



# St Giles' and St George's C of E Academy

5th October 2021

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## Term Dates

Date and Time	Event
Friday 8th October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day Wear yellow and bring a £1
Mon 11th October	Photo Day
Thursday 14th October	Parents evening all year groups in school In person and virtual appointments available
Tuesday 19th October 9:05	Year 5/6 Homework sharing
Wed 20th October 14:30	Year 3/4 Homework sharing
Fri 22nd Oct am	Year 3/4 Lego workshop New- castle college
<b>Monday 25th October Monday 1st November (Inclusive)</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 4th Nov 5-6pm EYFS-Yr. 2 6:15-7:15 Yr. 3-6	School Glitter and fireworks disco
Wednesday 10th November 14:00	Mrs Sale's class to St Giles for GLOW service Parents welcome
Wed 1st Dec 13:30	Year 3/4 shine afternoon for parents
Thursday 2nd Dec	Year 1/2 to watch Treasure Island at the Mitchell Theatre
Wednesday 8th Dec	Mrs Booth's class to St Giles for GLOW service Parents welcome
Wed 8th Dec	Whole School Flu vaccine
Thursday 9th Dec	Year 3 and 4 to watch Beauty and the Beast at the New Vic
Wed 15th Dec	Year 5 and 6 to watch the pantomime at the Regent Theatre
Year 3-6 Carol Service—St	'Monday 6th Dec 2:00pm
Nursery and Reception Nativity	Monday 13th Dec 2:00pm
Nursery and Reception Nativity	Tuesday 14th Dec 9:30am
Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Tuesday 14th Dec 2:00pm
Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Tuesday 14th Dec 6:00pm

## Corona and Self-Isolation

As with many schools in the local area we have seen an increase in Positive COVID cases in school. As a result could I please remind parents of the latest guidance.

If your child experiences a high temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste or smell could we please ask that they self isolate and take a PCR test, if the test is negative they may come back into school, if positive they must self isolate for 10 days from the date of the test.

For those children who live in families where another family member has tested positive there is no longer a requirement to self isolate. Instead we would ask that parents complete a lateral flow test with their children to identify any non-symptomatic cases and bring their child into school.

The school closely monitors the number of cases within school and should the number exceed more than 10% in any class then the local outbreak management plan will be implemented and this will result in extra measures being put in place, these may include the reinstatement of bubbles, the wearing of masks and in extreme cases the self isolation of close contact after advice from Public Health.

## Parents Evening

Our Autumn Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 14th October, at this meeting we will be sharing our plans to close any gaps in your child's education and we strongly urge you to attend. To facilitate this we have two different types of appointment which can be booked. Between 2:00 and 4:30 your child's class teacher will be available for face to face appointments at school and between 4:45 and 6:00 they will be available for online appointments.

Both appointments can be booked using the following link <https://stgilesstgeorgescofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Mrs Pointon is also available to meet with parents and a time can be booked with her using the same link.

### Admissions

The Governors are currently consulting on a change to the Academy order of criteria for entry to Nursery and Reception.

We are consulting on amending the Oversubscription Criteria ranking Children who have an elder brother or sister in attendance at the Academy and who will still be attending the Academy at the time of the proposed admission date above children living within the defined catchment area of the Academy.

You can view a full copy of the proposed admission arrangements on our website:  
[Admissions | St Giles' and St George's C of E Academy \(stgilesstgeorgesacademy.co.uk\)](http://stgilesstgeorgesacademy.co.uk)

Please send us your views by completing the form found on the website page and returning this to Mrs Elden by e-mailing [bursar@stgg.org.uk](mailto:bursar@stgg.org.uk)

The period of consultation will be six weeks; from midday on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November to midday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### Hello Yellow Mental Health Day

This Friday we will be celebrating Young Minds mental health day with the children, we will be completing a range of activities which focus on maintaining good mental health. We would ask children to come to school in their own clothes (something yellow) and bring a £1 which we will donate to Younger Minds Staffordshire



