



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

'There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.'
Nelson Mandela

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful final week to the half term, the highlight of which was, of course, the spectacular Year 2 Autumn Concerts. The children performed so beautifully and the breadth and depth of the learning that has taken place was incredible. We are so proud of our amazing children and grateful to our inspirational teachers and support staff.

I have also been looking at the writing the children produced during the fantastic Big Write last week. The results are stunning. I have looked at samples from every class and will enjoy reading all pupils' work over the break. You will be given your child's Big Write book when they leave our school and I know you will cherish them and be thrilled with the progress your child has made and by the richness and depth of the educational opportunities they have experienced.

Children have also enjoyed planting beautiful autumn flowers and spring bulbs. Thank you for any donations.

All classes have engaged in Diwali activities this week and we hope that all those who celebrate this beautiful festival had a wonderful time.

Thank you also for your generous harvest donations. They looked wonderful on our beautiful Harvest Table. Miss Busby will kindly distribute these to Feed Up, Warm Up over the half-term break.

All in all, it has been a tremendous half term.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MONDAY NOVEMBER 3rd IS AN INSET DAY.

I hope you all have a really refreshing holiday and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 4th November.

Parent Governor vacancy: We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor. If you would like more information or to have an informal chat about the position, please speak to Mrs Mendel.

Head lice: These are a perennial problem in schools. Please, can everyone make a special effort over half term to check and treat your child's head for lice or eggs. Best practice is to check children's hair every time it is washed. Please put conditioner on (some say tea tree conditioner is the most effective) and comb your child's wet and conditioned hair with a lice comb to remove eggs before rinsing. Vigilance and regular washing/combing is the key. Thank you everyone for doing your best with this problem. It would be terrific to come back after the break with a 'head lice-free' school!

Smoking near the school gates: I have received a number of letters from parents, including parents whose children suffer from asthma, asking me to send a very polite request for adults to be mindful of where they smoke cigarettes. It would be so kind if you could smoke well away from the school gates where children are passing nearby. Thank you for your consideration.

Rucksacks in school: Our coat areas are absolutely tiny and the hooks are about an inch apart. Unfortunately, there isn't room for the children to hang rucksacks. Please make sure that your child just brings their lunch box (if having packed lunch) and a book bag to school. Apologies for this but the school is so old that these areas weren't built to accommodate rucksacks.

ROAD SAFETY: Be Bright Be Seen: It's that time of the year again and 'Be Bright Be Seen' is an important message for the whole school community.

The Active and Safer Travel Team are continuing to promote this as a key part of the road safety and active travel programme, especially over the autumn and winter months.

As the days are getting shorter, now is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out and about, to make them more visible to traffic.

We will be delivering a Be Bright Be Seen assembly for children after half-term.

Parking: We kindly remind parents not to park on the double yellow lines outside the school as it can make it difficult for the children to see oncoming traffic (and vice versa).

Stay-and-Play / Stay-and-Read sessions start after half term: Nursery sessions will be held every Thursday from 13th November, from 8.30am-9.20am. Please come and join your child to share a book or other activity.

Reception Stay-and-Read sessions begin on Friday 7th November from 8.45-9.15am. Please come and join your child to share a book.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Open Evening Thursday 20th November 5.00pm to 6.30 pm: This is a lovely opportunity for you to come into school with your children and have a good look round not only your child's current class but also previous classes as well as the year-group your child will be in next year. This occasion is a really strong part of transition as the children love visiting their previous teachers and key workers – and having a little visit to next year's classes. You will also be able to have a chat with staff and to celebrate all the fantastic work on the walls, and the fabulous learning environment.

Parent/teacher consultations: Thank you to everyone who attended the Reception and Nursery parent/teacher consultations. We hope that you found them helpful.

