



St Giles' C.E. Primary School Newsletter 3.7.26



Enrichment Key Dates

Friday 3rd July - WOW FEST (KS2 Dance Teams)

6th-10th July- Sports Week (Please bring your own chairs/blankets)

10th July- Soccer Aid (Non-Uniform -Whole School- 50p Cake Sale)

10th July- Rock Climbing (Year 6)

14th July – Year 5 and Year 6 Skateboarding

15th July- Year 3 and Year 4 Skateboarding

15th July- Walsall MUSEd LIVE Concert (Whole School)

16th July Year 1 and Year 2 Skateboarding

16th July – Year 6 Sports Social (9am-3pm)

17th July- Last Day of Term (Whole School Ice-Cream Experience)

Saturday 18th July - Year 6 Leaver's Disco – External Event Organised By Y6 Parents

***Parents of current Year 5 children- if you wish to help organise an external leavers' event for Year 6 next year, please contact the school and we'll connect all interested parties in September.**



WHAT TO EXPECT

1

Active Kids Zone Play dodgeball, archery, multi-skills and more in a fun and relaxing environment.

2

Wellness Kids Zone
Relax with your friends in a comfortable space.

3

Discovery Kids Zone
Play board games, lego, construction and much more.

4

Creative Kids Zone
Enjoy arts and crafts, role play, music and much more.

TIMES & PRICES

BREAKFAST CLUB

Session time: 7.30 - 8.30

Price: £6.95

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Short Session: 3:15pm - 4:30pm = £6.95
(Includes a small snack)

Extended Session: 3:15pm - 6pm = £10.85
(Includes a small and large snack)

BOOK NOW:

progressive-uk.co.uk/parents/before-after-school-clubs/



Scan Here!

At Progressive, we know that every child is unique. That's why our before and after school club is designed to spark joy, nurture growth, and inspire a lifelong love of learning and activity.



OUT OF THE DEEP BLUE

AUTIN DANCE THEATRE

@wowfest26

WOW FEST 2026

Our Dance Teams have been rehearsing hard this week in preparation for WOW Fest 2026.

Come and see them perform live on stage at
<https://facebook.com/61575999581275/posts/pfbid0t9HQMwg4mPkDxJmxeijRwJaLsC79diRLRvAN369ppYYvxMWLTLz8VVJSFV6DsKGQI/>



National School Sports Week

Monday 06 July - Sunday 12 July 2026

This summer of sport, every child deserves to feel part of the action

National School Sports Week 2026 invites schools, families and communities across the UK to get moving together, inspired by a landmark year of global sport and the everyday moments of encouragement that happen in playgrounds, classrooms and communities.

Watch the National School Sports Week 2026 Hero Film and join a nationwide celebration supporting the Chief Medical Officers' recommendation.

National Sports Week Video

Sports Week Events will take place on the School Field - Parents and Carers Welcome- Please bring your own camping chairs.

Monday 6th July 10.00am - Nursery am and Reception (RS)

Monday 6th July 2.00pm - Nursery pm and Reception (RG)

Tuesday 7th July 9.15am – Year 1

Tuesday 7th July- 10.45am Year 2

Wednesday 8th July 9.15am Year 3

Wednesday 8th July 10.45am Year 4

Thursday 9th July 9.15am Year 5

Thursday 9th July 10.45am Year 6



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Soccer Aid 2026- Led by School UNICEF Ambassadors

Friday 10th July 2026

PENALTY SHOOT-OUT- OBSTACLE RACES- SMALL GAMES- CROSS BAR CHALLENGE- DRIBBLING COURSES- FOOTBALL FUN

Throughout the day, children will be taking part in football themed activities on the main field, organised by UNICEF Ambassadors and supported by Walsall Football Club.

All money raised will go towards SOCCER AID 2026!

Kuhatjua and Nopoo take part in Galz and Goals, a partnership between the Namibia Football Association and UNICEF, that empowers girls through sport.

£2
could buy a bednet to protect a family from malaria

£5
could provide enough tablets to purify 1,903 litres of water

£10
could help vaccinate over 50 children against deadly and devastating diseases

£20
could buy thermal blankets to keep 3 babies warm in an emergency

EVERY POUND YOU RAISE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

SOCCKER AID
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SHARE A BOOK
DISCOVER A NEW ADVENTURE!

