



# St Giles CE Primary School SEND Celebration Newsletter




Summer Term 2023



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## 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>Miss Evans</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.

## What's New?

Welcome to our final SEND newsletter of the academic year!

As we approach the end of the year a key focus will be to help prepare our children for the transition to their new classes in September.

Therefore, in this issue of our newsletter we will focus upon transition and explore some of the ways that you can support your child ahead of them moving into their new classes or embarking upon Secondary School.

## Parent Feedback...



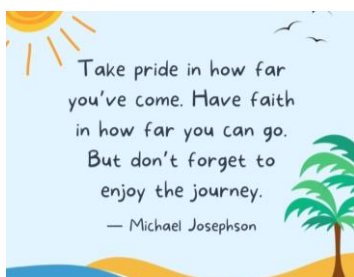
We would like to say a big "thankyou" to parents who completed the parent questionnaire that was sent alongside your child's Spring APDR targets. The feedback that we received was very positive and we wanted to share some of the highlights with you...

*"I'm very pleased with my child's progress this year, she has grown so much in confidence and loves school again."*

*"I'm happy with my child's report and happy that he is still getting support by teachers that are trying to help him meet his targets!"*

*"...you are doing amazing for my son. Thank you!"*

## Something to reflect upon...





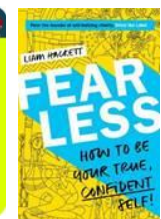
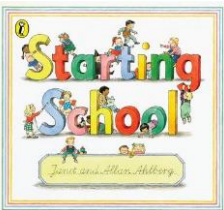
## A Spotlight on... Transition!

Transition is a normal part of life and building resilience when things change is a fundamental part of our transition process. At St Giles, we aim to make transitions between year groups as smooth and seamless as possible. Some of the ways in which we will support your child in moving up to their next year group include:

- You child will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and have a transition morning.
- Where needed, a transition 'Social Story' will be created for use in school and at home to build up familiarity in new places and people your child will come across.
- Staff will meet to discuss key needs of children before September in order to be ready to support them.

### Books to support your child with transition:

You may also wish to support your child over the summer holidays by talking about their new class and teacher in a positive way, and think about what your child may look forward to. Below are some suggested reading books that you may wish to share with your child in preparation for the transition to their new classes in September. Most of the books suggested below should be available in your *local library*, on *Youtube* or available to download on the *Amazon Kindle bookstore*.



### This term's spotlight Makaton Symbols...

#### Summer Challenge:

During the summer holidays, can you learn to sign the days of the week?

A game for the family perhaps!

### Days of the Week

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Days of the week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



of SEND Terms:

## **The Three D's – Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, and Developmental Co ordination Delay (Dyspraxia):**

### **What is dyslexia?**

Dyslexia is a common learning difficulty that can cause problems with reading, writing and spelling. It's a specific learning difficulty, which means it causes problems with certain abilities used for learning, such as reading and writing. Unlike a learning disability, intelligence isn't affected.

Dyslexia is a lifelong problem that can present challenges on a daily basis, but support is available to improve reading and writing skills and help those with the problem be successful at school and work.

### **What is developmental co-ordination disorder?**

Developmental co-ordination disorder, also known as dyspraxia, affects your movement and co-ordination.

Dyspraxia does not affect your intelligence, but it may make daily life more difficult for you. It can affect your co-ordination skills – such as tasks requiring balance, playing sports or learning to drive a car – and your fine motor skills, such as writing or using small objects.

### **What is Dyscalculia?**

In addition to dyslexia and dyspraxia, there is another similar condition called dyscalculia, a condition that affects the ability to acquire arithmetical skills. A person with dyscalculia struggles with basic aspects of numbers and computation.

### **Useful websites:**

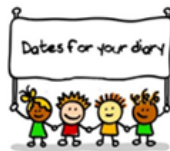
<https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/child-learning-disabilities/dyslexia/what-is-dyslexia#item3>

## **WOW Pupil Achievements Gallery:**

We would like to say a big “well done” to all of our children who always demonstrate a willingness to learn and achieve and take pride in all that they do! It is lovely to see pupils take pride in their learning and always approach this with enthusiasm and the desire to do well!



We hope that you all have a relaxing Summer and spend time doing the things that you love!



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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** INSET Day

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** Term Starts



# Sassy Sensory

## Swimming & Sports Session's

Exciting new Sassy session's coming soon, tailored for children within Walsall with special educational needs and disabilities and their families

**THIS IS FUNDED BY WALSALL COUNCIL SHORT BREAK SERVICES**

*Session's are for children with special education needs and disabilities in Walsall*

**TAKING PLACE @**

**Bloxwich Active Living Leisure Centre**

High St, Bloxwich, Walsall WS3 2DA

**Session will take place 1st Sunday of every month  
starting Sunday 5th February**



*For more information regarding these session's  
or to sign up to the sassy mailing list please get in touch*

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We understand family circumstances can change at short notice and we anticipate these sessions will be in high demand.  
If you book on and are unable to attend please contact us to allocate the space to another family.

**Please book on one session (swimming or sports)**