Additional dates (added to list at bottom):

Thursday 6th November at 3.15pm – FROG Bake Sale

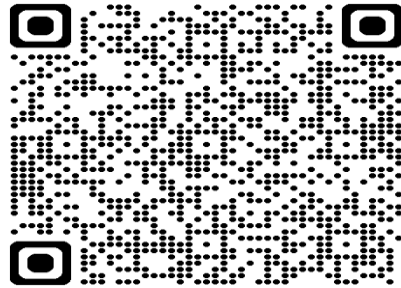
**Friday 14th November – non-uniform day in aid of the Hospice
Please give generously as this vital institution is really struggling**

Tuesday 2nd December, 3.15-4.15pm – FROG Christmas Event

FROG Annual General Meeting and Vacancies: This will take place at 9.00am on Tuesday 11th November in the main school staff room – please come to the front office. It's a tremendous group who contributes so much to our school community, to the happiness and enjoyment of our children and to the wider life of the school. All those who join in contribute what they're able to – some might only be able to help once a year to decorate the children's Christmas table but anything you can do is appreciated! Do come along, meet some new people and find out what it's all about.

We currently have a vacancy in our FROG (PTA) team for a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. If anyone is interested in applying for either of these fun and exciting roles, or for more information please contact the main office or email gilesfrog@gmail.com.

Prospective Parent Tours: Applications are being accepted for Nursery places to start January/September 2026. Applications with Hertfordshire County Council for Reception places to start September 2026 open on 3rd November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.



Tours of our Nursery and Reception classes available by appointment on: Thursday 6th November, Tuesday 11th November, Wednesday 26th November, Tuesday 9th December and Thursday 8th January – 3.45 to 4.30pm – please use the QR code to book your tickets or call us on 01438 359747.

Volunteer work in school: We appreciate our volunteers so greatly and it is a role that in turn can give those who volunteer in school a lot of happiness. Our children are so fantastic and the teaching staff so incredible – it's an opportunity to make new friends and to pick up new skills at the same time as supporting our children's learning. Please speak to me if you are interested in doing some volunteer work in our school. Some volunteers also go on to do apprenticeships with us, so if you are interested in this, do please speak to me.

Nursery: The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Diwali this week. They learnt Diwali is a festival of lights and to celebrate, people wear their finest clothes, spend time with friends and family, decorate their houses and share special foods and gifts. Gabriella shared, "At Diwali time they eat sweets and give presents to each other." The children made a diva lamp from modelling dough and painted it in a bright colour. The children also made wonderful Rangoli patterns from coloured rice and paint and decorated beautiful lanterns. Mattias said, "The Rangoli patterns are beautiful colours."



When we return to Ladybird class after our half term break, we will have our first Stay-and-Play on Thursday 6th November from 8.30-9.20am. Please come and join your child to share a book or other activity. If mums and dads are working, grandparents, aunties or uncles are welcome too! We cannot wait to show you the lovely learning we do and the fun we have in Ladybird Class.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for parent consultations. It was a pleasure to speak with you and share how well your children have settled into Ladybird class.

Our next rhyme after the half term break will be 'Five Little Rockets' to support the children's learning about Bonfire Night. Ladybird class will also continue to learn about autumn.

Please can we remind all parents when we return after the half term break, the Ladybird adults will be encouraging children to leave their toys and cuddly toys with their grown-ups instead of bringing these into Nursery.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Reception: On Monday this week, the children in Reception celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. They listened to and watched different versions of the story of Rama and Sita and enjoyed participating in many activities linked to this festival. The children had a go at bhangra dancing and Jiyan in Barn Owl class spoke about how his family celebrated Diwali, saying, "My family ate strawberries, and we bought fireworks."



The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in many activities during Reception's 'Healthy Living' week. They talked about what it means to be healthy through eating healthy food, drinking water or milk and taking part in exercise. The children also talked about keeping themselves clean by washing themselves, getting plenty of sleep in their own bed and brushing their teeth.

The children listened to the story 'The Carrot Club' and enjoyed tasting a selection of fruit and vegetables. For some children, they discovered they did like the taste of spinach, celery, blueberries, and grapefruit when they thought they did not.

This week the children have recited the poem 'Juiciest Apple' by Komal Punjabi.

***I'm just a juicy apple, lying on a tree.
If you're really hungry, come and pick me.
If I am bitten, watch the juice squirt out.
Into their lunch boxes, into their mouth.
I'm just a rosy apple, red and juicy too.
So, come and pick me, I am so good for you.***

The children participated in a very energetic PE session and discussed what was happening to their body after an activity. When doing some exercise in the classroom and learning about keeping healthy, Jaxon in Snowy Owl class said, "I like this exercise. It is good for you."



The children looked at the importance of maintaining a good level of hygiene and enjoyed the story 'Supersoap', singing a song to accompany the story. The children loved having ultraviolet gel painted on their hands to show any germs. They sang a rhyme of their choice whilst washing their hands to ensure all the germs had disappeared.

