

St Giles' and St George's C of E Academy

Aspire Believe Achieve

Thursday 26th September 2024



Diary Dates

Tuesday 8 th October	EYFS Early writing workshop for parents
Wednesday 9 th October	KS1 SHINE
Thursday 10 th October	School photographs Family groups from 8:00am
Monday 14 th October 14:30	Phonics parent meeting
Friday 18 th October 14:00	Year 4 Shine
Tuesday 22 nd October 14:00	EYFS Shine
Wednesday 23 rd October 14:00	Year 6 CJ GLOW worship St Giles' church
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 7 th November EYFS Year 1-3 Year 4-6	Sparkle and Shine disco (£2 charge on ParentPay) 2:15-3:15 5:00- 6:00 6:15-7:15
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day for Mental Health Awareness
Tuesday 12 th November 14:00	Year 5 SHINE
Tuesday 26 th November 10:00	KS1 singers singing in Newcastle
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 3 and 4 Mayan Workshop
Wednesday 27 th November 14:00	Year 5 DT GLOW
Tuesday 10 th December	Festival of Music (singing squad)
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 5 NJ GLOW
Friday 13 th December	Christmas jumper day
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS and KS1 nativity
Wednesday 18 th December	EYFS and KS1 nativity
Friday 20 th December	Finish for Christmas

Phonics Parents meeting

We are hosting a phonics event for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents to explain how phonics is taught in school. Year 2 parents are welcome to join us, although we are primarily focusing on phonics, rather than spelling, which we swiftly move on to in Year 2.

Please come and join us on Monday 18th October at 2.30pm

Attendance and Punctuality

Just a reminder that class doors are open from 8.40am until 8.50am each morning. Please ensure children arrive in time to come in through their own door. Also, if your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office.



Every day counts at St Giles' and St George's Academy!



Did you know...?



If your child's attendance during the school year was...

Your child would have lost approximately...



95%	10 days from school
90%	19 days from school
85%	29 days from school
80%	38 days from school
75%	47 days from school

Getting your child to school really matters!

Family Essentials

Every Monday between 9:30am and 12:30pm, St George's church operates a Family Essentials service.

This service provides free household essential items to families from St Giles' and St George's Academy only and is open to all. If you would like to access this service please visit the school office and ask for Family Essentials; they will give you information and a card to access the service. This service is for all in need so please take advantage of it.

International Sign Language Day

In celebration of International Sign Language Day, in worship, we have been listening to a story called 'More than Words', which explains all the different ways people can communicate.



We also made a start on learning how to perform the song 'This is me!' Using Makaton signs. If your child would like to practise some more just click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpA7q2SIh2o>

Keep water beads away from young children



Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.



They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.

A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.



If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

Scan to learn more



www.capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

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TOGETHER WE THRIVE 2024

FOR ATTENDEES

A free one-stop shop for parents & carers, education providers and young people with SEND.

Join us for a marketplace of SEND services, inspiring speakers, experienced trainers and professionals sharing practical ideas and expertise for SEND families.

DATE & LOCATION
Staffordshire County Showground
Ingestre Suite
Wednesday 2nd October 2024
9.30am – 4.30pm
Drop in anytime during the day

ON THE DAY

- **Keynote speakers:**
 - Dean Beadle- Autistic Speaker
 - Hailit Hulusi- Head of SEND, SCC
 - Staffordshire's Hearing & Sight Inclusion Team
 - SENDIASS
 - Relational & Restorative Practice Team
- **Awareness Workshops:**
 - Whose Shoes - MPFT
 - Oliver McGowan Training
- **Marketplace:**
 - NHS & Local Authority Teams
 - Family Hub
 - Further Education Providers
 - Charities and Community Groups

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT STAFFORDSHIRE PARENT CARER FORUM: info@staffspcf.co.uk

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Practical tips to keep 5-7s safe online

Set parental controls on popular apps



1. Set up YouTube Kids for under-13s.
2. Use timers to manage screen time.
3. Turn off watch history to limit suggested videos.



1. Use the in-built parental controls feature with PIN.
2. Customise who your child can talk to.
3. Enable Account Restrictions for easy set up.



1. Create a child's profile.
2. Set a parental controls PIN.
3. Customise maturity level of content your child can watch.

See all parental controls guides at [internetmatters.org/controls](https://www.internetmatters.org/controls)

Are they talking to others online?

- Check your child meets age requirements
- Explore social media platforms for under-13s
- Discuss positive behaviour online
- Search 'top internet manners' for more



Get personalised advice straight to your inbox

- Want support to stay on top of your kids' digital lives? Together, we've got this, with our free personalised family digital toolkit. By completing the form you'll get:
- Age-specific checklists and guides
 - Safety information on the latest apps and platforms
 - Resources to tackle online concerns by age
 - Interactive tools to encourage discussions on key topics
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Make online safety a part of their everyday

Conversations to have

Talk about:

- What they're watching; what do they like about it?
- What apps/games they like; what would they like to try?
- How being online makes them feel; what signs tell them they need a break?

See more at [internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

Tools to explore together

Build digital skills and play together with:

- The Online Together Project: an interactive quiz with discussion points to challenge stereotypes and hate online.
- Find the Fake: a series of quizzes to help teach children how to recognise and tackle misinformation online.

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Practical tips to keep 8-10s safe online

Set parental controls on popular apps



1. Set up YouTube Kids or a Supervised Account.
2. Use timers to manage screen time.
3. Turn off watch history to limit suggested videos.



1. Create a Kids Profile so they have access to age appropriate content.
2. Customise their profile's maturity rating.
3. Turn off autoplay on series to help manage screen time.



1. WhatsApp age minimum is 16 in the UK, so review privacy settings.
2. Disable live location and who can contact your child.
3. Familiarise yourself with all features.

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Are they gaming with others online?

- Set up controls in-game and on consoles
- Talk about keeping personal information private
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- Digital Matters: complete the interactive stories with your child to help them learn key online safety skills.

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