



School Newsletter

Friday 13h June 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.

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Annual Parental Questionnaire

The school works hard to ensure that your child's time at school is memorable, impactful and enjoyable. We are always looking at ways to continually improve the learning and experiences available in school and would value your feedback.

Please spend time completing the questionnaire below, it will take up to 10 minutes to complete.

Governors look forward to receiving your responses.

<https://forms.office.com/e/vTusf47aRL>



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Year 5 and 6

Life Education Visit

Thank you to Churches Together Willenhall for facilitating Life Education 2025 at Willenhall Salvation Army.

Be part of the popular Life exhibition - coming to your area soon!

The Life exhibition is an exciting, multi-media experience designed for primary school children which complements the current non-statutory guidelines for Religious Education in the UK. Using interactive tablets, graphic panels, quizzes, films, songs and a discussion café, Life helps children learn – in just over an hour – about the story of Jesus and his relevance today.

The exhibition, which is free thanks to the sponsorship of your local churches and Christian charity Counties, is aimed at Upper Key Stage 2 and incorporates aspects of the Locally Agreed Syllabus.

Since its launch in 2006, more than 350,000 children and adults have visited the exhibition with great feedback from visitors including headteachers, teachers and pupils.

- Save time on planning 46 lessons for Years 5 and 6 – the Life exhibition complements a key area of the syllabus.
- No setting up involved – the exhibition will be placed in a local venue off-site by church volunteers.
- Enhance the IT skills of pupils – children will get to use tablets and computer writing during their visit.
- Complement existing teaching within your school – the structured programme enables pupils to use listening, reading and speaking skills.
- Full support – a comprehensive Life Schools Pack will be given to you with lesson plans for before and after the visit, plus a local organiser can offer ongoing support and follow-up.
- Inclusion – the exhibition has been developed by Christian charity Counties along with education specialists to encourage children to question, challenge and form their own opinions on the story of Jesus.

The Life exhibition – what does it look like?

The Life exhibition is split into 4 areas, each covering different themes about what Christians believe about Jesus.

Introduction
This area welcomes pupils and introduces the themes of the exhibition through a two minute DVD.

Pods
Pupils are given tablets and headphones and encouraged to explore various coloured pods with graphic panels, quizzes and interaction with group leaders. Each pod reflects different aspects of the life of Jesus – his historic and prophetic roots, his teachings and his miracles.

Life giver
Children watch a dramatic film covering the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Cafe
An area to relax with a drink and for pupils to take part in an interactive quiz, whilst reflecting on their experience of visiting the Life exhibition.

“Life is a fantastic experience for the children. They really enjoyed it.”
Mrs. C. Houghton, Headteacher of Willenhall Primary School, Cardiff

“After watching, children were amazed in the content. Really engaging and very informative. Feedback forms were fantastic. Thanks to all for a wonderful, well organised visit.”
Mrs. H. Jones, Year 5 class teacher, Willenhall Primary School



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PE Kits / Jewellery

PE and Sport is highly valued at St Giles' CE Primary. Across the school there is external, professional coaching in place to teach gymnastics, football, hockey, cricket, athletics, dance and swimming.

Due to safety concerns, children are not allowed to wear jewellery while taking part in PE and Sport. Please ensure all jewellery is removed on PE Days. *Children should also be wearing simple studs to school and not hooped/dangly rings to school for the same reasons.

Either– remove jewellery completely on PE Days or cover earrings with tape in preparation so that children can participate safely.

Thank you in advance of your full cooperation and support.



JEWELLERY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

General Statement

The wearing of personal effects, such as jewellery and watches, can present risks of injury to the person and/or others involved in an activity. Exposure to the risk of injury from such items can principally occur in Physical Education.

General Aims

To ensure that employees and others, such as school pupils, taking part in Physical Education lessons are aware;-

- of the hazards of wearing jewellery & watches
- that control measures are in place to avoid the risk of injury
- that to enable individuals to understand that, as well as the right to protection, they also have to exercise responsibility.

