as well as children not paying attention particularly in the narrow lane near the bend. When cycling, children need to be particularly aware of their surroundings, especially other people and cars. Please do have a chat with your children if they are wanting to cycle to school, they need to be supervised to keep them safe. If children in Maple have completed their first level of Bikeability, then they are allowed to cycle to school unsupervised, but must be aware of their surroundings. Thank you for your support with this important issue - let's all work together to keep our children safe.



Inspirational Children!

You may remember that in June, Rory took part in the village sponsored walk and raised over £900 to buy new sports equipment for the school. With his money, Rory purchased two new football goals, some balls and hoops and a brand new kit to be worn for Cross Country and Sports tournaments. A couple of weeks ago, the football posts were put up by Rory and his dad, with help from the rest of the family!
Thank you Rory and family – the children love them!





Bonfire Season approaches!

At the weekend, one of our Year 1 children, Dessica, took part in the Eastbourne Bonfire Society's event walking with the Barcombe Bonfire Society. Dessica was dressed as Queen Vitoria, with her big brother as a Royal Marine, her younger brother as a bugler and mum as a smuggler! It looks like an amazing evening, Dessica!



Harvest

As part of our Harvest Service, three of our Year 6 girls wrote the prayers. Here they are:

Lord, we are here today to celebrate the harvest and to give food to people who need it more than us. In Jesus' name. Amen – **Myah**

Dear God, thank you for the harvest time, thank you for the food that grows, thank you for the sunshine and the rain and the farmers that work all day. We are grateful for the food we have and the food we want to share with the people who need it. Amen – **Clara**

Dear God, each season is special in its own way and brings something to cherish and nurture from beginning to end; wet days and dry days, our plants grow larger every second. Fruits and vegetables ripen while we get ready for the harvest. Thank you for the things we have to eat and drink. Let us remember the people who don't have as much as us. At this time of year, we remember to be kind to others and be helpful where we can. Amen - **Sylvie**





Learners of the Week – 19th and 26th September

Oak	Dessica for her creative flair in art in doing her 'sparks and flames' work.
Elm	Molly for superb effort with her fire-fighter writing. She said that she wrote the most she has written in the whole of her life! Felicity and Sophia for thinking and writing incredible questions to tell Ms Price what they wanted to learn about the Great Fire of London. Jack for tremendous progress and hard work in reading.
Sycamore	Poppy for lovely sentence stacking. Bella for brilliant Science work. The whole of Sycamore class for working really hard this week with lots of different teachers – we are very proud of you.
Maple	Frazer for excellent understanding of fairness. Lara for great work in Maths this week. Digby and Bowen for very well written diary entries as characters from our book.
Sports Stars	Posy and Sophia for great team building and working hard with others.
Marvellous musicians	Tess for creative ideas when composing and singing.
Headteacher's Award	Nurture – Digby for taking time to help someone tie their football boots up.

Happy Birthday to.....
Amelia, Iona, James B,
Maya A, Georgia E, Molly, Orla, Teddy, Cassidy, Zack



Keep reading for the diary dates!

Autumn Term 2025
Diary Dates

Date	Events
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
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 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
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
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
18th June 2026	29th June 2026
25th June 2026	6th July 2026
2nd July 2026	13th July 2026
9th July 2026	20th July 2026