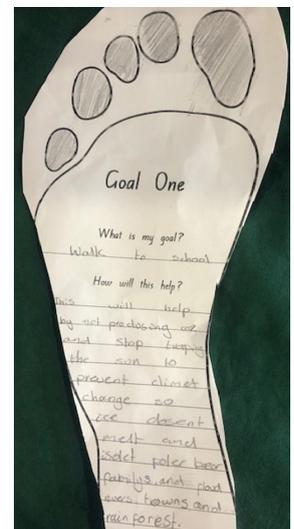
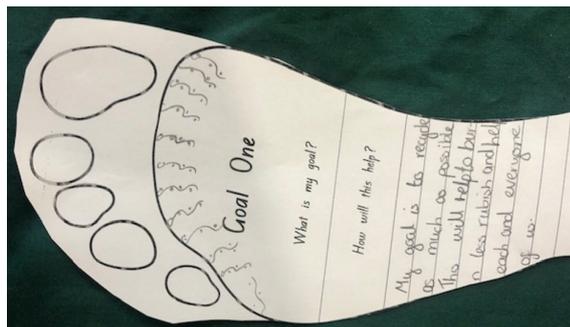
### Ed Shed

Your child will have come home last week with log in details for Ed Shed, a website which children can log on to practice maths and spelling activities which have been set by your child's class teacher. Could I please encourage parents to log onto this site with their child it is just one of the ways we are focusing on closing the gaps in children's education.



### Climate Change week

The children this week have been completing work around Climate Change and what we as a community can do to reduce Climate change by making better choices. Children in Year 3-6 have completed workshops at St Giles Church and these children have been invited to take part in a Climate change Service at 10:30 at St Giles Church. They will have brought a letter home and we would encourage as many children as possible to join us at school at 10:10 on Sunday 10th October. School staff will accompany them to St Giles' and they will return to school by 11:45. We would also like to see as many families as possible to join this family friendly service on Sunday to share your child's work.



## Travel to St. Giles & St. George's Academy



Please use this  
bespoke travel map to  
plan your active travel  
journey to school.

Staffordshire  
County Council

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TRAVEL**

## Planning your journey

Plan your school journey using the map provided. If you have a School Crossing Patrol on your route, use these for safe crossing points along with other safe areas to cross.



## Modeshift STARS Travel Plan

Modeshift STARS is a national schools' award scheme. It recognises schools who demonstrate excellence in supporting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel.

[www.modeshiftstars.org](http://www.modeshiftstars.org)



## Park and Stride

Even if parents must drive some of the journey to school, it is possible to finish the last part of the school journey by foot, or even scooter enjoying the benefits of active travel.

Over a third of parents say that their walk to school is where they find out most about their children. Don't miss out on this by parking too close to the school, do your bit for you, the school and your child.

Don't park close to the school or leave the engine running – idling is dangerous for other road users and pedestrians. An engine running for 1 minute can fill 150 balloons with pollution. Be Air Aware and school site friendly.

## Active Travel

**Active travel on your journey to and from school, either walking, scooting or cycling, will provide your child with half of their recommended daily exercise.** They are the easiest ways to get moving and active and suitable for all ages.

- Active travel:
- helps children develop road safety skills.
  - keeps the local air clean and streets traffic free.
  - gets children arriving at school more alert.
  - is free! Think of how much money you can save by leaving the car at home.

## Cycle & Scoot to School

**Cycling and scooting is quick and easy. Here are some top tips to help you plan your journey to school:**

- Plan and practice your route, using cycle paths where they are available.
- Be safe and be seen by wearing visible clothing and looking always when sharing roads or paths with other users.
- Check your bike or scooter and secure it safely.
- Bikeability training is available in schools, ask your school for more information and check out [www.bikeability.org.uk](http://www.bikeability.org.uk) for more top tips.

## Get Involved

Throughout the school year, your school will be encouraged to take part in travel campaigns e.g. walk to school, be bright be seen, bike week, scooter competitions and many more activities. We will also ask for information on how children travel to and from your school to help set initiatives.



It only takes  
around  
20 minutes to  
walk a mile

