

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026

# St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School

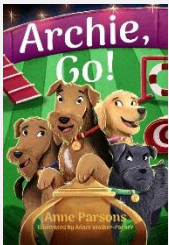
*Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Newsletter No. 31 Summer Term

Dear Families,

Last week, Class 3 had an inspiring visit to Launceston College to undertake science activities. A huge thank you to parents for helping with lifts. We really appreciate the time you gave up and we are very grateful.

Class 1 & 2 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from local author, Anne Parsons. Anne was very complimentary of the children and the school.



Reception and Pre-school had a super trip to Paignton Zoo. The children were excellent and enjoyed seeing all the animals. Thank you to Pre-school parents for joining us on the trip and enabling it to happen and thank you to Mrs Neale for organising the trip and to all staff who supported.



THE CAREY FEDERATION



Upcoming Events

**July 7**

Dan Magness Freestyler Record  
Breaker Workshop

**July 8**

Class 1 DISP Multiskills at Hatherleigh  
St Giles Summer Concert 2:15pm and  
Open Afternoon 3:00 -4:00pm

**July 9**

Class 1 Trip to Bude

**July 10**

FPTA Summer Fayre 3:30-5:30pm

**July 13**

Swimming Lessons Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

**July 17**

Discovery Day, 1:30 – 3:30pm

**July 22**

Last day of Summer term  
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly  
2:30 – 3:00 pm

## Hot Weather

Although hopefully not as hot as the previous heatwave, this week is looking like it will be hot. Please ensure all children have a hat, water bottle and apply sunscreen in the morning. Children can also bring in (nut free) sunscreen to reapply themselves.

We are putting up gazebos and making an outdoor classroom that classes can use during the day.

It is going to be hot for the Summer Concert and because of the capacity of the hall, this will need to be outside. Children will sit in the shade, but we are requesting if any parents can lend us a gazebo so parents can be shaded, please let the office know. You are welcome to come in earlier to help set up and have a prime position!

Thank you for your support.

## Dan Magness Record Breaker Visit, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

A huge thank you to the FPTA for paying for Dan Magness to deliver a workshop to all the children. Dan is a freestyle record breaker. He will certainly be giving the children the message about Aiming High and Being Resilient.

## KS1 DISP Multiskills -rearranged for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

The DISP Multiskills will be on the morning of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Collection from St Giles will be 9:00am so please drop the children by 8:45am. Children can wear PE kits into school but please also send in school uniform so children can change after they return. This is so that they can be in uniform for the Summer Concert.

The children will be back in time for lunch,

## Summer Concert & Open Afternoon, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

The Summer Concert will be at 2:15pm. The whole school will be involved in this and families are warmly invited to attend. **As we don't have capacity for everyone to park onsite, please park at the Village Hall. The pedestrian gate will be open from 2:00pm,**

From 3:00 – 4:00 pm, we will have an Open Afternoon. This is an opportunity to come into class and see the children's books and work. All families are invited to this. If your child is moving to a new class or they have a new teacher next year, you will also have the chance to say goodbye to their current teacher and hello to their new teacher.

Miss Abbie Davie (new FSU teacher) will be there to meet you and transition information for new Reception children will be shared then.

Miss Lauren Britton (new Class 2 teacher) will also be here. If your child is moving up a class, you will be able to spend time with them in their current class and go with them to their new class so you can meet their new teacher and see the room they will be in. Once you have finished, you will be welcome to take your child home, providing you let their class teacher know. The Open Afternoon continues after school, for those parents who aren't able to come before pick-up.

## Class 1 Trip to Bude, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you to Miss Shinn for organising what looks to be a fantastic trip. Miss Britton and Miss Davey will also be joining so this is a great opportunity for them to get to know the children. Thank you Mrs Tyzac and Mrs Hollidge for helping on the trip too.

Water bottles, hats and sun screen will be essential.

## Discovery Day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1:30 – 3:30pm

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our exciting Discovery Challenge Day.

You will be able to come into school from 1:45pm.

Each class will be closed for 20 minutes to allow children to visit other classes to see the presentations

Class 3 Discovery Challenge closed: 1:30pm-1:50pm

Class 2 Discovery Challenge closed: 1:50pm-2:10pm

Class 1 Discovery Challenge closed: 2:10pm-2:30pm

FSU Discovery Challenge work closed: 2.30pm onwards

Our pop-up café will be open to parents from 1:45pm-3:15pm with hot and cold drinks and cakes. Children will be leaving school at the normal time so you will have plenty of time to stop off for refreshments!

