

Monday 8th June 2026

St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 27 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term. I hope you all enjoyed the glorious weather of the break. It is a shame it didn't last into last week.

We have a very busy half term ahead.

Year 1 Phonics Screening & Year 4 Multiplication Statutory Assessments

Year 1 will have Phonics Screening statutory assessments during this week of 8th June and parents have already had a meeting about this. Year 1 children have been working hard in their Read Write Inc sessions to prepare.

Year 4 children have Multiplication statutory tests in the weeks of 1st June and 8th June. These are online tests, where children have to quickly answer a times table fact. Year 4 have been practising times tables in school and should continue to practise these at home,

Results of both tests will be shared in the end of year report.

Sports Day- Tuesday 16th June. 1:30 – 3:30 pm

We look forward to welcoming families to Sports Day next week. The children are excited and I am sure will be aiming high in all their events. The FPTA will be putting on refreshments during sports day for you to enjoy, this will be cash only.

DISP KS1 Multiskills

Our school is part of DISP (Devon Independent Schools Partnership). This is a group that we setup as heads a few years ago to enable collaboration between local maintained schools. As part of DISP, Year 1 and 2 will be attending a Mutiskills event at Hatherleigh Primary School on **17th June**. All three Federation schools will be going together so it will be a nice opportunity for them. You should have already received a letter about this.

Class 2 Launceston Castle Trip – Thursday 11th June

Class 2 have a trip planned to Launceston Castle linked which is a local study linked to the Normans. You should already have received a letter about this.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

June 11

Class 2 Trip to Launceston Castle

June 15

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

June 16

Sports Day – 1:30 – 3:30pm

June 17

Class 3 residential to Bideford

KS1 DISP Multiskills

June 22

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

June 29

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

June 30

Reserve Sports Day

July 6

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

Transition Meeting for New YR Parents

2:30pm

July 8

St Giles Summer Concert 2:15pm and

Open Afternoon 3:00 -4:00pm

July 10

Summer Fayre

July 13

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

July 17

Discovery Day

July 22

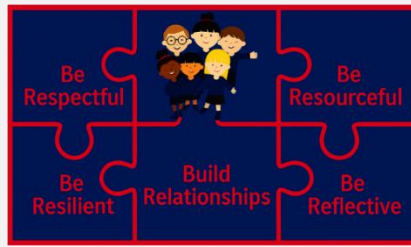
Last day of Summer term

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

2:30 – 3:00 pm

The Carey Qualities

We **Build Relationships** by being **Resilient**,



Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful

Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. The following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.

Week – 21/05/26

For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Lando – Class 3	Eli – Class 1 Ethan – Class 2	Finn F – Class 2 Chloe – Class 3	Jacob - FSU Molly – Class 1	

Week – 04/06/2026

For building Relationship	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
	Evie – Reception George - Class 1 Elouise – Class 2	Ruby – Class 1 Teagan – Class 2		Corey – Class 3

Useful Links

School Contact

Details

Tel: 01566 772191

Email: admin@st-giles-heath-primary.devon.sch.uk

Website: [St Giles On The Heath Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](http://StGilesOnTheHeathPrimarySchool-HalwillandAshwaterPrimarySchools)

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or email safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Nicola Taylor

