



School Newsletter

Friday 7th March 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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Online Parental Consultations

Monday 31st March 4.00-7.30pm

Tuesday 1st April 4.00-7.30pm

***3S/RS Monday 7th April 4.00pm-7.30pm**

3S/RS Tuesday 8th April 4.00pm-7.30pm

Bookings will open at 4.00pm today.

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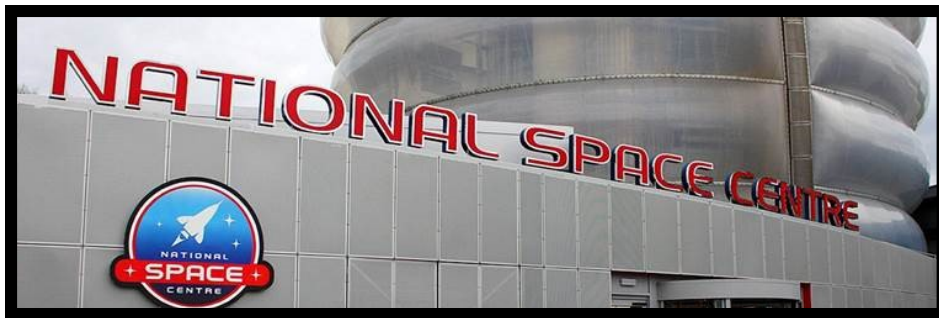


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Science Week 2025 Events



Friday 14th March

Year 5 National Space Centre Visit.



Friday 14th March

Year 6 and Year 4 'Medical Mavericks'
Workshops.

*Please log onto School Gateway App.

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EYFS and KS1

From 11am - 11.45am on Monday 10th March, We'll be meeting Farmers Ruby and Lutfi, their family of change champions and their cheeky gang of chickens, goats and sheep!

First we'll be joining the family on a farm walk to help look after all their animals and learn about all the ways they fight climate change on the farm. Then we'll be taking some of the produce from their vegetable garden to join Tom the food-waste fighting chef in his kitchen to whip up a delicious, seasonal, zero-waste delight!

In this lesson we'll be practicing three types of Change Champion skills and earning badges to colour in as we go!

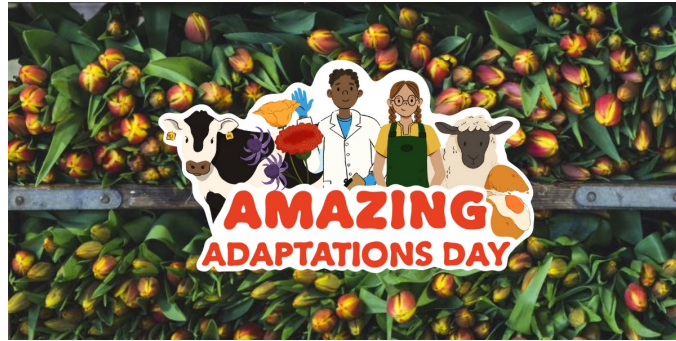
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Year 3 and 4

From 11am - 11.45am on Wednesday 12th March, Join us for an action-packed morning of animal adaptation and climate change fighting innovation!

First, we'll meet Dr Harriet, the Cow Geneticist, who will introduce us to her herd of Belted Galloway cows and teach us about how, not only are they perfectly suited to living here in the UK, but they play an extremely important part in the survival of their ecosystem where even their poo does several amazing jobs! Then we'll be staying on the topic of poo to meet a farmer who uses the power of his animals' poos in various, innovative and climate-change-fighting ways.

After that, it's time to delve into the science of soil and conduct a microscopic microhabitat soil safari with Dr Samuel in his secret lab at Harper Adams University.

Then, we'll be meeting flower farmer, florist, researcher and campaigner, Roisin to share with us everything she discovered during her year of globe-trotting research into climate-friendly flower farming and how British farmers are adapting to meet the challenges of climate change.

And after all this climate change fighting action, you might be wondering how you can join the fight at home? Well, fear not as our final stop will be at Tom, the food-waste fighting chef's kitchen where we'll be whipping up a zero-waste dish made from seasonal British produce and challenging you to make it at home or school.

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Year 5 and 6

Amazing Adaptation Day: Afternoon (Upper KS2)

From 2pm -2.45pm on Wednesday 12th March

Amazing Adaptation Day continues, join us for an action-packed afternoon of amazing adaptation and climate change fighting innovation!

First, we'll meet Dr Harriet, the Cow Geneticist, who will introduce us to her herd of Belted Galloway cows to learn all about adaptation, inheritance and selective breeding (while hopefully catching a Beltie calving!) We'll learn all about Dr Harriet's fascinating cow genetics work when she worked with some amazing Zebus (or camel cows!) in Africa. Then we'll head over to Sparsholt College, who will take us for an exclusive meeting with one of the only 17 Zebus in the UK! We'll compare and contrast Zebus with native UK cattle breeds before continuing our amazing adaptation adventure in Wales with a herd of sheep that have been bred for their climate friendly features. We might even catch a spot of live lambing while we're here!

Next, we'll be off to meet Claudia, the Plant Physiologist, to learn how selective breeding and adaptation in plants can help create climate change resistant crops. And after all this climate change fighting action, you might be wondering how you can join the fight at home? Well, fear not as our final stop will be at Tom, the food-waste fighting chef's kitchen where we'll be whipping up a zero-waste dish made from seasonal British produce and challenging you to make it at home or school.

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N.B. This lesson may contain a short clip of a live animal birth.



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



FACE WALSALL
PARENT CARER FORUM
Families & Carers Empowered

Information Sharing Event

FACE Walsall have organised an Information Sharing morning over coffee and tea for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0–25 years with additional needs and disabilities and would like to invite you along.

Date: **Friday 28th March 2025**

Time: **10.00-12.00**

Venue: Bloxwich Active Centre, High St, Bloxwich, Walsall WS3 2DA

The event is designed for the parents/carers to come along to be able to chat to those who offer services to our children in Walsall

Confirmed so far as attending are:

Citizen Advice Sandwell & Walsall, Walsall Family Hubs, Adult Services, Short Breaks, SENDIAS, Nova Training, Healthwatch Walsall, Skills Tank, Local Offer, Wolverhampton College, Juniper Training

Book via Eventbrite - <https://bit.ly/3EUfPW1>

Help us shape the services of Walsall through Parent Participation



Web: www.facewalsall.com Tel: 07856 314596



facebook.com/facewalsall

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:



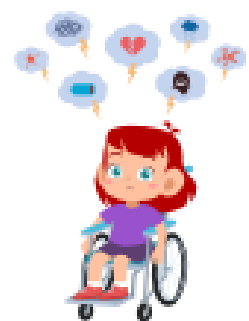
Toileting

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



SCAN ME

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 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



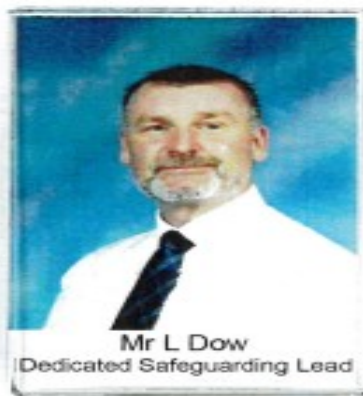
St Giles' CE Primary School **Safeguarding Team**



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.