



School Newsletter

Friday 14th February 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.

Learn to Love - Love to Learn

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Book Week: Monday 3rd March-Friday 7th March. The theme this year is promoting 'Read Your Way'.

World Book Day's 2024 research shows that children see reading as something they have to do, rather than something they choose to do. **Read Your Way campaign** encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations and empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms.

At World Book Day, we know that children are more likely to love reading if:

- Someone reads to them regularly
- They find time to read
- They have books at home and at school
- They know a trusted person who can help them find the right books
- We make reading fun for them
- They are given a choice in what they read

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World Book Day/Week Itinerary

Monday 3rd March– Book Week Launch

Jane Coleman from Wolverhampton's School Library Service will in all day leading activities through school.

Tuesday 4th March- Author Visit John Prockter

John is a skilled storyteller with 26 years of experience working with pupils in schools. During the author visit, John will discuss the purpose of allegorical storytelling as he opens up the world of Hikaru, an allegory of the Christian faith.

Thursday 6th March–

World Book Day Quizzes (Key Stage 2)

Virtual Author Experience

Storyteller Visit (Nursery and Reception)

Friday 7th March -Dress Up Day



Bring your favourite book characters to life with easy dress-up ideas. Pay £1.00 to dress up (KS2/ KS1 & EYFS).

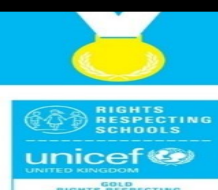
Please choose two pupils per class as winner/runner up for the 'Dress as a character'

Certificates and book prizes will be provided.

Every pupil will receive a £1:00 WBD book to take home.

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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

Friday 4th April-4S

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

SEE YOU THERE!!

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ACTIVITY DAY

TUESDAY
18TH FEBRUARY

10am-4pm

About The Day

We're so excited to be offering another Activity Day to start off your half term holidays with a bang!

With a whole host of activities for you to enjoy, it's going to be GREAT!!!

The subsidised cost is £2 per child or £4 for a family of 3 or more brothers and sisters (including lunch).

Numbers are limited, so please book early to make sure you reserve your place.

Our Activities

- ✓ Craft activities
- ✓ Outdoor sports and games (if dry!)
- ✓ Music and Stories
- ✓ Drinks and a Tuck Shop to keep you going!
- ✓ Pizza and chips for lunch!
- ✓ Exciting prizes!

REGISTER
TODAY!

for more info or to reserve a place

Contact Revd Mike

Tel: (01902) 602358

Email: m.batchelor922@btinternet.com

Facebook: St Stephen the Martyr, Willenhall





School Partners League 2 Match

Walsall FC v AFC Wimbledon

If you would like the opportunity to purchase heavily discounted tickets for the above game, please complete and return the booking form which can be collected from the School Office.

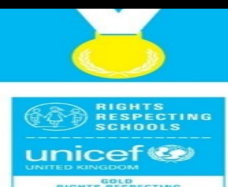
Walsall FC are offering all pupils and families a Family Ticket for £5 (1 adult + 1 junior) A maximum of 6 tickets for £15 will apply and they must be used by 50% children and 50% adult.

Please return the booking form to the School Office with payment by Friday 28th February.

(Cheques payable to Walsall FC Ltd)

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Friday 14th February
NSPCC Number Day 2025

We'll be joining thousands of schools and nurseries taking part in our fun-filled day of maths on **Friday 14th February.**

This year, Claire Rose (NSPCC Lead) and Buddy will be visiting classes to raise the profile of the work the NSPCC does to support vulnerable children across the country.

Children are invited to attend school in number themed non-uniform, in exchange for a voluntary donation in support of the NSPCC.



School Nurse Service

Your School Nurse service offer FREE virtual workshops for Parents/Carers

Are you a Parent/Carer of a child or young person who is struggling with any of the following:

Sleep

Behaviour

Emotions

Toileting *(training and/or common problems)*

Healthy Lifestyles

Fussy Eating

Bedwetting

Scan the QR code for more information



Do you need advice and support about other health issues?
You can call our Single Point of Access on **01922 423349**.

We have resources to help you:

- Health for Teen Website for teenagers: www.healthforteens.co.uk
- Health for Kids Website for children: www.healthforkids.co.uk
- School Nursing Service Webpages: www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing
- ChatHealth – text messaging service to contact a School Nurse for advice
 - Teen ChatHealth - **07480 635363**
 - Parent ChatHealth - **07520 634909**

HCP 0-19 Service

Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities?

Our SEND Team are offering weekly drop-in sessions covering the following:



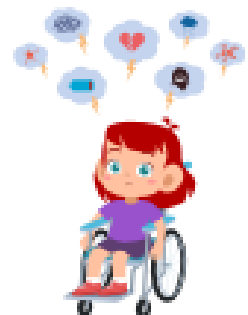
Toileting

Behaviour



Fussy Eating

Sleep



Emotions

🕒 9:30am-11:30am

📅 Every Thursday

📍 Child Development Centre, Coalheath Lane, Walsall, WS4 1NG

If you require advice and support from the Health Visiting Service, School Nurse Service or any of our teams, please contact our **Single Point of Access** on **01922 603074** or **send a text explaining your concerns** with your **child's name, date of birth** and **NHS number** to **07520 634909**.



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/minfec>.

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



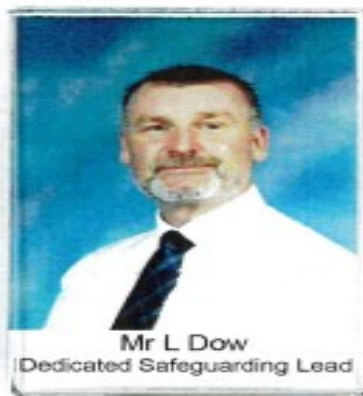
St Giles' CE Primary School **Safeguarding Team**



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

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.