Mrs Jeanette Neale

Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

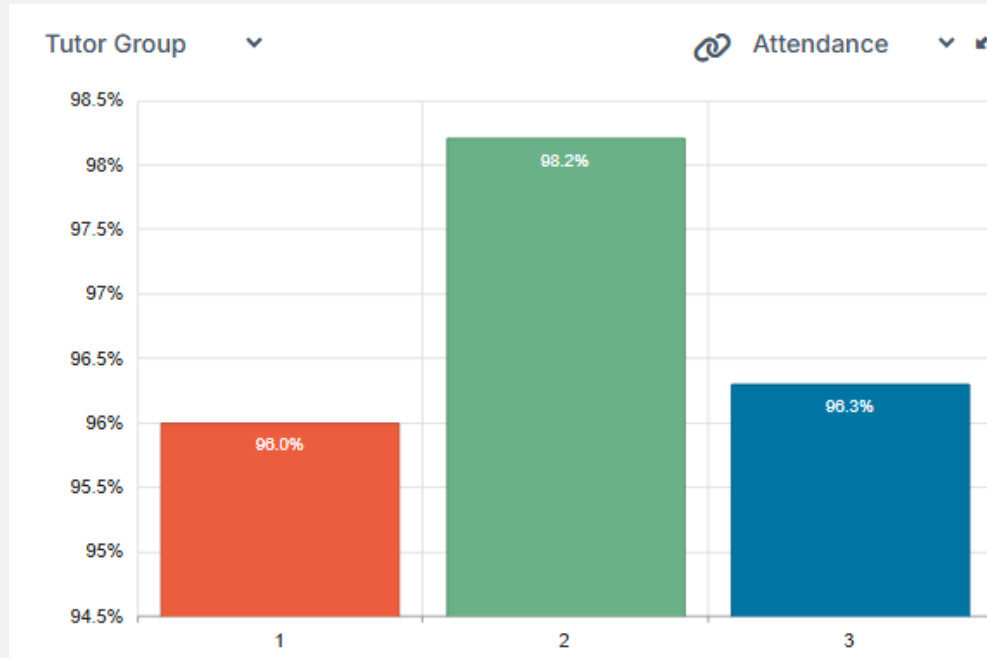
Term Dates

These are on our website:

[Term Dates – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](http://StGilesOnTheHeathPrimarySchool-HalwillandAshwaterPrimarySchools)

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last 7 days is 96.8%



St Giles-on-the-Heath FPTA presents

FROZEN FRIDAY!



**EVERY FRIDAY FROM 3PM ON THE
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**

£1 per lolly

*Friday June 5th,
Friday June 12th,
Friday June 19th,
Friday June 26th,
Friday July 3rd,
Friday July 17th.*





We often talk about small children drowning. But any child can drown - even strong swimmers.

They may overestimate how strong a swimmer they are or underestimate risks in the sea or open water, like lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

Please talk to your older children about water safety:

💧 Teach them to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards

💧 Explain the risk of swimming in open water. Even on a very warm day, open water can be cold enough to cause cold water shock. This physical reaction makes it hard to control breathing or to swim, causing swimmers to panic.

💧 Talk to them about what to do if this ever happens. And teach them how to float.

Find out more <https://capt.org.uk/drowning/>



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Unauthorised Holiday/Leave Request

As you will be aware, Government Guidance advises that schools should not authorise requests for term time absence unless the school has received suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances. The Government does not consider a family holiday to be an exceptional circumstance.

In the absence of suitable evidence of exceptional circumstances, on this occasion the school cannot authorise your request for a Term Time Absence. We believe that if students are to benefit from education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement, and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you still choose to take your child out of school unauthorised, then the school must refer the absence to the Local Authority for the consideration of initiating Parental Responsibility Measures. If you have Parental Responsibility, this could mean receiving any of the following.

- A Penalty Notice. Should a Penalty Notice be issued, one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £160, which is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated. If a previous Penalty Notice has been issued within the past 2 years, then the Local Authority will proceed straight to Court.
- A Magistrates Summons that could lead to a criminal record, a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

We understand the disappointment that a refusal may cause, but as you can appreciate, this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards ensuring your child's full and efficient education.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher



FREE SCHOOL MEALS – Are you entitled to apply?

Even though your child is entitled to universal infant free school meals in reception, year 1 and year 2, if you are eligible for free school meals it is important that you register as soon as possible as this attracts income for the school.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

To apply please use the following link

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

If you require any assistance, then please do not hesitate to contact the school offices.

Newsletters

To view any historical newsletters, you can follow the link to the website where they are all kept for you to look back on.

[Newsletters – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)