BOOK

SWAP!

BRING A BOOK.
TAKE A BOOK.
SHARE THE JOY OF READING!



1

BRING

a book you
have read and
loved!



2

SWAP

it for a
different book
you want
to read!



3

ENJOY

your new
book and start
your next
adventure!



MONDAY 6TH JULY
DURING LUNCHTIME

ORGANISED BY PUPIL READING LEADERS

**LET'S KEEP STORIES
CIRCULATING!**

BE KIND. BE CURIOUS. BE A BOOK SHARER!



**BOOKS
BRING US
TOGETHER!**

SUMMER TERM ATTENDANCE RAFFLE



**ALL CHILDREN WITH 96%+
ATTENDANCE WILL BE ENTERED
PRIZES INCLUDE SCOOTERS
AND SWING BALL SETS
EVERY DAY COUNTS...**

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.





Online Safety Newsletter

July 2026

Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-givekids-their-childhood-back>

In addition, you can find some FAQs here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsley.org.uk/july-2026-primary/>

WhatsApp

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. It is important to think about whether WhatsApp is the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying and can they manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, can see all messages within that group.
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting, so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Screentime due to addictive nature**
- **AI:** WhatsApp includes Meta AI including Incognito Chat with Meta AI so nobody (including Meta) can read your conversations.

What can I do?

- Check privacy settings e.g. who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Livestreaming

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>



Netflix Playground

Netflix Playground hosts a number of games aimed at kids aged 8 and younger. The games include Sesame Street and Peppa Pig.

It is available as an app to all Netflix subscribers and has no additional in-app purchases and no adverts. Find out more here:

<https://www.netflix.com/tudum/articles/playground-kids-game-hub-news>

Moving to secondary school

Is your child moving to Secondary school this year? If so, Internet Matters have published a variety of resources on their website to support this transition:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Screentime balance over the summer holidays

With Summer holidays approaching, we know children may be spending more time alone. Vodafone and SWGfL have published some advice on how to navigate common digital risks and tips on how to balance screen time. We hope you have a lovely, safe summer!

- <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/digital-awareness-uk-30-digital-risks-young-people/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

Instagram: New supervision tool

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Instagram have introduced a new supervision tool allowing parents/carers to view the general topics their child is engaging in. Find out more here: <https://about.fb.com/news/2026/05/new-supervision-tools-parents-insights-teens-algorithm/>

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Newsletter July 2026



Welcome to our newsletter, we hope you all have a lovely summer break. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a [Like](#) 👍

You can access FREE and impartial advice from us on any aspect of SEN/disability in relation to education, health and social care for children and young people 0-25 years – just contact us with your questions.

Please note that if we are not able to answer your call please do leave a voice message with your name, contact number and post code, and a member of the team will get in touch with you as soon as possible within three working days.



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Walsall SENDIASS New Website:

Walsall SENDIASS have a new and improved website, scan the QR code to view.



family-action.org.uk

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CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on MS Teams for 1 hours). Groups held 12pm - 1pm.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

22.04.2026 - Anxiety

27.05.2026 - Understanding Autism

17.06.2026 – Low mood in Children

15.07.2026 - Anger Conduct

23.09.2026 – Trauma with attachment

21.10.2026 – Self Harm with DBT skills

18.11.2026 – Anxiety and OCD



To register your interest telephone **Andrea Ehgartner / Nicole Whitehouse** on
01922 607400



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www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk/camhs

Tackling tough moments, support with behaviours

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?

Come and join us at Manor Farm Community Association for the meeting of the Supported Waiting Network.

We have guest speakers to advise on a variety of monthly topics and many services who support with access to additional support for you and your child. Come and chat to other parents, find out what additional support is available across the partnership with our monthly themed support group.

For further advice or information,
telephone **01922 656463** or
email pals.officer@nhs.net



🕒 9.30am-11.30am 📅 29 July 2026

📍 Manor Farm Community Association
King George Cres, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

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

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**

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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**

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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**

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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.