St Giles CofE Primary School

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April / May Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, please accept our apologies for not sending an earlier fortnightly newsletter this half term. With a shorter six-week half term alongside a bank holiday, our SIAMS inspection, and SATs week, time has certainly flown by! It has, however, been a very busy and positive few weeks, with much to celebrate both in and beyond school.

We were delighted to welcome our SIAMS inspector on **Tuesday 5th May**. It was a very encouraging and successful visit and, although we are unable to share full details just yet, the inspector was very complimentary about the thoughtful and honest contributions from our pupils, staff, governors, and parents. Thank you to everyone who supported the school and helped the day to run so smoothly. We look forward to sharing the final report with you as soon as it is published.

One of the other most significant events this half term has been **Year 6 completing their SATs**. We were incredibly impressed by the calmness, confidence, and positivity they showed each day, armed with their mascots and ready for their morning toast! We are very proud of them all and the mature attitude they showed throughout the week. On Thursday afternoon, they received their leavers' hoodies in church, which they will now wear for PE lessons until the end of the Summer Term.

This week, Year 6 are enjoying their **Bikeability training** and have also begun preparations for their end-of-year production — which we believe may have a forest theme this year! Children have now received their parts and will be learning songs and lines ready for performances in July.

We would also like to recognise the rest of the school during SATs week. As several rooms were in use for testing, all children showed wonderful respect by maintaining a calm and quiet environment throughout the mornings. They demonstrated fantastic support for Year 6, and we are very proud of them.

Our thanks also go to the staff, parents and governors who supported SATs week — whether through invigilation or helping prepare the all-important toast each morning. A particular mention must go to **Miss Murray**, who has worked tirelessly to prepare and support the children — she truly is a star!

Just before SATs, we held our **May Fair**, which was once again a huge success. With lovely weather and a fantastic turnout, it felt as though the whole village and beyond came together to support us. Please see the PTA message in this newsletter for details of the funds raised. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved — from sponsors and donors to performers, volunteers and attendees — for making it such a wonderful community event.

In addition, the past few weeks have been filled with enriching **sporting opportunities**, including festivals for tennis, athletics, cricket, and more. We have also enjoyed welcoming children who will be starting with us in September, helping them to begin feeling part of our school community.

All that remains is to wish you a **happy, safe, and restful half term**. We hope you enjoy the break and the (hopefully!) sunny weather, and we look forward to hearing all about the children's adventures when we return.

With very best wishes,

Mr Savage and Mrs Coulson

Did you know? Children currently receive free school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's school milk scheme. After this point, the entitlement ends. This means that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving milk while others do not, depending on when their birthday falls. At St Giles we're supporting the Fair Milk for a Fair Start campaign, which calls for a simple change so all children can receive free school milk until the end of their Reception year.
Find out more or show your support: https://fairmilkfairstart.com/

May Fair 2026 – what a day!











St Giles Sports Stars!



Sporting Achievements 1!

Congratulations to Jim for winning two bronze medals and one gold in his first Taekwondo competition. What a great achievement Jim!





Sporting Achievements 2!

Well done to Byron for showing determination and resilience to pass his Stage 1 swimming certificate. What a star!



Sporting Achievements 3!

Congratulations to Dessica who passed her dance exams with a merit for her tap and a distinction for her modern! Well done Dessica – you are amazing!



Sporting Achievements 4!

It's the end of the Hockey season and three of our boys have had a really successful year!

James and Hector received medals for all of their hard work this season.

Freddie also got a medal for his hard work, but also won the cup for the most improved player of the season.

What a fantastic end of the season and well done boys for all of your effort and resilience this year!

Sporting Achievements 5!

Well done to Heath who with his team were undefeated in their group in a recent rugby tournament with Heath as their captain. At the end of year awards, Heath also won 'the Spirit of Heath' award for always having a great attitude to training, playing well, lifting his teammates up ad bouncing back after breaking his collarbone. What a fantastic achievement Heath!





Sporting Achievements 6!

Well done to all of those who entered the Ardingly Schools Triathlon – we had a number of teams enter, supported by Miss Hakimi during the day. All of the children had a great time, supported each other and raised money for the children's charity Restless Development. Our Year 5 team of Cass, Digby and Sino even managed to come 3rd out of 46 teams – fantastic! Congratulations to everyone who took part – you were all brilliant.







Charity Event

A special mention must go to Ella who saw a need and decided to do something about it! Over the Easter holidays, Ella organised and took part in a charity bike ride 'Ride to Raise' around the village to raise money to provide a bike shelter for the school. Nine children took part and managed to raise a fantastic total of £500. The money raised has bought us a lovely wooden bike shelter which you can now see on the playground. Many thanks to Ella and her fellow scooters and cyclists who took part and helped to raise this brilliant amount. We are really grateful for the time and effort put into the event – well done and thank you!