The children discussed the importance of cleaning their teeth. When talking about what people might say if you did not clean your teeth, Bear in Barn Owl said, "People might say you have stinky breath!" The children loved using toothbrushes and toothpaste to brush a laminated picture of teeth.



The children focused too on the importance of getting lots of sleep to rest and repair their bodies. The children loved playing with the dolls and preparing them for bed. They pretended to bath the dolls, clean their teeth, and wrapped them up in a blanket. The children either sang a lullaby to their doll or read them a bedtime story and finished off by giving them a goodnight kiss.

In mathematics, the children enjoyed using musical instruments to add one more to a number; for example, if they heard three beats on a drum, the children clapped four times. In addition, the children chose a musical instrument to add one more to a number of objects.

This month the Musician of the Month has been Louis Armstrong. The children have learnt a range of facts such as Louis Armstrong played the trumpet and was the leader of a band. He had several nicknames such as 'Pops', 'Satchmo' and 'Ambassador Satch'. The children have listened to Louis Armstrong singing his most famous song 'What a Wonderful World' and other hit songs such as 'We Have All the Time in the World', 'Hello Dolly' and 'Bare Necessities'.

After the half term holiday, the children will be focusing on triangles and circles in mathematics, looking at artwork created by Wassily Kandinsky in art and using icing sugar to create a cement-like mixture to join biscuits together to build a simple house in understanding the world.

Year 1: Our conclusion to the first half term in Year 1 has been full of activity and exploration. The children have learnt about the lives and achievements of Lorraine Pascale, Nicola Adams, Marcus Rashford, Barack Obama and Rosa Parks as part of Black History Month. The children were fascinated to hear about Nicola Adams' achievement of two Olympic gold medals for boxing and Marcus Rashford's footballing career and his campaigning work. They appreciated that by making television cookery programmes and writing a cookbook, Lorraine Pascale has inspired others to be good cooks. Through hearing about Rosa Parks' protest about segregation in America in the 1950s, the children discussed equality and justice. They were amazed to hear about Barack Obama being the first black president of the USA. In English, they chose one of these significant individuals to focus on and worked in teams to do a short presentation about them using their speaking and listening skills.

The children had a wonderful time designing, making and eating their own fruit kebab in design and technology. Vincent in Red Fox class said, "I chose lots of grapes

because they have lots of juice.” Annabelle in Red Fox class said she, “loves strawberries. They are sweet and juicy.”



In RE, the children loved hearing about the Hindu festival of Diwali, which was celebrated this week. They coloured Rangoli patterns and listened to the story of Rama and Sita. The children also learnt about the Jewish source of wisdom known as the Torah. They enjoyed making their own scroll of the story of Abraham and Sarah.

The children continued to explore number bonds in mathematics. They investigated number bonds for numbers within ten and for ten. They learnt to be systematic when looking for all the possible number bonds by using two-sided counters, turning them individually and then writing the addition each time. This helped the children to see that when we add two numbers together, it doesn't matter which order we put them in.



Well done Year 1 on a fantastic first half term! You have really made your brains grow! We hope you all have a wonderful rest over the half term holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in school again on Tuesday 4th November. Forest School will start the week of 10th November.

Year 2: It has been a fabulous week in Year 2, with all classes putting on a fantastic autumn concert. The concerts provided a glimpse of all the amazing work the children have completed since the start of the year – and what a lot of work that is! We are all very proud of the children and their achievements. Thank you for coming along to the concerts and for your support this half term.

In English this week, the children explored poetry and wrote their own poems about rain. They learnt about onomatopoeia (when a word sounds like its meaning) and thought of onomatopoeic words associated with rain; for example, ‘splish splash’ and ‘pitter patter’. They explored verbs that can be related to rain; for example, ‘trickling’, ‘pounding’ and ‘trickling’. They thought of items associated with rain and adjectives to describe them; for example, ‘spotty, colourful wellies’ and ‘wide, muddy puddle’. The children brought these elements together to write a poem titled ‘What is Rain?’, in the style of Cristina Rossetti’s poem ‘What is Pink?’

In mathematics, the children continued to learn about addition and subtraction, focusing on the bonds to 100. They learnt how they can use their knowledge of the bonds to ten to work out the bonds to 100.