Please do come along and see what we have been up to this term:

FSU: Wonderful World Explorers – presenting investigations done over the course of the term based on their World Zoo Explorations

Class 1: Storytelling Scientists – group investigations inspired by traditional tales, stories and rhymes

Class 2: Effervescent Engineers – group investigations focussing on strength when constructing

Class 3: Intrepid Investigators – independently researched and carried out investigations

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

## Useful Links

### School Contact

#### Details

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**Email:** [admin@st-giles-heath-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk)

#### Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

#### Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Nicola Taylor

Mrs Jeanette Neale

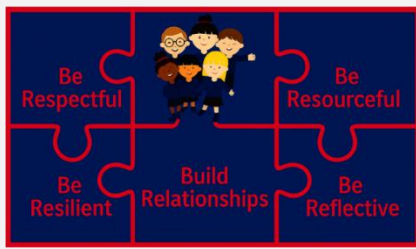
Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

## Term Dates

**These are on our website:**

[Term Dates – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)



The Carey Qualities

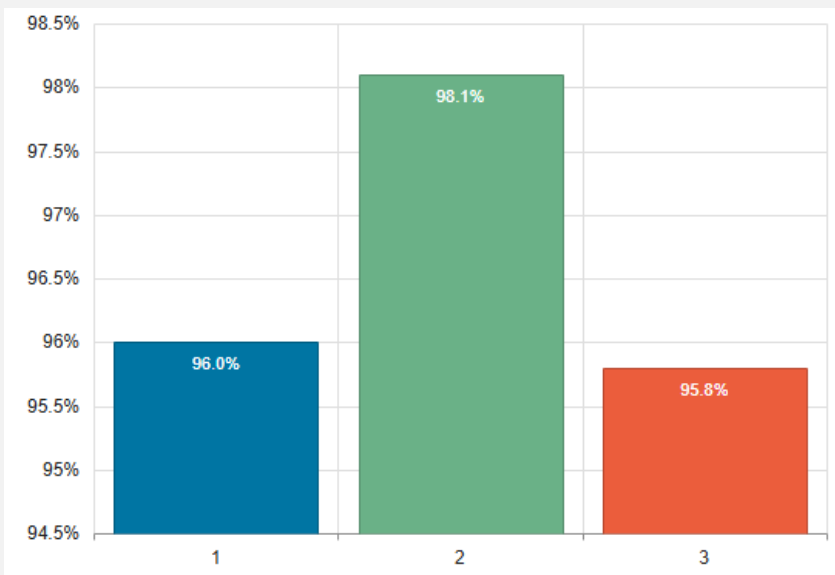
We **Build Relationships** by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

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.

For building <b>Relationship</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Gracie – Class 3  Megan – Class 3	Bea – Class 1  Elouise – Class 3	Toby – Class 1  The whole of FSU	Charlie C – Class 2	

**Attendance**

Whole school attendance for the last 7 days is 96.7%





EARLY NOURISHMENT  
**Little Pebbles  
Nature Walk**  
**Holsworthy**  
**Tuesdays 11am-midday**  
For pregnant people, babies &  
children under 5 @ Stanhope  
Park Holsworthy  
Booking essential  
[earlynourishment.eventbrite.com](http://earlynourishment.eventbrite.com)



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.*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE

# FPTA!



The FPTA are proud to present  
a whole school workshop on

**TUESDAY 7TH JULY!**



Dan Magness, a Professional Freestyler, Ball Mastery Expert and Record Breaker will be coming to school to **showcase his skills** and give **YOU** the chance to put your own to the test!



We hope you will all  
enjoy this exciting event!



## THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all our children,  
parents and carers for your continued  
support of the fundraising we do.  
We couldn't do it without you!

The  
FPTA  
team





ST GILES ON THE HEATH FPTA

# SUMMER FAYRE

IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

CASH  
ONLY

FRIDAY  
**JULY 10**

**3.30PM -  
5.30PM**

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

BOUNCY CASTLE - HOT FOOD - FACE  
PAINTING - ICE CREAM - TRADITIONAL FAYRE  
GAMES FROM 50P - THROW A SPONGE AT THE  
TEACHERS - DEVON CREAM TEAS - FREE  
LAWN GAMES & MANY MORE...



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS ST GILES ON THE HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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](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](#)