

Welcome to Year 1

Giles Nursery and Infants' School

September 2025

The Year 1 Classes



Walker Bear



Mrs Dalton



Mrs Edwards – PPA
cover on Wednesdays



Mrs Duarte



Miss Cooke

The Year 1 Classes



Big Cat



Mrs Brown



Mrs Barker



Mrs Hayhurst



Mrs Oakley

The Year 1 Classes



Red Fox



Mrs Collinson



Mrs Furr



Miss Watson



Start and End Times

- ▶ 8.45am doors open
- ▶ 9.00am register
- ▶ 9.05am phonics starts
- ▶ 3.15pm home time

Please let the office know of any changes to collection arrangements.

Please help us to do safe and efficient handovers by forming a line outside the classroom.

Uniform

► School uniform:

- Grey skirt, dress or trousers.
- White, red or bottle-green polo shirt.
- Red or bottle-green jumper.
- White or grey socks.
- Black shoes.
- Warm, waterproof jacket.

PE days: Tuesday and Wednesday

Please send your child to school wearing PE kit on these days.



► PE kit:

- Dark grey, black or navy-blue shorts or jogging bottoms.
- White, red or bottle-green polo shirt or t-shirt.
- Red or bottle-green jumper.
- Trainers.
- Please cover earrings with micropore tape.
- Long hair tied back.

Staying healthy

- ▶ Named water bottle to be brought to school each day please.
 - ▶ Please may bottles contain water only.
- ▶ Morning break:
 - ▶ Government-funded fruit or vegetable snack is available.
 - ▶ Please feel free to provide your own fruit or vegetable snack if you prefer.
 - ▶ Milk can be arranged via the school office for a fee.
- ▶ Lunch time:
 - ▶ Four free school meal options daily or children can bring their own packed lunch.
 - ▶ Please discuss dinner choices with your child before arrival at school so your child knows which meal to request.
- ▶ Regular hand washing and hand sanitising throughout the day.



Timetable

- ▶ Phonics, maths, English and topic are taught daily.
- ▶ At the beginning of the year, the teaching is structured to ensure lots of child-initiated learning and outdoor play can continue alongside teacher-led activities.



Phonics

- ▶ Daily 30-minute phonics lesson for the whole class.
- ▶ New sounds are introduced.
- ▶ Prior learning is revisited.
- ▶ Children may work in smaller groups to focus on any sounds that they need to consolidate.



Forest School

- ▶ Forest School in our own school woodland begins after half term.
- ▶ Activities we do include:
 - ▶ producing maps,
 - ▶ shelter building,
 - ▶ natural art,
 - ▶ tree recognition,
 - ▶ games to build skills and self-esteem.



- ▶ **What the children need:**
 - ▶ Old clothes that can get dirty. They should be long-sleeved and cover legs to protect against stings and bites, even in warm weather. Puddle suits are ideal.
 - ▶ Wellies or old trainers.
 - ▶ Scarf, gloves and a warm hat on colder days.
 - ▶ A sunhat on sunny days and sunscreen applied before school.
 - ▶ A water bottle.
- ▶ **Please note if your child is not suitably dressed, they will not be able to take part in the Forest School session.**

Parent consultations

Tuesday 23rd September

Wednesday 24th September

3.30-6.30pm.

In the school hall.

Booking forms will be available outside the classrooms shortly.

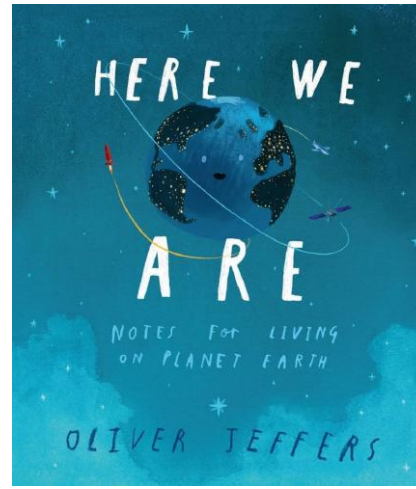


Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Reading

▶ In school opportunities:

- ▶ Individual reading with an adult.
- ▶ Guided reading – 90%-95% fluency.
- ▶ Book of the week – a story time.
- ▶ Poem of the week – learning a poem to recite.
- ▶ Curriculum reading to support learning across all subjects.



▶ Reading at home is very helpful:

- ▶ Your child's book should be one they can read with 95%-100% fluency.
- ▶ Just a few minutes each day.
- ▶ Celebrate your child's progress.
- ▶ Make it fun and cosy.

Supporting your child at home

- ▶ **Really helpful: reading with your child – every day, just a few minutes or a couple of pages of their reading book.**
- ▶ Homework – set fortnightly.
 - ▶ Books are given out on a Friday. Please select from the choice of activities.
 - ▶ Please return the book by the Wednesday 12 days later for marking.
- ▶ Online platforms for home-learning:
 - ▶ Bug Club, Purple Mash and NumBots.
 - Please find your child's log-in details inside their reading record.
- ▶ Reading bunny:
 - ▶ Nut Brown Hare loves to go home with the children for stories.
 - ▶ Please encourage your child to read to Nut Brown Hare and record it in Nut Brown Hare's reading record.



Additional information

- ▶ Statutory assessment in Year 1: phonics screening check in June 2026.
 - ▶ Further information will be given out nearer the time.
- ▶ Regretfully, term-time holiday requests cannot be authorised.
- ▶ Headlice – Please check regularly.
- ▶ Medication – Please see the office for a medical form for any medication.
- ▶ Clothing – Please label everything!



Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you at
parent consultations.