In science, the children looked at the results of the investigation they set up last week, which was to find out the effect of different liquids on teeth. Some of the results were a surprise, with orange juice and blackcurrant squash causing a lot of damage. The children concluded that drinking water and milk is the best thing to keep teeth healthy.



The week continued with the children using the safe cutting skills they learnt last week to make a delicious, healthy salad.

As part of Black History Month, the children learnt about the life of Alma Thomas, an American artist who was born over 100 years ago. They learnt about racial segregation and the challenges this posed during Alma's early life. They learnt how she became a teacher and eventually became a full-time artist at the age of 68. The children created their own version of Alma's famous piece of art, 'Springtime in Washington'. Ishanvi in Puffin class created this beautiful piece.



When the children return after half term, they will learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. They will learn about the features of non-fiction books, including the contents, index and glossary. In art and design, the children will learn shading techniques to sketch a portrait of Guy Fawkes, and quilling techniques to create a firework silhouette picture.

In mathematics, the children will continue to work on addition and subtraction. They will start new units in PE, focusing on dance and fundamental skills. In RE, the children will learn how nature is important across religions and will be encouraged to make links between religions. In PSHCE, the children will start a new unit called 'celebrating difference'. Our first lesson will explore how people make assumptions about girls and boys and some ways in which they are different. In computing, the children will start a new unit of work learning how to create music digitally.

We have not set homework for the half term break. The children have worked incredibly hard and deserve a good rest! If you would like to continue with some work over the holiday, please read with your child, either their school reading book or library books. If you would like to work on developing your child's mathematics skills, please log on to Numbots.

Please may we remind you that the Year 2 trip to Mountfitchet Castle is taking place on Wednesday 5th November. Please log on to Arbor to give consent for your child to attend and make payment if you haven't done so already.

Thank you all for your wonderful support in this first half term. We hope you have a fantastic break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th November.

The Year 2 team

Kindest regards,

*Rouane Mendel
Headteacher*

CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHIES
TROPHY-BEARING CLASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

<i>Reception</i>	<i>Key stage one</i>
<i>Tawny Owls</i> <i>98.7%</i>	<i>Penguins</i> <i>98.4%</i>
<i>FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE – WELL DONE!</i>	
	

STARS OF THE WEEK

<i>Ladybirds Class</i>	<p><i>Isla for always being enthusiastic when learning our Ladybird topics.</i></p> <p><i>Novelle for being a kind friend in Ladybird class.</i></p> <p><i>Alyza for fantastic learning and creativity throughout our Diwali activities.</i></p> <p><i>Betsy G for making a super Diwali lantern.</i></p> <p><i>Maria for exploring lots of sensory activities in Ladybird class.</i></p>
<i>Snowy Owl Class</i>	<p><i>Arlo for fantastic knowledge of how to keep your teeth clean and healthy.</i></p> <p><i>Freya for very good knowledge about ways to keep healthy.</i></p>
<i>Tawny Owl Class</i>	<p><i>Savannah-Rose for fantastic independent writing in phonics.</i></p> <p><i>Lyra for demonstrating brilliant knowledge of ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy.</i></p>
<i>Barn Owl Class</i>	<p><i>Ziyaan for being kind and considerate to his friends in class.</i></p> <p><i>Bertie for being very knowledgeable about how to keep healthy in different ways.</i></p>
<i>Value of the month: Tolerance</i>	<p><i>Snowy Owl Class: Carla and Aaryan</i></p> <p><i>Tawny Owl Class: Lola, Aliyah and Kolby</i></p> <p><i>Barn Owl Class: Aiden, Archie and Evie</i></p>
<i>Big Cat Class</i>	<p><i>Archie for making a fantastic fruit kebab.</i></p> <p><i>Kennedy for always making green choices and being a role model for others.</i></p>
<i>Red Fox Class</i>	<p><i>Alfie for super mathematics.</i></p> <p><i>Aariya for always trying her best in phonics and reading.</i></p> <p><i>George G for a wonderful crocodile picture in science.</i></p>

