



School Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

'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

COMING SOON!

6 Weeks of Cricket for the Whole School

Starting: Friday 17th April 2026
Thanks to South Staffs Cricket & Chance to Shine

Get ready to learn new skills, stay active, and have fun with professional cricket coaches!

CHANCE TO SHINE

South Staffordshire Cricket Club in conjunction with Chance To Shine return after the Easter Break. Please ensure that your child attends on their designated day wearing their PE Kits.

Year 1– Friday 17th April

Year 2– Friday 24th April

Year 3– Friday 1st May

Year 4- Friday 8th May

Year 5– Friday 15th May

Year 6– Friday 22nd May



Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

School Uniform /PE Day Reminders

Thank you for ensuring children attend school looking smart in their school uniforms. As a reminder, it is essential that children attend wearing school shoes and not boots, particularly now as we are hopefully over the winter weather.

On PE Days– please ensure your child attends wearing the agreed kit:

- 1) White Polo Shirt under the school jumper/
cardigan**
- 2) Black Shorts /Black Jogging Bottoms**
- 3) Trainers**

Support as always is much appreciated.





BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION

Who can enter:

Category 1: KS1

Category 2: KS2

Your Challenge:

Design a colourful bookmark that encourages people to read.

Include drawings and a short reading slogan.

Bookmark Size: 15 cm × 5 cm

Prizes:


Winning bookmarks will be printed for the school library!

Winners to choose a book from the Book Vending Machine.

16th April, 2026

Be creative. Be colourful.

Inspire others to read.

A festive Easter-themed poster for a craft event. At the top, a pair of white bunny ears with pink interiors peeks over a white rectangular frame. The frame is decorated with a border of colorful Easter eggs (blue, pink, yellow, orange) and white daisies with yellow centers. The background is a vibrant teal color. Inside the frame, the text is centered and reads: 'Willenhall Community Library' in black, 'EASTER' in large, colorful, patterned letters, 'CRAFT' in large pink letters, 'THURSDAY 2nd APRIL' in pink and purple, '11.00am - 12.00pm' in black, 'AGE 4+ £1 PER CHILD' in green, and 'BOOKING ESSENTIAL' in purple. Contact information is at the bottom.

Willenhall Community Library

EASTER

CRAFT

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL

11.00am - 12.00pm

AGE 4+ £1 PER CHILD

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Willenhall Library, Walsall Street, Willenhall, WV13 2EX

Email: willenhalllibrary@walsall.gov.uk

Phone: 01902 650771

IMPORTANT REMINDER: BRING YOUR BOOK BAG!



Our school has invested thousands of pounds into providing quality reading books for the children.

To help us keep these books in great condition:



Please ensure your child attends school with a book bag.



Please do NOT place water bottles inside book bags.

Water bottles are causing books to become water damaged beyond repair, and we want every child to enjoy these wonderful reading resources.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together we can protect our books and foster a love of reading!



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING GO ALL IN



Poetry Recitals

9.00am In Church Each Friday!

Friday 27th February – 6S

Friday 6th March – 6G

Friday 13th March – 5S

Friday 20th March – 5G

Friday 27th March – 4S

Friday 17th April – 4G

Friday 24th April – 3S

Friday 1st May – 3G

Friday 8th May – 2S

Friday 15th May – 2G

Friday 5th June – 1S

Friday 12th June – 1G

Friday 19th June – NAM/RS



Friday 26th June – RG/NPM
(2pm St Giles Church)



Dear Parents,

Homework helps children to develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful lifelong learning. Homework also supports the development of independent learning skills and provides parents and carers with an opportunity to take part in their children's education. Research over several years has shown that homework can make an important contribution to the progress which pupils make in school. Government research has shown that there are enormous advantages in children spending periods of time (initially quite short) on different learning activities devised to support the work they are doing in school.

Most Home Learning is set through IXL. Please do click the link below to access a parental webinar for advice and tips.

[https://zoom.us/clips/share/
W_LRuOcnSFq6Yc5SKL6klQ](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/clips/share/W_LRuOcnSFq6Yc5SKL6klQ)

[Website Resources- Homework](#)

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.

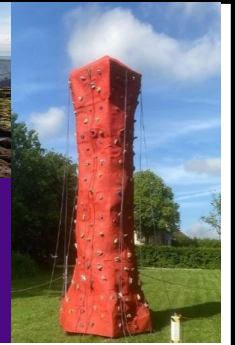
Contract Risks

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.



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A CONSERVATION CHARITY



BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

**Cadbury
WORLD**

School Trips

At St Giles' CE Primary we believe the benefits that school trips bring to your child's unique learning journey make them an essential part of any all-round education.

We strongly believe excursions can enhance the learning experience at every stage of education.

Let's take a look at how school trips help your child go further in school.

- 1. THEY TAKE YOUR CHILD OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE**
- 2. THEY CONTRIBUTE TO A WIDER WORLD PERSPECTIVE**
- 3. THEY ARE A GREAT WAY TO LEARN AND REMEMBER INFORMATION**
- 4. THEY MAKE A CLASSROOM TOPIC FEEL NEW AND EXCITING**
- 5. THEY TEACH YOUR CHILD NEW SKILLS**

Without parents making a financial contribution, trips, visits and wider experiences cannot go ahead. The school already subsidises trips to reduce costs to a maximum of £25. It is with deep regret that if trips are not supported financially they will have to be cancelled and money refunded to parents.

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.

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 ™

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 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 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.