



# School Newsletter

## Friday 11th October 2024

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## Spirituality– St Giles' C.E. Primary School

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**Friday 25th October**

**Diwali Disco**

**We will be ending the term with a special 'Diwali Disco' during the school day.**

**This is a non-uniform day and children are invited to come into school wearing party clothes and sensible shoes.**

**A collection will be made on the gate.**

**'Tuhanu Diwali diya bahut bahut badhaiyan.'**



Christmas Events  
St Giles' Church

**Wednesday 11th December**

**Nursery and Reception  
Christmas Celebration**

**11.00am (Nursery am + RS)**

**2.00pm (Nursery pm + RG)**





Christmas Events  
St Giles' Church

**Wednesday 18th December**

**Year 2 Christmas Celebration**  
**9.00am**


**Year 1 Christmas Celebration**  
**10.30am**

# Walking to school...

## Good for you, good for everyone

### Do you really need the car?

- Children who walk to school are more alert and more attentive than those who travel by car.
- Walking to and from school helps to keep children and adults fit.
- Walking is good exercise.
- The walk to school can help children develop the skills to stay safer when out and about independently.

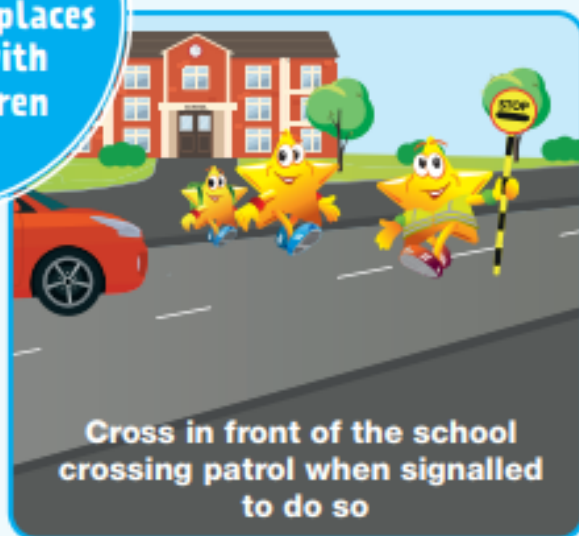


A walking start  
means a healthy  
heart

### Safer places to cross



Set a good example by using safer crossing places correctly with your children



# Green Cross Code

## Promote these steps below to cross the road safely:

Find the safest place to cross, are there any zebra, pelican or other crossings you can use?



**STOP** with feet behind the kerb



**LOOK** all around for traffic



**LISTEN** carefully for traffic/engine noises



**THINK** if traffic is coming let it pass.

When it is safe,  
cross in a straight  
line and do not run.  
Keep looking and  
listening while you  
cross.

Make sure your child can be seen.

**Fluorescent** materials are good for daytime,

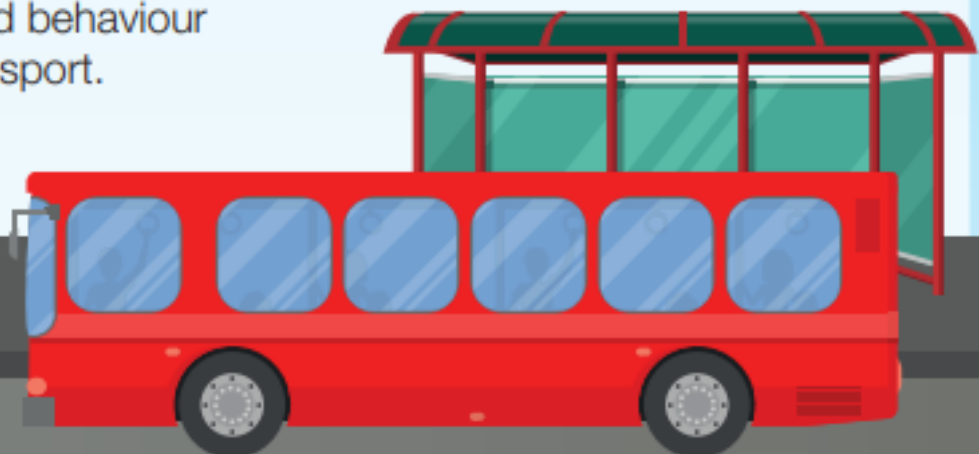
**Reflective** materials are good in the dark.

Always wear something bright!



## Travelling by bus or taxi

- Wait for the bus to move away before crossing the road.
- It is essential that your child understands the importance of good behaviour when using public transport.



# Class Charter Presentations In Church

## Parents and Carers Welcome

9.00am start

Dates	UNICEF Charters Presentation Order
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September,2024	6G
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October,2024	6S
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October,2024</b>	<b>5S</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October,2024</b>	<b>5G</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November,2024	4G
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November,2024	4S
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November,2024	3G
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November,2024	3S
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December,2024	2G
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December,2024	2S
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January,2025	1G
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January,2025	1S
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January,2025	Reception & Nursery

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Online Autumn Term Parental  
Consultations

Tuesday 22nd October  
4.00pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd October  
4.00pm-7.30pm

\*Please respond to the Email which will be sent to your child's Primary Contact we have on file on Friday 27th September 2024.



## 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](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)
- Health for Kids Website for children: [www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)
- School Nursing Service Webpages: [www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing](http://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:



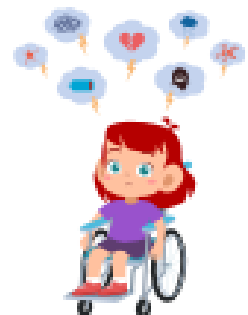
Toileting

### 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...

<b>Chickenpox</b>	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
<b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)</b>	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.
<b>Impetigo</b>	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scabies</b>	they've had their first treatment
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

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

<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	<b>Glandular fever</b>
<b>Head lice</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>
<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Slapped cheek</b>



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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://qrc0.de/minfec>.

## Term Dates

### **2024/25 academic year**

Autumn term 2024

Term starts: Monday 2 September 2024

**Half term holiday: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 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





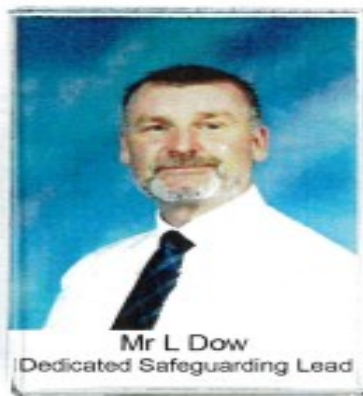
# St Giles' CE Primary School **Safeguarding Team**



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**