Learners of the Week – 17th, 24th April, 1st and 8th May

Oak	Liv for being a superstar scientist!
	Alexander for amazing African art – working carefully and thoughtfully on his patterns.
	Finley for a fantastic start to the summer term.
	Dessica for beautiful Africa art.
	Sascha for inspiring discussions during all lessons.
	Eli, Kobie and Lyra for incredible African art creating sunset pictures with care.
Elm	George, Phoebe and Faye for being kind and thoughtful to help a friend in need.
	Amelia, Iona and Orla for excellent independent story writing.
	Kaleb, Tilly and Amelia for using adjectives effectively in sentence stacking.
	Molly for incredible progress in spelling and handwriting.
Sycamore	Maya for an amazing new word.
	Elspeth for lovely work in our sentence stacking lesson on Aladdin.
	Heath for great work on problem solving with fractions.
	Elijah for amazing sentences in our sentence stacking lesson.
	Guy for fantastic sentences about Aladdin.
	James, Tobias, Zack, Oscar and Elijah for doing so well with their touch typing.
Maple	Myah for confident maths this week.
	Amelia for working really hard in maths this week.
	Freddie for well-thought out answers in VIPERs.
	Lara for excellent work on 3D shape models.
	Kye for confident work on short division.
	Sylvie for always making great contributions to class discussions.
	Stanley for great work in science this week.
	Florence for showing confidence in all of her lessons.
Sports Stars	Thomas, Felicity and Molly for completing the Brighton Miles.
	Posy B for completing a 5km run.
	Jim for winning three Taekwondo medals in a competition.
	Byron for persevering and showing resilience to get his Stage 1 swimming.
	Digby, Zack, Ivan, Teddy, Cass, Sino, James, Emily, Georgia E, Felicity, Tobias, Alfie, Jim and Zachary for completing the Ardingly Triathlon and raising money for charity.
	Maya, Thomas, Kye, Ivy, Amelia, Ben, Cody, Zack, Lara, Emma for attending the tennis festival.
	Dessica for passing her first dance exams.
	Lydia for completing the Burgess Hill run.
	Heath for doing so well in his rugby tournament.
	Freddie, Hector and James for doing so well in their hockey – see above.
Marvellous musicians	Emily H for listening well to adapt her rhythm when needed in a new music game.
	Phoebe for her enthusiasm in being an amazing song leader in singing practice.
	Olivia for great rhythm work.
	Tilly for great listening to recognise different pieces of music.
Head of School	Inspire and Achieve for Ella for organising and completing a bike ride around the village to raise £500 for a new bike shed.

Happy Birthday to.....

Matilda, Keira, Emma, Digby, Sylvie, Kayla

Diary Dates for June and July 2026	
Date	**Event**
Half Term 25th – 29h May	
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
Thursday 21st May	Year 3 and 4 Cricket Festival at Cumnor - Cumnor transporting
Friday 22nd May	Sycamore Class Cake Sale
Monday 1st June	**INSET Day**
Tuesday 2nd June	First day of term Tennis for Sycamore and Maple 9:00am Parent Workshop on 'My Digital Child' Forest School Club starts after school
Tuesday 3rd June	Whole School, Class and Year 6 Photographs
Monday 8th June	First Aid Sessions for the whole school
Tuesday 9th June	Bishops Takeover Day (more details to follow) Year 3 / 4 Cross Country (selected children)
Thursday 11th and Friday 12th June	Year 4 camp out Oathall visit for Year 6 children Thursday pm
Wednesday 17th June	New Parents Evening 6pm
Thursday 18th June	Year 3 / 4 Cricket (tbc) Year 6 Leavers' Service 1:15 p.m. at Crowborough
Friday 20th June	Year 3 Martlets Cup (tbc)
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June	**Sports Week**
Tuesday 23rd June	Sports Day
Wednesday 24th June	Inspiring Young Minds for Years 4 and 5 at Ardingly KS1 Ashdown Forest Visit
Friday 26th June	Reserve sports day Elm Class Cake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July	**Creative Arts Week**
Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June	Chailey Year 6 Transition Days
Monday 29th June	Years 2-6 Rubbish Ideas Workshop
Wednesday 1st July	Oathall Year 6 Transition Day KS1 Football Festival (selected children) New Reception Children in pm
Thursday 2nd July	NEARs Swimming Gala
Friday 3rd July	**INSET Day**
Tuesday 7th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Festival and NEARS sports day
Wednesday 8th July	New Reception Children in pm
Friday 10th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic for new Reception Children pm
Tuesday 14th July	Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July	KS2 Show (dates tbc)
Friday 17th July	Last Collective Worship of the Year led by Worship Team 2pm Music Concert
Wednesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service and Last day of term

Meal Ordering
Cut Off Days 2025 – 2026

Order cut off	For week commencing
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



