

Newsletter



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10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy and happy couple of weeks and the children have settled really well back into school. We have been joined by new children in Years 6, 5, 2 and Reception, and hope that they are their families soon feel part of our school community. There is a lot to look forward to, including Mrs Mansell Day and Art Day – further details below.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.



Mrs Mansell Day

Mrs Mansell Day is taking place on Thursday 30th January. We will be celebrating the outstanding contribution she has made to the school over the past 27 years, as a teaching assistant, 326 leader and key PTFA member. In the afternoon, we will be entertaining her with songs and a play, and would like to present her with a retirement gift at this point. Donations towards this can be made via the school office. We will be having a tea party after school and people are welcome to drop in to wish her a happy retirement.



Sports events

Reception children really enjoying their Action Mats session, run by Stevenage Sporting Futures – it was lovely to see how well they participated in all of the activities. Year 3 have also been enjoying Fit Kidz – again, run by Stevenage Sporting futures, completing circuits using different pieces of equipment brought into school.

The children have a busy weekend ahead! On Saturday 1st February, a team of children will be competing in the Herts Cross Country Running meet – we wish them the very best of luck, and on Sunday 2nd February, the Dance Festival Performers will be attending a rehearsal for their forthcoming performance at The Alban Arena in March.



PTFA Events

Thank you very much for supporting our Big Breakfast last week, and to everyone who helped at the event. As ever, Charlie did a fantastic job barbecuing the bacon, and we are very grateful to The Farm Butchery for providing this for us at cost.

Our next big event is The Masked Singer on Saturday 8th March! We already have some entries but have space for more – please let me know if you would like to take part.



Reception Reading Meeting

It was lovely to see so many people at the recent Reception Reading Evening; we hope that people found it helpful. Thank you to Mrs Ogle for the hard work which went into this. If you have any queries regarding supporting any aspect of your child’s learning at home, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Uniform

Thank you for sending the children into school looking so smart. Feedback from the new school uniform supplier seems to be very positive and we are pleased that people have been able to help by re-cycling our pre-loved stock.

We still have a few children wearing grey skirts and pinafores – these should be navy blue. Please let us know if we can help with providing the right colour for your child to wear.

Children also need to have their PE kit in school every day. Some children have been cold for outside lessons because they do not have a sweatshirt or fleece to wear. If this is the case, please can they bring a plain navy long sleeved top to keep with their PE kit?

A number of different styles of boots have been creeping in too. Children may wear plain black boots to school whilst it is cold, but **not** fashion boots for safety reasons – e.g, those with heels, accessorised with buckles, chains etc. Some examples of what is/isn’t suitable is shown below.

Suitable			Not Suitable		
					



Art Day

On Friday 7th February we will be holding a whole school Art day. The children will create their own versions of the work of art selected in the morning and then participate in a range of workshops after lunch. If possible, we would like the children to bring in a plain coloured t shirt – any colour - for an afternoon activity. If you would like to come in to help, for part, or all of the day, you would be most welcome.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER



News from St. Giles

Cafe Church in February is all about waiting patiently - something many of us struggle with! The cafe at PMH opens from 10am selling delicious pastries and hot drinks. There will be craft activities and the usual mix of singing, talking, thinking, videos and prayers linked to the waiting theme. All are welcome.



Treasurer Vacancy

Could you be our new Treasurer?

- Bookkeeping experience?
- Familiar with QuickBooks?
- Organised and trustworthy?
- A heart for serving the local community?

St Giles Church is looking for someone to become our new Treasurer. It's a key role and a very rewarding one.

If you'd like to know more, contact our churchwardens Sue and Bruce for a chat: churchwarden@stgiles-church.org.uk or follow this link to our website for more information: [We're looking for a Treasurer - News - St Giles Church Codicote - A Church Near You](#)

