



THE
GILES NURSERY
AND
INFANTS'
SCHOOL



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School Aims: our school is a place where we aim to develop:

- ▶ Positive attitudes to learning
- ▶ Creativity and a sense of self-confidence and self-esteem
- ▶ Equality of opportunity, independence, individuality, tolerance, sensitivity and cooperation
- ▶ Good relations, respect for others and the environment
- ▶ A broad and balanced creative curriculum
- ▶ Pupil achievement by providing quality experiences

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very, very Happy New Year. I hope that 2024 brings each and every one of you health and happiness.

The children have had a really lovely first two days in school; they have all returned so happily and have settled back into school so calmly.

Thank you for the kind, generous presents: All the staff and I would like to thank you all for your kindness and generosity. Not many schools are blessed with such kind-hearted parents. Thank you so much. Your thoughtfulness is hugely appreciated.

Change of Address or Contact Information: Please could we ask that if you have moved or changed your contact information over the Christmas break that you let us know so that we can keep your child's record up to date.

Notifying us of your child's absence: Please notify us by 9.15am if your child is going to be absent from school. You can notify us by either calling the school on 01438 359747 and selecting Option 1, or via email to admin@gilesinfants.herts.sch.uk.

Parking on school grounds: Thank you everyone for being aware of the fact that our car park is absolutely tiny. Access to the school car park is only given to permit holders and only permit holders may park in the school car park.

The Junior School has asked us to look into putting in an electric gate because they feel that the car park is no longer safe. Children's safety must come first but if everyone obeys the rules and does not enter the car park, then we will not need to go to the expense of a gate.

Severe Weather/Public Emergency: *If the school has to close due to severe weather/public emergency, we shall send you an email and/or text message to advise whether the school remains open. We shall also update the school website with important information on the main page www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk*

Nursery school places for September 2024: *If you are a prospective parent, we have a number of tours scheduled, please click on the following link:*

<https://www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk/prospective-parent-tours/>

Please kindly share this message with parents, friends and family where they have a child due to start Nursery in September 2024.

Reception School Place – September 2024: *An important email was sent to our current Nursery families regarding making an application for starting in Reception September 2023. **The deadline date is 15th January 2024.** If you need any assistance to making your application, please speak to the school office who will be happy to help. If you are a prospective parent, we have a number of tours scheduled, please following the following link: <https://www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk/prospective-parent-tours/>*

Year 3 Junior School Place – September 2024: *An important email was sent to our current Year 2 families regarding making an application for starting Year 3 at a new junior school for September 2024. The applications opened on 1st November 2023, and **the deadline date is 15th January 2024.** If you need any assistance to making your application, please speak to the school office who will be happy to help.*

Value of the month December, (Resilience)	<i>Barn Owls: Aadam, Eva and Jeremiah Tawny Owls: Hunter, Oscar and Mauro Snowy Owls: George, Cormac and Katherine Red Foxes: Millie and Jamal Big Cats: Jacob and Bella Saffiya Walker Bears: Zaina and Blue Pelicans: Thea and Neithan Puffins: Oliver and Chiara Penguins: Albert and Ela</i>
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Kindest regards,

Rouane Mendel
Head Teacher