Scope

This procedure applies where persons who are wearing jewellery and watches can potentially expose themselves and others to the risk of injury while taking part in Physical Education.

There have been serious incidents and legal cases involving jewellery in PE and physical activity and this procedure protects against that happening. It is not just about making the wearer of the ear-ring safe, it is about keeping everyone safe thus making a parental disclaimer ineffective and legally unenforceable.

Procedure

The following advice applies to ALL body jewellery and watches, except for bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed. These bracelets will be covered with a sweatband and secured by tape.

1. There should be risk assessments in place for all PE activities e.g., rugby, football, hockey, etc. The risk assessments should be made specific to each activity. Wearing of jewellery should be identified as a hazard in each risk assessment with a subsequent control measure (exemption from activity, removal of jewellery/watch, cover-up of bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed, adjustment to activity, etc.). The risk assessments should be written. All relevant staff should have the risk assessment and its findings shared with them.
2. All schools should follow the advice of the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) as follows:
 - The basic rule is that all jewellery should be removed as this then removes that

particular hazard.

- The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There are anecdotal cases of children wearing ear-rings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence.
- Where an item of Jewellery cannot be removed then it is the adult teaching the group's responsibility to try to establish a safe situation to enable participation by considering how, or if, the context can be made safe by amending the task, conditioning the activity, or creating some other management strategy to make participation safe. Where safe participation cannot be assured then the pupil cannot take part in that element of the lesson.
- Low risk is where children can work and be secure in their own personal space. This could be warming up, skills practices, observing and analysing, officiating or coaching.
- Higher risk is where that personal space could be compromised, either by other participants or by equipment. This could be games activities where there are elements of 'scrimmage', gymnastics where children are close to each other or where the floor / equipment could come close to the ears, swimming, dodgeball, football etc.
- It is good practice to regularly ask if anyone is wearing body jewellery. If they disclose this, then the process of removal or considering whether safe participation can be made possible should apply.
- If there is no disclosure but some body piercing is seen during the session then from that point the process above needs to be applied – remove, make safe (in the event of bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed) or take no further participation in aspects of the session that would put the wearer or others at risk.
- Pupils should remove their own jewellery. This should be made clear to parents and carers. If the child is unable to do this themselves, they should not wear any. School policy should explain this to parents from the outset.

3. PE teachers should remind classes of this at the start of every lesson.

4. Parents should be reminded that the school has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care. It is dictated by national guidance, and they need to comply. Parental disclaimers are ineffective and legally unenforceable.

Climbing Wall Experience

Redpoint (Birmingham's Premier Climbing Centre)
returns to St Giles' CE Primary on

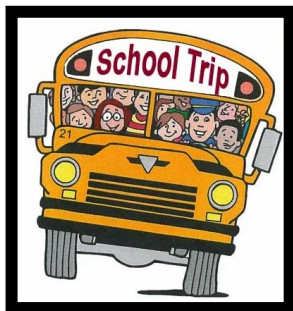
Friday 11th July.

Due to a limited take-up from Year 6, this experience has
now been opened up to all children in Year 5 from Friday
13th June.

**Book now to avoid disappointment through the
School Gateway App.**

All climbing is supervised by a specialist trained and





School Trips and In School Enrichment Experiences

A

range of trips, visits and experiences have been arranged for the Summer Term. Experiences can only go ahead if supported financially by parents. The school works hard to reduce costs for parents and subsidises the costs of trips to reduce the financial burden upon families. Please check the School App for visits and experiences available for your child. This year St Giles Church have fully funded trips to Lichfield Cathedral for Years 4 and 6.

The school has secured also secured a fully trip to the Black Country Museum for Year 2.