Spring Term 2025

Date	Time	Event	People involved
14.1.25	7.00pm	PTFA Meeting	Parents, Carers & Staff
15.1.25	7.00pm	Reception Literacy Meeting	Parents, Carers & Staff
17.1.25	8.20am	PTFA Big Breakfast	Everyone!
17.1.25	10 – 10.45am	Reception Action Mats	Children & Staff
20.1.25	11 – 12am	Year 4 Wellbeing workshop	Children & Staff
21.1.25	7.00pm	Governors Meeting	Governors
29.1.25	9-11.30am	Year 5 Badminton	Children & Staff
30.1.25	p.m.	Mrs Mansell Day	Children & Staff
1.2.25	10 – 11.30am	Cross Country Running - Bushey	Children & Staff
2.2.25	a.m.	Herts Dance Festival rehearsal	Children & Staff
4.2.25	1-3pm	Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics	Children & Staff
7.2.25	All Day	Art Day	Children & Staff
11.2.25	9.15am	Safer Internet Day Assembly	Children & Staff
12.2.25	5.00 – 7.00pm	Parents consultations	Parents, Carers & Staff
13.2.25	8.30-9:30am	Parents consultations	Parents, Carers & Staff
13.2.25	3.30 – 5.30pm	Parents consultations	Parents, Carers & Staff
14.2.25	All day	PTFA Pyjama Day	Children & Staff
17.2.25 – 21.2.25 Half Term			
27.2.25	12.30 – 3.00pm	Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket	Children & Staff
5.3.25	12.30 – 2.30pm	RAH rehearsal	Children & Staff
5.3.25 – 11.3.25	TBC	Book Fair	Everyone!
6.3.25	All Day	Year 5 to St. Albans	Children & Staff
7.3.25	All day	World Book Day	Children & Staff
8.3.25	TBC	PTFA Family Night	Everyone!
11.3.25	7.00pm	Governors Meeting	Governors
12.3.25	All day	Year 1 to RAF museum	Children & Staff
13.3.25	All day	Herts Dance Festival Year 3 to Hertford Museum	Children & Staff
23.3.25	p.m.	Royal Albert Hall Schools' Gala concert	Children, Parents & Staff
28.3.25	a.m.	Mothers' Day Shopping	PTFA
3.4.25	a.m.	Talent Show	Children & Staff
3.4.25	5.30 – 7pm	PTFA Disco	PTFA & Children
4.4.25	a.m.	Easter Service at St. Giles	Children & Staff
4.4.25	2.15pm	Term Ends	Everyone!

Summer Term 2025

Date	Time	Event	People involved
22.4.25	8.50am	Term Starts	Everyone!
1.5.25	9.30am	May Day Assembly	Children, Families & Staff
1.5.25	7.00pm	Governors' Meeting	Governors
5.5.25	All Day	Bank Holiday	Everyone!
6.5.25 – 7.5.25	All Day	Year 5 trip to Tolmers	Children & Staff
8.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Volunteer parents & Staff
9.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Volunteer parents & Staff
12.5.25 – 15.5.25	a.m	SATS week	Children & Staff
20.5.25	All day	Year 6 to Harry Potter	Children & Staff
26.5.25 – 30.5.25 Half Term			
2.6.25	All Day	Year 4 Tables check – 2 week window opens	Children & Staff
5.6.25	8.30am & 9.15am	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Everyone!
6.6.25	All Day	INSET Day	Everyone!
9.6.25	All Day	Year 1 phonics screening check week.	Children & Staff
16.6.25 – 20.6.25	All Day	Year 6 to IOW	Children & Staff
23.6.25 – 27.6.25	All Day	STEM Week	Children & Staff
24.6.25	7.00pm	Governors' Meeting	Children & Staff
25.6.25	All Day	Year 2 to Shepreth Animal Park	Children & Staff
28.6.25	6.30pm	Summer Do!	Everyone!
3.7.25	3.30 – 6.00pm	Open Evening	Everyone!
10.7.25	TBC	Moving up day	Children & Staff
16.7.25	9.30am	EYFS Sports Day	Children, Families & Staff
18.7.25	All day	Funky Hair Day - PTFA	Children & Staff
19.7.25	12.30pm	Village Day	Everyone!
21.7.25	9.30am & 1.30pm	Sports Day	Children, Families & Staff
22.7.25	10.00am	Leavers' Service	Children, Year 6 families & Staff
22.7.25	1.45pm	Term Ends	Everyone!
23.7.25	All Day	INSET day	Everyone!

Term Dates

<u>2024 - 2025</u>	<u>2025- 2026</u>
<p><u>AUTUMN TERM 2024</u> Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024 (Half term – Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov) Inset Days: Monday 2nd September Friday 25th October Occasional Day: Friday 29th November</p> <p><u>SPRING TERM 2025</u> Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025 (Half term – Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb) Inset Days: Monday 6th January</p> <p><u>SUMMER TERM 2025</u> Tuesday 22nd April – Wednesday 23rd July 2025 (Half term – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May) Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May Inset Days: Friday 6th June Wednesday 23rd July</p> <p>The above dates equate to 190 school days</p>	<p><u>AUTUMN TERM 2025</u> Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025 (Half term – Monday 27th Oct – Friday 31st Oct) Inset Days: Wednesday 3rd September Friday 24th October Occasional Day: Friday 28th November</p> <p><u>SPRING TERM 2026</u> Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026 (Half term – Monday 16th Feb – Friday 20th Feb) Inset Days: Monday 5th January</p> <p><u>SUMMER TERM 2026</u> Monday 13th April – Thursday 23rd July 2026 (Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May) Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May Inset Days: Friday 5th June Thursday 23rd July</p> <p>The above dates equate to 190 school days</p>