



School Newsletter– 20.1.23



'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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Dear Parents,

Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education.

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

The government expects schools and local authorities to:

- promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence
- ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled
- act early to address patterns of absence
- parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly
- all pupils to be punctual to their lessons

To reward those who are attending regularly, Walsall FC have provided 50 pairs of tickets (1 Adult + 1 Child) to watch Walsall FC v Salford City on Saturday 22nd April 2023. All pupils with 96% + attendance during the Spring Term will automatically be entered into the prize draw.

Article 6 (life, survival and development) Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



Article 24 (health and health services) Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



It was a real pleasure to welcome Mr Eddie Hughes MP back to St Giles' CE Primary on Friday 6th January, to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, and to hear a presentation by UNICEF Ambassadors on UNCRC. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the basis of all UNICEF's work and its principles lie at the heart of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.





PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL

Whole classes are taught the recorder in Year 3 and Year 5. Many children have purchased a recorder so that they can practice at home.

From next week, recorders will be available for purchase via the School Gateway App for a reduced price of £3.75, which represents excellent value for money!



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Oxford Reading Buddy

We are delighted to tell you that our school is now using *Oxford Reading Buddy*. This is a digital reading service to support children's reading development at home as well as at school.

Oxford Reading Buddy contains hundreds of digital books and book-quizzes all matched to each child's reading ability. Children can earn badges for good reading behaviours, be coached in their understanding by their personal 'Reading Buddy', take quizzes and record all the reading they do. Everything is captured so that your child's teacher can see how they're getting on.

Please log in to *Oxford Reading Buddy* when your child brings home their sign-in card and have a look around. Do encourage your child to use it regularly and discuss what they are reading with them. You might be interested in watching them reading one or two of the Coaching eBooks because Reading Buddy is a good model of how to support and encourage children's comprehension skills as they read.

When your child is taking a quiz, please try to provide a quiet workspace for them, but resist the temptation to help them because their answers will help your child's teacher understand their needs.

If you don't have a tablet or PC at home, the service works on smartphone as well.

For more detailed information, go to this address and choose Parent Support: <https://support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/> or look at the introductory video at <https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>.

Your child has been provided with Login details.

Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Article 6 (life, survival and development) Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Article 17 (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Quick guide for parents and carers

Oxford Reading Buddy helps your child to get better at reading. It contains hundreds of books that your child will enjoy, all matched to their reading level. Special 'Coaching eBooks' help your child to understand what they read. Quizzes check how they are doing and send results back to their teacher.

Oxford Reading Buddy can be used on desktops, tablets and mobiles.

For more information please visit support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/parent-support/

1 Your child enters their details to begin.



Hello!

School code

Your username

Your password

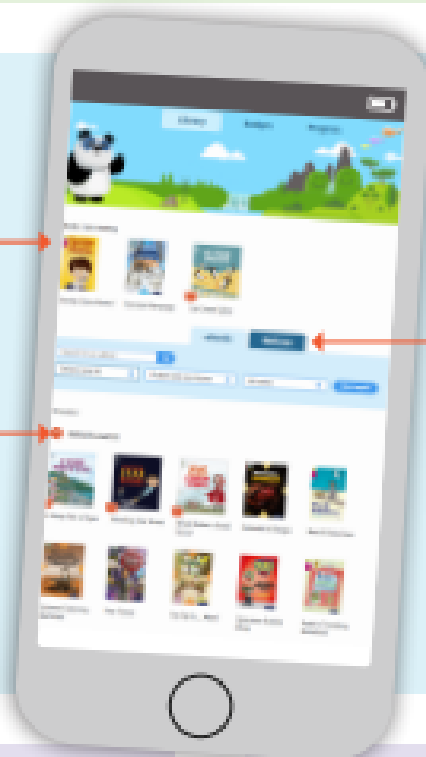
[Forgot your password?](#)

[Start](#)


