



St Giles CE Primary School

SEND Celebration Newsletter




Autumn Term 2023



Article 2, Article 12,
Article 17, Article 23

The St Giles SEND team:

Let us introduce you to the
St Giles C.E. SEND team...

	<u>Mrs Mavi</u> SENCo & Inclusion Strategic Lead
	<u>Ms Morris</u> Key Stage 2 SEND Lead (Wednesday & Thursday)
	<u>Mrs McKnight</u> EYFS & Key Stage 1 SEND Lead (Monday, Tuesday & Friday)

If you have any queries or concerns or would like to discuss anything in relation to your child, please do not hesitate to contact us via 01902 368308.

Something to reflect upon...



What's New?



Welcome to our first SEND newsletter of the academic year!

We hope that your children have settled well into their new classes. We have certainly been very impressed by how the children are illustrating their readiness to learn. We have been very busy as a SEND team supporting your children in transitioning to their new classes, preparing resources to support them in their learning and liaising with class teachers on how best to support your child's needs!

Welcome to Walsall's SEND Local Offer

Find out about help available for children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities in Walsall. This is called the Local Offer.



As part of Walsall Council's SEND Local offer, they have a wide range of information and resources available available for you to access on their website. This can be accessed via, <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/send-local-offer>. The website gives children and young people with SEND, and their families, information about what support services the local authority has available in the local area. In addition, you will find key updates, contact information, the LA SEND newsletter and event information on here too!

They also have a video that explains all that is involved in the local offer for Walsall and this can be found at the bottom of the home page.

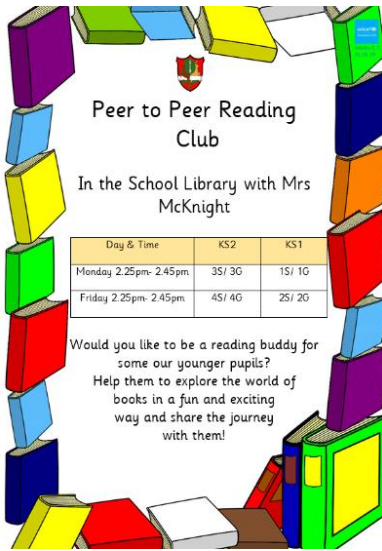


We would recommend accessing the website to see what information and additional services are available!



A Spotlight on...

Rocket Phonics



Peer to Peer Reading Club

In the School Library with Mrs McKnight

Day & Time	KS2	KS1
Monday 2.25pm- 2.45pm	3S/ 3G	1S/ 1G
Friday 2.25pm- 2.45pm	4S/ 4G	2S/ 2G

Would you like to be a reading buddy for some of our younger pupils? Help them to explore the world of books in a fun and exciting way and share the journey with them!

Rocket Phonics is a DfE Certified phonics programme. Here at St Giles, children primarily learn the sounds of the alphabet and to read words through the RWI Programme. However, Rocket Phonics correlates very closely with RWI and can offer an alternative way for children to learn sounds, if they have not retained taught sounds from Year 1 onwards. A number of children in Year 2 currently have access to bespoke Rocket Phonics sessions each week. The programme allows children to learn and retain taught sounds with a focus upon comprehension. During the session, pupils have access to a multi-sensory learning environment through the use of LED boards for letter formation and interactive books that correlate with the sound focus for that day!

In addition, pupils also have the opportunity to access a peer to peer reading club, using Rocket Phonics texts as a basis, where older pupils read on a 1-1 basis with younger pupils to develop their confidence, academic resilience and reading fluency!



of SEND Terms:

Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

An Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan) is a legal document which describes a child or young person's aged up to 25 special educational needs, the support they need, and the outcomes they would like to achieve.

The special educational provision described in an EHC plan must be provided by the child or young person's local authority. This means an EHC plan can give a child or young person extra educational support. It can also give parents and young people more choice about which school or other setting the child or young person can attend.

An EHC plan can only be issued after a child or young person has gone through the process of an Education, Health and Care needs assessment.



The next round of APDR's will be distributed in December. Please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss around your child's targets.

Friday 22nd December: Break- up for Half- term

Specialist resources used in school;

Focus: Handwriting

Pupils have a range of resources to support them with their handwriting. However, some of our most popular ones are-

- LED Writing boards
- Triangular pencils/ grips
- Specialist adapted pens
- Malleable materials such as playdough to build muscle strength to support writing.



Drop in Sessions



with Walsall SENDIAS

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIAS do?
- Education, Health and Care plans?
- The law on SEND?
- Mediation with the Local Authority?
- Appeals and Tribunals relating to SEND?
- Meetings with school?
- Where to get support?

Ask Walsall SENDIAS!

We are hosting monthly drop-in surgeries for parents, carers and young people. Please come along if you require free and impartial information or advice.

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Dates 2023 / 2024

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 26 th September 2023	10.00am – 12.00pm	Manor Farm Community Association, King George Crescent, WS4 1EU
Friday 27 th October 2023	10.00am-12.00pm	West Locality Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Wednesbury, WS10 8AE
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023	12.30pm – 2.30pm	North Locality Hub, 275 Blakenall Heath, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ
Thursday 14 th December 2023	11.00am – 1.00pm	East Locality, 13 Silver Court, Brownhills WS8 6HA
Friday 26 th January 2024	10.00am – 12.00pm	Manor Farm Community Association, King George Crescent, WS4 1EU
Monday 19 th February 2024	4.00pm – 6.00pm	South & Central Locality Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NG
Thursday 21 st March 2024	12.00pm – 2.00pm	West Locality Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Wednesbury, WS10 8AE
Friday 19 th April 2024	10.00am – 12.00pm	North Locality Hub, 275 Blakenall Heath, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ
Monday 20 th May 2024	12.00pm – 2.00pm	East Locality, 13 Silver Court, Brownhills WS8 6HA
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Manor Farm Community Association, King George Crescent, WS4 1EU
Monday 15 th July 2024	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Manor Farm Community Association, King George Crescent, WS4 1EU

Please don't hesitate to contact us via email at walsallsendias@family-action.org.uk if you have any questions.

We hope to see you there!

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