



St Giles' C.E. Primary School Newsletter
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New All-Weather Cricket Wicket Opens at School

We are delighted to announce the completion of our brand-new all-weather cricket wicket, providing an exciting addition to our growing sports facilities and creating even more opportunities for pupils to enjoy physical activity throughout the year.

The new wicket will enable children of all ages and abilities to develop their cricket skills in a high-quality playing environment, regardless of the weather conditions. Whether during curriculum lessons, extra-curricular clubs or competitive fixtures, pupils will now benefit from a dedicated space to practise batting, bowling and fielding all year round.

This latest investment complements our existing sports provision, including our two floodlit multi-sports pitches, and reflects our continued commitment to promoting health, wellbeing and sporting excellence across the school.

We look forward to seeing our pupils make full use of the facility and are excited about the opportunities it will provide for participation, skill development and competitive sport in the years ahead.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in bringing this project to life. We cannot wait to see the wicket in action and to celebrate the successes it will help inspire both on and off the field. 🏏

School Cloud Parental Consultations



Monday 19th October

Parent Consultations 4.00pm-7.00pm



Tuesday 20th October

Parent Consultations 4.00pm-7.00pm



Wednesday 21st October (3G)

Parent Consultations 4.00pm-7.00pm



Thursday 22nd October (3G)

Parent Consultations 4.00pm-7.00pm



School Cloud

TALK. SUPPORT. SUCCEED.





Cadmus Inclusive

Thinking differently for a brighter tomorrow...

Discover how Makaton can support communication, understanding and connection at home.



Join us for a friendly and practical **Makaton Workshop for Parents and Caregivers**, designed to introduce you to Makaton and show you how simple signs and symbols can be used in everyday life.

What is Makaton?

Makaton is a communication programme that uses **signs, symbols and speech together** to help people communicate. It can support children and adults who have difficulty understanding or expressing themselves, while also helping those around them communicate more clearly.

How can Makaton help at home?

During the workshop, you'll learn how Makaton can be used in everyday situations. You'll have the opportunity to learn some useful signs and practise them in a relaxed and supportive environment.

✦ Come along and discover how small changes can make communication easier, more enjoyable and more meaningful at home.

 **Date:** Thursday 22nd October

 **Time:** 9:00-10:30 am

 **Venue:** St Giles C.E. Primary (Dining Hall)

 **Cost:** Free

 **Contact:** Mrs Mavi (SENDCo)

 **Book your place:** Contact the school office team.

No previous Makaton experience is needed — everyone is welcome!

We look forward to learning, signing and connecting with you. ❤

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All Cadmus Inclusive staff are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Walsall School Nursing Service Information for Parents and Carers



Who are School Nurses?

School Nurses are qualified nurses with specialist training in public health for children, young people and families.

School Nurses are supported by staff nurses, nursery nurses, clinical support workers and administrative staff.

Where do School Nurses deliver their service?

The service is delivered to children and young people from when they start full time school until 19 years old (and up to 25 years for young people with additional needs), who attend a Walsall School in a range of places including schools, community venues, homes and clinics.

What do School Nurses do?

Promote the health, wellbeing and protection of children and young people in Walsall. Identify health needs and offer early intervention. Work with other health professionals, GP's, children's services, voluntary services, schools and other agencies to ensure the health needs of Walsall children and young people are met.

How can the School Nurse Service support your child or young person?

Promote healthy lifestyles

- Maintaining a healthy weight (inc. physical activity, healthy eating and advice for worries about eating disorders)
- Preventative education about tobacco, alcohol and substance misuse
- Promoting good oral health
- Screening and support to provide and increase immunisation uptake
- Relationships, sexual health and contraception
- NCMP – National Child Measurement program - Children in reception and year 6 are offered height and weight checks.

Keep children and young people safe and well

- Safeguarding against knife, gun and gang crime
- Promoting good mental health to enhance resilience (inc. bullying, including physical/on-line, peer pressure)
- Promoting safety and reducing accidental injuries
- Safeguarding vulnerable children and young people
- Looked after children

Support children and young people who have additional needs

- Long term health conditions e.g. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis
- Disability and complex health needs
- Continence

Helping children and young people make transitions

- Starting school
- Moving to secondary school
- Preparing for adulthood
- Changes and life events



Online support for you and your family

Health for Kids

www.healthforkids.co.uk
Games and activities for children and pages for parent/carers.



