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

28th January 2022

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Term Dates

Date	Event
Mon 31st January 2:00pm	Parent Wellbeing ambassadors meeting
Mon 31st January 2:00pm	Year 1 Shine Afternoon All parents welcome
Wed 2nd February 2:00pm	WOW worship Year 3/4 JD/SH St Giles Church
Thurs 3rd February	Yr. 5/6 SW and Yr. 3/4 NB Reward afternoon
Fri 4th February	KS2 Cake Sale - Children can bring in max £1 donation for NSPCC
Mon 7th February All Day	School Nursing team Health checks Reception and Year 6
w/b 7th Feb	Wellbeing week
Tues 8th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 9th February 1:30pm	Year 2 Shine Afternoon All parents welcome
Fri 11th Feb	Dress to Express Day
w/b 14th February	Engineering Week
Mon 14th February	Engineering workshop Year 1-6
Wed 16th February 2:15pm	Year 2 Homework Sharing
Mon 21st– Mon 28th (Inclusive)	**Half Term**
Wed 2nd March 2:00pm	WOW worship Year 2 DP St Giles Church
Fri 4th March	Year 1 trip to Trentham Gardens
Mon 14th March	Year 2-6 Keep Smiling Health workshop
Mon 14th March	King Street Dental Nursery to see Nursery—Year 1
Thurs 17th March	Sport 4 all event Keele
Fri 18th March	Science Day Dress up as something Science related
Tues 29th March 10:00	Recorder Festival Victoria Hall
Mon 11th—Fri 22nd April	**Easter Holidays**

Congratulations

A huge congratulation to our Head Boy who has successfully won not one but two scholarships to Newcastle Under Lyme school. He was awarded an academic and sports scholarship. What an amazing role model for our younger pupils,

We are very proud of one of our 3/4 pupils who is displaying his martial arts medal which was awarded for his improvement in the sport. Well done

If you win an award outside school please share your success with us.

Spelling Shed

Miss Bowers 3/4 class are number 1 on spelling shed across the whole world! What an amazing achievement, well done

Leagues

Spelling Shed | MathShed

School | School Groups | World Groups

	Name	Group Score ↓
1.	Year 3/4 NB, St Giles' and St George's Academy, England	718,893,752
2.	7A1, Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi, Wales	690,986,320
3.	4Lestrade, Glebe Junior School, England	676,586,212
4.	JAGUARS, Crescent Primary School, England	676,219,450
5.	LIONS, Crescent Primary School, England	644,941,684
6.	SD, Holme Valley Primary School, England	626,932,092
7.	Year 6, SILVERLINE PRIVATE SCHOOL, Cyprus	604,206,164
8.	7A2, Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi, Wales	571,981,316
9.	Cpt Hook, Broadfield Primary, Rochdale, England	562,478,350
10.	5Lineker, Glebe Junior School, England	518,554,849

Wellbeing Award

The school was very proud to have been awarded the Wellbeing award for schools.

In gaining the award, St Giles' and St George's is demonstrating the commitment to:

- Promoting mental health as part of school life
- Improving the emotional wellbeing of their staff and pupils
- Ensuring mental health problems are identified early and appropriate support provided
- Offering provision and interventions that matches the needs of its pupils and staff
- Engaging the whole-school community in the importance of mental health awareness

WAS in partnership with NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU Wellbeing Award for Schools 2021–2024

Spotlight on SEND

Children at St Giles' and St George's come in all shapes and sizes, from a range of backgrounds and experiences and the children at the school are always willing to accept each child as they are. The children work hard to treat everyone as a special person and understand that all children learn differently. We do sometimes find that society can dictate to children how they should feel about certain people and in particular those children with additional learning needs. We hope by sharing information about additional needs we can dispel some of these concerns and support our children as they welcome all their friends with an open heart.

What Is Autism?

Autism affects the way a person's brain and body works. It is not a disease and is not contagious. You cannot catch autism from a classmate or friend. A person with autism may have a hard time communicating with other people, making friends, or following directions. However, with the help of teachers, classmates, families, and friends, children with autism often can find it easier to learn in spite of these challenges.

How Do Kids with Autism Act?

Children with autism may act in some unusual ways. Some may have difficulties with certain activities, but they may have strengths in other areas. For instance, a child with autism may be a math whiz, a great artist or unbeatable at computer games. Still, they may have trouble putting their thoughts into words or understanding what you say.

Some children with autism prefer that schedules stay the same or that people always sit in the same seats. They may have a difficult time when things change. Changes may be scary for them, so they may try telling others what to do or where to sit. You may think they are being "bossy" but it is really them trying to adjust to the changes. When schedules change and they do not know what is coming next, they can be very upset, sad or angry.

St Giles' and St George's Reading Newsletter

Welcome to the St Giles' and St George's reading newsletter. In this and subsequent issues, we will be sharing updates about what is going on to promote a culture of reading for pleasure across school. A love of reading is the most important gift that we can give our children; it builds empathy, strengthens vocabulary and is often a chance for our children to escape to another world! Plus, reading is also awesome!

Book Recommendations

For ages 4 - 5 and up

Moose's Book Bus **Author:** Inga Moore

This delightful picture book, which celebrates the pleasure of sharing books, reading aloud and the importance of libraries, is sure to inspire young children to embark on their own reading journey.

For ages 6 - 8 and up

Freddy and the New Kid

Author: Neill Cameron

When a new girl starts at Freddy the Robot's school, Freddy is a bit worried - Aoife is brilliant at EVERYTHING and she thinks humans are better than robots. Can Freddy outshine his rival?

For ages 9 - 11 and up

Lightning Falls

Author: Amy Wilson

An intense build-up of mystery and jeopardy will keep readers gripped in this fantasy thriller that crosses two worlds.

We have appointed Pupil Librarians who are working hard to develop the use of our library and have been running some lunchtime clubs and reading to the younger children. They have lots of other ideas for promoting reading across school and we are looking forward to what they are going to do.