



# School Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025

*'You must love one another as I have loved you.'* John 13 v 34.

Working together with love we will provide a happy and nurturing environment where all will, **'learn to love and love to learn'**, making outstanding progress through an enriched and creative curriculum. Through our strong Christian ethos we will celebrate and embrace the richness of our community.

**Learn to Love - Love to Learn**

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# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2025

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER  
£1.00 DONATIONS  
ON THE GATE



# CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

(CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY)



# FRIDAY

# 19TH DECEMBER



# PETER AND THE WOLF



FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025





# St Giles CE Primary School

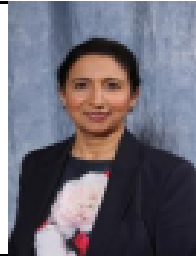

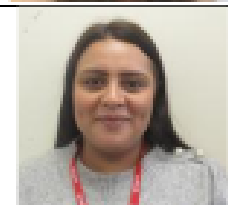
## SEND Celebration Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2025



Article 2, Article 12,  
Article 17, Article 23

### The St Giles SEND team:



	<u>Mrs Mavi</u> SENCo & Inclusion Strategic Lead
	<u>Ms Morris</u> SEND Teaching Lead
	<u>Mrs Sagoo</u> SEND Teacher

If you have any queries or concerns or would like to discuss anything in relation to your child, please do not hesitate to contact us via 01902 368308.

### Welcome

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, we would like to share how well the children have settled into their classes and made an excellent start to the year. Remember to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the SEND team if you have any worries or concerns.

#### ST GILES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

 **Parent  
Coffee & Chat**   
**SEND Support**  
**Friday 12th December 2025**  
**2.00pm-3.00pm**

Come and join us for a friendly, fun and informal meet-up! We're hosting a relaxed get-together to chat about our support for SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) children at St Giles. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.

Perfect for an afternoon catch-up!

#### **What will we be chatting about?**



How we help SEND Learners shine



How we spot and understand different needs



The support we put in place



How we work with you to help every child thrive and flourish

#### **All parents and carers welcome!**

There will be no pressure, no formal talks - just a warm space to ask questions, meet staff and to find out what we do.

### **WOW!**

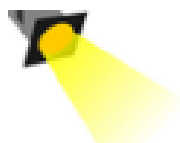
Many interventions are taking place, such as FFT Lightning Squad, which supports children in their reading fluency and comprehension. Our groups have made a super start – well done!



### Parent Feedback

Thank you to parents who were able to send back feedback following receipt of the recent APDR targets for children. We find this very useful, to hear how parents think their children are getting on and any ways in which we can help.





## Welcome to Walsall's SEND Local Offer

Find out about help available for children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities in Walsall. This is called the Local Offer.



As part of Walsall Council's SEND Local offer, they have a wide range of information and resources available available for you to access on their website. This can be accessed via, [send.walsall.gov.uk/parents-and-carers](https://send.walsall.gov.uk/parents-and-carers). The website gives children and young people with SEND, and their families, information about what support services the local authority has available in the local area. In addition, you will find key updates, contact information, the LA SEND newsletter and event information on here too!

They also have a video that explains all that is involved in the local offer for Walsall and this can be found at the bottom of the home page.



We would recommend accessing the website to see what information and additional services are available!

The next round of APDR's will be distributed in Spring.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Term Ends

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Term Starts



We hope you have a restful festive break!



## A to Z of SEND Terms:

### Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

An Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan) is a legal document which describes a child or young person's aged up to 25 special educational needs, the support they need, and the outcomes they would like to achieve.

The special educational provision described in an EHC plan must be provided by the child or young person's local authority. This means an EHC plan can give a child or young person extra educational support. It can also give parents and young people more choice about which school or other setting the child or young person can attend.

An EHC plan can only be issued after a child or young person has gone through the process of an Education, Health and Care needs assessment.