Go to www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com

2 You can see a list of books your child is reading.

3 You can see all the books at your child's Oxford Level here. Click on a book to start reading or take the quiz.

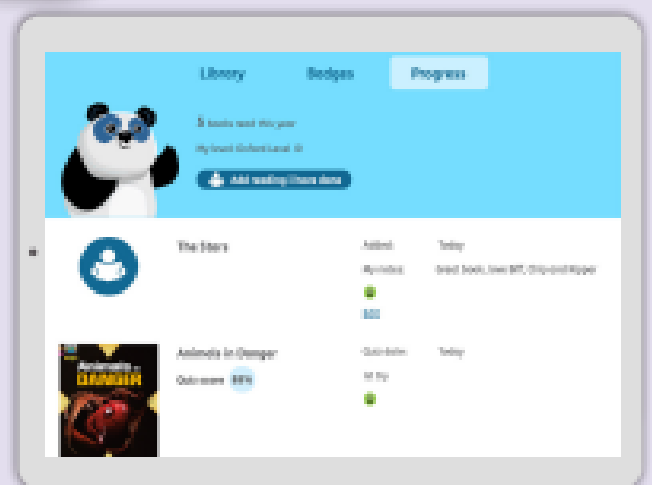
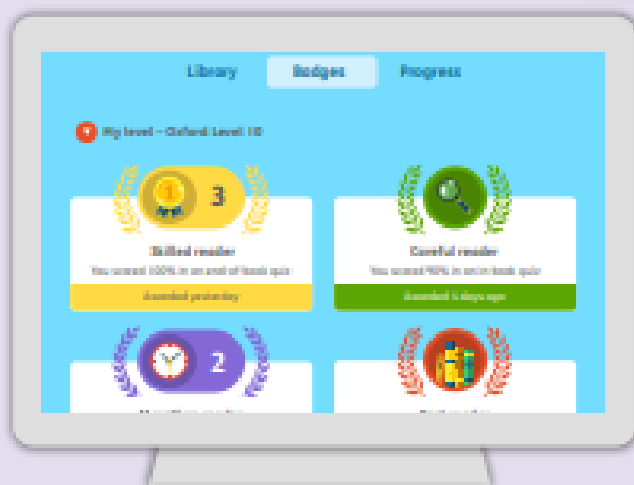


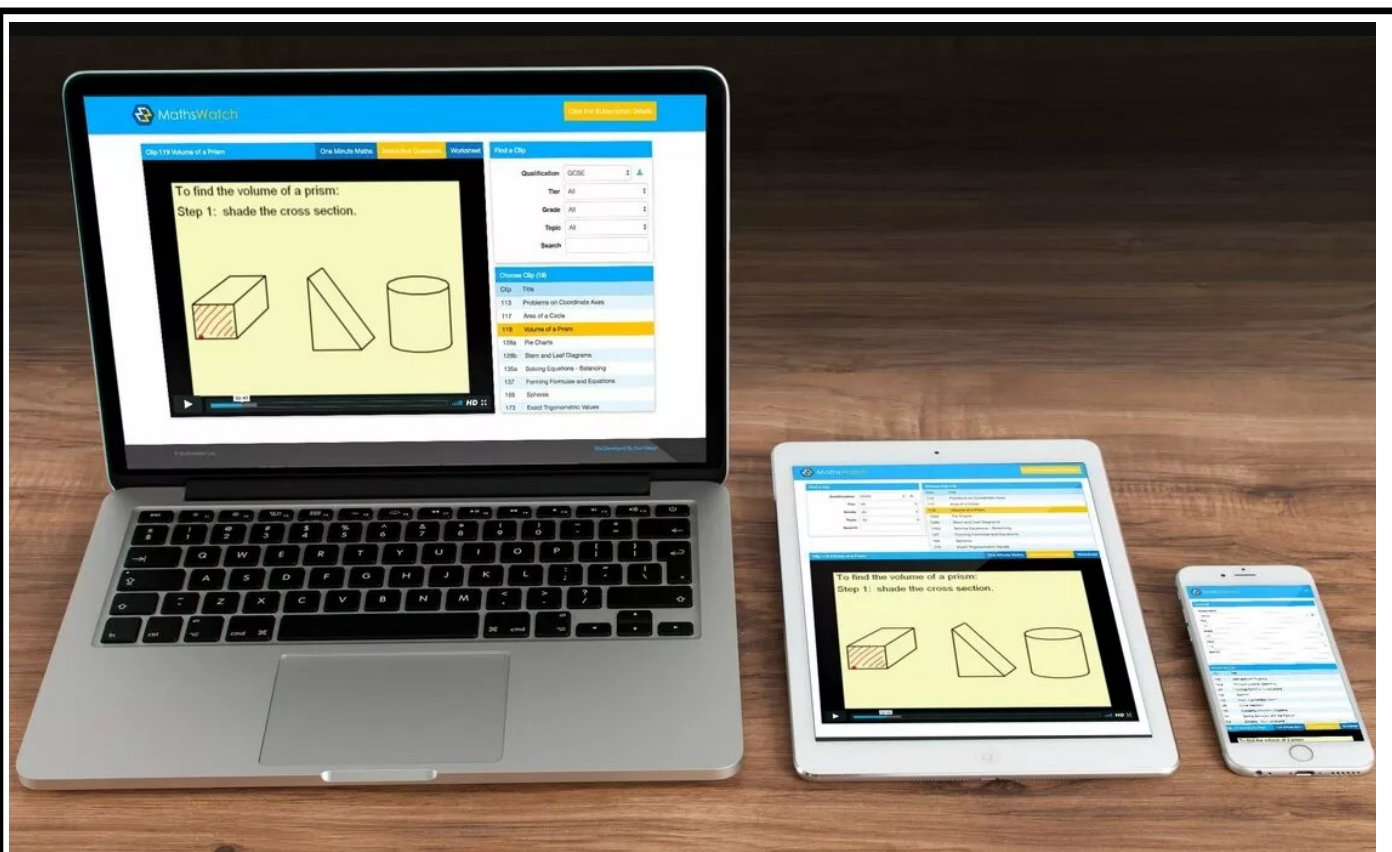
4 In this tab you can find quizzes. Quizzes are available for Oxford print books as well.