~~Nursery and Reception~~—Friday 23rd May (In School Farm Experience)

~~Year 1~~—Friday 23rd May—Twycross Zoo

~~Year 2~~—Friday 6th June—Cadbury World

~~Year 2~~—Thursday 10th July—Black Country Museum (Funded by ARTS Council)

~~Year 3~~—Friday 13th June—Black Country Museum

~~Year 4~~—Wednesday 11th June—Lichfield Cathedral (Funded by St Giles Church)

~~Year 4~~—Carding Mill Valley—4S 20th /4G 27th June

~~Year 5~~—Friday 11th July St Thomas More Retreat Day

~~Year 6~~—Tuesday 20th May—Lichfield Cathedral (Funded by St Giles Church)

~~Year 6~~—West End In School /Shakespeare Drama Day - Friday 4th July

~~Year 6~~—Rock Climbing/Climbing Wall—Friday 11th July

~~Year 5 and 6~~—Skateboarding—Monday 14th July

~~Year 3 and 4~~—Skateboarding—Tuesday 15th July

~~Year 1 and 2~~—Skateboarding—Wednesday 16th July



Sports Week 2025

As always– to coincide with National Sports Week, parents/carers are invited to watch children take part in a variety of events during Sports Week 2025.

Events will take place on the Main Sports Field

**Monday 16th June– Nursery (am) and RS
(10.00am)**

***Nursery (pm) and RG (2.00pm)**

**Tuesday 17th June—Year 1 (9.15am) Year 2
(10.45am)**

**Thursday 19th June Year 3 (9.15am) Year 4
(10.45am)**

**Friday 20th June– Year 6 (9.15am) Year 5
(11.10am)**

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School Attendance

For most pupils, the best place to be is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers.

This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health. The Chief Medical Officer has [written a letter](#) to schools explaining why [regular attendance](#) is vital to the life chances of children and young people.

As a parent, it can be difficult to know when to send your child into [school](#) if they are feeling unwell or mildly anxious, but finding solutions is a team effort between schools, parents and children, and there is support and information available to help you make the best decision for your child.

There is lots of support available in school to support and overcome barriers to attendance. If you are requiring support, or would like to know what support is available, please contact Mr Dow or Mrs Leonowicz who will be more than happy to help.

ldow@st-giles.walsall.sch.uk / lleonowicz@st-giles.walsall.sch.uk



Poetry Performances

Parents are welcome to join us for our Spring/Summer Performance Poetry programme. Each week a class will perform three poems in Church.

Doors Open 8.30am with performances commencing at 9.00am.

Friday 28th February-6S

Friday 7th March-6G

Friday 21st March-5S

Friday 28th March– *4G POSTPONED

Friday 4th April-4S/4G

Friday 2nd May-3G

Friday 9th May-3S

Friday 16th May-5G

Friday 13th June, 2S, 2G

Friday 20th June-1G

Friday 27th June-1S

Friday 4th July-EYFS



UK Health
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NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

Term Dates

2024/25 academic year

Autumn term 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Spring term 2025

Term starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

Summer term 2025

Term starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

INSET Days / Non– Pupil Days

Half term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

~~INSET 1– Monday 2 September 2024~~

~~INSET 2– Wednesday 25th September 2024~~

~~INSET 3– Wednesday 29th January 2025~~

INSET 4– Wednesday 25th June 2025

INSET 5– Monday 21 July 2025

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

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



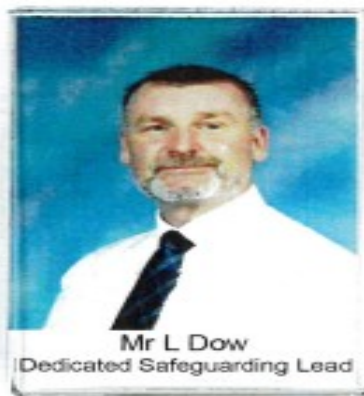
St Giles' CE Primary School **Safeguarding Team**



Mr Mark Dakin
Headteacher



Mrs Harsimrat Kaur Mavi
Deputy Headteacher



Mr L Dow
Dedicated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Lindsey Leonowicz
Safeguarding Manager



Mrs Chemaine Green
Mental Health +
Behaviour Support Worker



Cllr. Simran Cheema
Safeguarding Governor

Safeguarding at St Giles' CE Primary School

2024/25

If you have any Safeguarding Concerns please contact

Mr Dow on:

07932 708724

ldow@st-giles.walsall.sch.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.