



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/carers***

***We're drawing close to the end of the school year. The last day will be this Wednesday July 23rd when school will close at 1pm.***

***Children are continuing to enjoy One World Week and today classes from Reception through to Year 2 have experienced a fantastic Chinese Dragon Dance workshop. Please see the website for photos.***

***Parties tomorrow afternoon July 22nd : Children may wear party clothes/their own clothes to school. For Nursery, staff will provide party food. For other classes, because of allergies we ask that children bring in their own little pack of party food. Please note, the part food will be in addition to their packed lunch. Thank you.***

***Do please remember that it's back to school uniform for Wednesday, the last day of this school year.***

***Tomorrow and the following day will be the Year 2 leaving assemblies and I'm sure there won't be a dry eye in the house.***

***With great sorrow, I also need to announce that two very dear, long-standing members of staff are also leaving. Mrs Trott has worked here for two memorable years and has contributed hugely to the school. She has brought on two classes with immaculate skill. She sprinkles a little bit of fairy dust and magic on everything she touches – whether it's creating an incredible day with special treats for her class, producing fabulous props or crafting delectable and artistic baked goods. We will never forget her!***

***Mrs Simmons has been with us for five years and has taken on really significant leadership areas, including a truly inspired leadership of maths where she has led Maths Week, Money Week and other deeply educational***

*collapsed curriculum special weeks as well as leading, together with Mrs Dalton, the school through to a verdict of outstanding during a Hertfordshire County Council inspection involving a deep dive into mathematics.*

*As a further demonstration of her willingness to take on new projects, Mrs Simmons incredibly kindly agreed to take over leadership of the Nursery following the retirement of Mrs Benney. This was such a challenge for her as Early Years was new to her but she undertook it with the resourcefulness, diligence and total commitment that we have come to expect of our dear Mrs Simmons. No one could have been harder working nor more dedicated to our school and Mrs Simmons will be greatly missed.*

*Thank you to both of these extraordinary teachers. We thank them both for everything they have done for our school and wish them the very, very best for their futures.*

*Autumn Term starts Thursday September 4th: We look forward to seeing you all again on that day and hope you have the most wonderful summer holiday with lots of relaxation and happy time spent with your children.*

*Year 2 – Parent View: We would be so very grateful if you would have the time to go to the OFSTED Parent View website. This would be your last gift to our school. We will miss you all terribly. There is a link to this on the landing page of our website, or you can click on the following link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Parents of children in other year groups are also invited to complete this. Many thanks.*

*May I wish everyone the most wonderful summer break. I hope you all have a period of peace and happiness with your children, and we all look forward to seeing you again on Thursday September 4th.*

*With very best regards*

*Kindest regards,*

*Rouane Mendel  
Headteacher*



**TERM DATES 2025-26**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Autumn Term: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Children return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**[Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025]**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – OCCASIONAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

**School finishes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1.00pm**

**[Christmas Holidays: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026]**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Spring Term: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**[Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026]**

**School finishes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1.00pm**

**Summer Term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**

**[Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026]**

**Monday 1st June 2026 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**School finishes on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 at 1.00pm**