5 Books with this sign on  are 'Coaching eBooks' and have a buddy to help your child.

6 This is where your child's badges are saved. They can earn badges for working hard.

7 Click on the Progress tab to see the books your child has read and their quiz scores. You can add extra reading your child has done by clicking on the 'Add reading I have done' button.





Maths Watch—Parental Introduction Tuesday 24th January

5pm-6pm

OPEN FOR Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents & Pupils



Like thousands of other schools in the UK/World, your school has subscribed to **MathsWatch**. They definitely do care very much about you.

MathsWatch is an online resource giving you access to various tools to help towards achieving your full potential at Mathematics. Depending on your school's subscription, you will have access to one or more of the following:

AS Level "Pure Core" (covering PC1 and PC2)

GCSE (covering the GCSE Grade 1-9 Curriculum or Grade A*-G for WJEC)

KS3 (covering the KS3 National Curriculum)

Primary (covering most of the KS2 National Curriculum)

With **MathsWatch**, you can now access video tutorials which explain topics just like a teacher would at the board. You can independently practise real exam-style questions (GCSE, KS3 and Primary only) with instant feedback on your performance. Finally, you can also complete assignments set by your teacher with instant feedback provided to both you and your teacher.

LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE!

S4K

ST GILES INSET DAY

25TH JANUARY

Sport4kids Activities day
at St Giles Primary
School 8am - 5pm

Keep your child entertained
and active on inset day.
£19.99 Per Child

**BOOK
NOW!**

AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN AGED
4+ YEARS



 Call Us Now
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www.sport4kids.biz



SPORT4KIDS

Saturday Football Coaching with Sport4Kids 18 months to 7 Years

Over the past year, Sport4Kids have been providing coaching opportunities at lunchtime and during curriculum time.

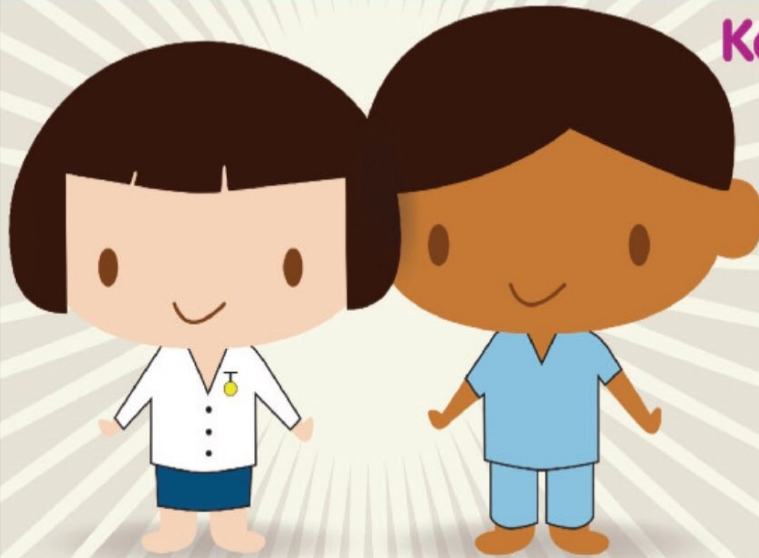
We are now able to extend this provision by offering Saturday morning football sessions for children aged 18 months to 7 years, based at St Giles' CE Primary School. Sport4Kids will also be taking over our breakfast and after-school provision from Dainty Little Hands after half-term, at a significant reduction in cost. Booking information and pricings will be sent out shortly.

Please click below to access the site to book your FREE taster session.

<https://sport4kids.biz/football-venues/sport4kids-st-giles-cofe-primary-school/>



Walsall School Nursing Service



Keeping Healthy

Immunisations

Emotional Health

Weight Management

Sexual Health

Drugs and Alcohol

Smoking

The School Nursing Service provides support and advice on a range of health issues. We work with children and young people in full time school up to the age of 19.

Contact: Single Point of Access Telephone: **01922 423349**
Parent Text Line: **07520 634 909**

Website: www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/

Our websites for children and young people:

www.healthforkids.co.uk
www.healthforteens.co.uk

Caring for Walsall together



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 5 September 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

Term ends: Friday 16 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023

Half term holiday: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023

Term ends: Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April 2023

Half term holiday: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July 2023

Non-Pupil Days

INSET 1 Monday 5th September 2022

INSET 2 Wednesday 28th September 2022

INSET 3 Wednesday 9th November 2022

INSET 4 Wednesday 25th January 2023

INSET 5 Wednesday 28th June 2023