Health for Teens

www.healthforteens.co.uk
Blogs and information for young people.



Contact us

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www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/parents-and-carers



Parent ChatHealth text:

07520 634 909

Teen ChatHealth text:

07480 635 363

The Importance of Reading Every Day

At our school, we believe that reading is one of the most important skills a child can develop. Reading opens the door to learning across all subjects, builds vocabulary, develops imagination, and helps children become confident communicators.

Children who read regularly not only make better progress in English but also benefit in subjects such as mathematics, science, and history because they can understand and interpret information more effectively. Research shows that even **10-15 minutes of reading each day** can make a significant difference to a child's achievement and confidence.

Why Read With Your Child?

Reading together is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning. It helps to:

- Develop a love of books and storytelling.
- Improve vocabulary and language skills.
- Build confidence and fluency in reading.
- Strengthen comprehension and understanding.
- Create valuable opportunities for family time and conversation.

Children of all ages benefit from sharing books with adults, even when they become independent readers.

Listening to your child read, discussing the story, and asking questions about what they have read helps deepen their understanding and enjoyment.

Tips for Reading at Home

- Read together every day, even if only for 10 minutes.
- Find a quiet, comfortable place free from distractions.
- Encourage your child to talk about the story, characters, or facts they have learned.
- Praise their efforts and celebrate progress.
- Let your child choose books that interest them.
- Continue reading to your child, even when they can read independently.

Questions You Could Ask

- What has happened so far in the story?
- Who is your favourite character and why?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think the character is feeling?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned?

Reading Records

Please remember to record your child's reading in their reading diary each time you read together. These records help us celebrate your child's reading journey and ensure we can provide appropriate support and challenge in school.

Working Together

Thank you for your continued support.





UNICEF Class Charter Presentations

 **Location:** St Giles Church – 9.00am on the dates below



Parents and Carers Welcome

 Friday 2nd October 2026 – 6G

 Friday 6th November 2026 – 5S

 Friday 20th November 2026 – 4G

 Friday 4th December 2026 – 3G

 Friday 8th January 2027 – 2G

 Friday 22nd January 2027 – 1G

 Friday 29th January 2027 – 1S

Reception & Nursery

 Friday 9th October 2026 – 6S

 Friday 13th November 2026 – 5G

 Friday 27th November 2026 – 4S

 Friday 11th December 2026 – 3S

 Friday 15th January 2027 – 2S



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Autumn Term Class Visits - Willenhall Library



Autumn Term Class Visit Dates



3S - 11th September



3G - 18th September



4S - 25th September.



4G - 2nd October.

5S - 9th October,

5G - 16th October,

6S - 6th November,

6G - 13th November

National Year of Reading 2026

Please ensure your child brings their Library Card with them so they can loan books from the library.



National School Attendance Award

2025/26 Summer Term



St Giles Church of England Primary School

Top 25% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England

**AUTUMN TERM
ATTENDANCE
PRIZE DRAW**

ALL CHILDREN WITH
96%
ATTENDANCE
WILL BE ENTERED
INTO A SPECIAL DRAW!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

The poster features four happy children in red school uniforms. In front of them are various prizes: two scooters, a large teddy bear, a Monopoly board game, a Nerf blaster, a Connect 4 game, a LEGO set, and a Boggle game. The background is decorated with autumn leaves and stars.

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.



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

2026/27 academic year

Autumn term 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026

Half term holiday: Monday 26 October 2026 to
Friday 30 October 2026

Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term 2027

Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half term holiday: Monday 15 February 2027
to Friday 19 February 2027

Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027

Half term holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to
Friday 4 June 2027

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

SCHOOL INSET- SCHOOL CLOSED

~~INSET 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026~~

~~INSET 2 Wednesday 30th September 2026~~

INSET 3 Wednesday 25th November 2026

INSET 4 Wednesday 27th January 2027

INSET 5 Wednesday 30th June 2027

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.

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

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