Wednesday 26th November	School Choir Walsall Arena 7pm	<b>Parents Invited</b>  Ticket on Sale Walsall Arena
Thursday 4th December 11am	School Choir Salvation Army Christmas Concert	<b>Parents Invited</b>
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS Nativity (In Church) 11am Nursery +RS 2.15pm Nursery + RG	<b>Parents Invited</b>
Friday 12th December	EYFS/KS1 Pantomime Dick Whittington	Children Only
Wednesday 17th December	KS1 Christmas Cracker in Church. Year 2—9.00am Year 1– 10.15am In School Experience 'Living Nativity' Farm Experience.	<b>Parents Invited</b>  Children Only EYFS and KS1
Friday 19th December	Whole School Pantomime Performance– Peter and the Wolf	Children Only
Friday 19th December	Class Parties/ Non –Uniform Outdoor Christmas Disco	Children Only

## UNICEF Class Charter Presentations In Church

Parents and Carers Welcome

9.00am start

<b>Dates</b>	<b>UNICEF Charters Presentation Order</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October,2025	6G
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October,2025	6S
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November,2025	5S
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November,2025	5G
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November,2025	4G
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November,2025	4S
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December,2025	3G
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December,2025	3S
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January,2026	2G
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January,2026	2S
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January,2026	1G
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January,2026	1S
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February,2026	Reception & Nursery

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD  
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

**Children's rights are learned, understood  
and lived in this school.**



## **PARENT FINES FOR MISSING SCHOOL: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

The fine for school absences across the country is **£80 (per parent/child) if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.

The local council can also decide to prosecute. If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

### **What happens if my child misses school without a good reason?**

If your child is absent and you haven't received advance permission from the headteacher to take your child out of school, the school and local council may take action.

Before that, your child's school and your local council are expected to support you to improve the child's attendance before any measures are put in place.

These measures can include:

- **Issue a fixed penalty notice, otherwise known as a 'fine'** – Walsall Council can give each parent a fine. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school.
- **Seek an Education Supervision Order from the family court** – if the council thinks you need support getting your child to go to school but you're not co-operating, they can apply to a court for an Education Supervision Order. A supervisor will be appointed to help you get your child into education. The local council can do this instead of, or as well as, prosecuting you.

**Prosecute you** – this means you have to go to court. You could get a fine, a community order or a jail sentence up to three months. The court could also give you a Parenting Order.

**Please continue to support the school in securing good attendance.**



## **Internet safety risks for school-age children**

There are 4 main kinds of internet safety risks for children.

### **Content Risks**

Illegal, inappropriate, harmful, e.g. Fake news, deep fake images, racism, misogyny, self-harm, extremism, pornography.

### **Contact Risks**

Bullying, grooming, sexual harassment, exploitation, influencing, 'end-to-end encryption.

### **Conduct Risks**

Acting in ways that might hurt others or being victims of this behaviour—privacy, digital footprint, health and wellbeing, nudes and semi-nudes, copyright and live streaming.

### **Contract Risks**

Contracts, membership agreements, or terms and conditions that they aren't aware of or don't understand. Online gambling, advertising, phishing scams, financial scams and micro-transactions.

## **Term Dates**

### **2025/26 academic year**

#### **Autumn term 2025**

- Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025
- Half term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

**Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025**

#### **Spring term 2026**

- Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

**Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026**

#### **Summer term 2026**

- Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

**Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026**

### **Non-Pupil Days**

~~**INSET 1 Monday 1st September 2025**~~

~~**INSET 2 Wednesday 1st October 2025**~~

**INSET 3 Wednesday 28th January 2026**

**INSET 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026**

**INSET 5 Monday 20th July 2026**



**NSPCC**  TM  
**HELPLINE**  
**0808 800 5000**  
**help@nspcc.org.uk**

**If you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline. Our specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.**

An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. And child sexual abuse is under-reported by adults. It's time for that to change.

It's never too soon to talk to us. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or completing our report abuse online form.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently available 11am–5pm Monday to Friday. You can still email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or complete our report abuse online form at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

**If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.**