Walker Bear Class	<p><i>Oliver for growing in confidence and challenging himself with his learning.</i></p> <p><i>Tillie for always concentrating really hard and being determined to succeed.</i></p>
Value of the month: Tolerance	<p><i>Big Cat Class: Mya and Alfie H</i></p> <p><i>Red Fox Class: Harry and Gracie</i></p> <p><i>Walker Bear Class: Mia, Darcey, Archer</i></p>
Pelican Class	<p><i>Ahmed for super enthusiasm to learn all week.</i></p> <p><i>Noah for generating super adjectives to describe nouns related to the rain.</i></p>
Penguin Class	<p><i>Ibrahim for using finger spaces in his beautiful rain poem.</i></p> <p><i>Luka for fantastic use of his sounds when writing adjectives.</i></p>
Puffin Class	<p><i>Ishanvi for creating a beautiful piece of artwork inspired by Alma Thomas.</i></p> <p><i>Harrie for demonstrating safe cutting skills when making his salad.</i></p>
Value of the month: Tolerance	<p><i>Pelican Class: Stefan and Sophie</i></p> <p><i>Penguin Class: Ivy and John</i></p> <p><i>Puffin Class: Oscar W and Ella-Rae</i></p>

AUTUMN TERM

Event	New Date	Time
HALF TERM	27/10/25 to 31/10/25	
INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 03/11/25	
Guru Nanak birthday (Sikh) assembly in class- children only	Wednesday 05/11/25	
Year 2 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle	Wednesday 05/11/25	
Safari Stu visit – Year 1	Thursday 06/11/25	
Reception and Nursery Tour	Thursday 06/11/25	3.45pm-4.30pm
FROG Bake Sale	Thursday 06/11/25	3.15pm
Stay and Read begins – Reception	Friday 07/11/25	8.45am
INCo Coffee Morning	Tuesday 11/11/25	8.50am-9.30am
Remembrance Assembly -	Tuesday 11/11/25	
Aladdin Pantomime – Year 1 and 2	Tuesday 11/11/25	2.00pm (1.00pm arrival)
Reception and Nursery Tour	Tuesday 11/11/25	3.45pm-4.30pm
Stay and Play begins – Nursery	Thursday 13/11/25	8.30am-9.20am
Non-Uniform Day in aid of the Hospice - please give generously as this vital institution is really struggling	Friday 14/11/25	
Bridge Builders Advent Assembly – In school children only	Tuesday 18/11/25	
Individual Photographs – Kittle	Thursday 20/11/25	8.00am
Open Evening	Thursday 20/11/25	5.00pm-6.30pm
Flu Vaccinations	Monday 24/11/25	8.30am-1.00pm
Christmas Festival Journey Year 2 – Puffins	Tuesday 25/11/25	9.30-11.00
Christmas Festival Journey Year 2 – Pelicans	Wednesday 26/11/25	1.00-2.30
Reception and Nursery Tour	Wednesday 26/11/25	3.45pm-4.30pm
Christmas Festival Journey Year 2 – Penguins	Thursday 27/11/25	9.30-11.00
Year 1 History of Toys Workshop	Thursday 27/11/25	
OCCASIONAL DAY	Friday 28/11/25	
Advent (Christian) assembly in class- children only.	Monday 01/12/25	
Reception Christmas Concert – Barn Owls	Tuesday 02/12/25	9.15am
FROG Christmas Fete	Tuesday 02/12/25	3.15-4.15pm
Reception Christmas Concert – Snowy Owls	Thursday 04/12/25	9.15am
Reception Christmas Concert – Tawny Owls	Friday 05/12/25	9.15am
Year 1 Nativity in Church	Tuesday 09/12/25	
Reception and Nursery Tour	Tuesday 09/12/25	3.45pm-4.30pm
Rocksteady Concert	Wednesday 10/12/25	9.30am
Christmas Concert – Year 2	Thursday 11/12/25	9.30am
Christmas Concert – Year 2	Thursday 11/12/25	6.00pm
Nursery Christmas Concert	Thursday 11/12/25	11.00am

Nursery Christmas Concert	Thursday 11/12/25	2.30pm
Hanukkah (Jewish) assembly in class	Sunday 14/12/25 – Monday 22/12/25	
Orca Christmas Celebration	Tuesday 16/12/25	1.00pm
Christmas dinner	Wednesday 17/12/25	
Afternoon Christmas parties	Thursday 18/12/25	
Nursery closed in the morning	Thursday 18/12/25	NURSERY CLOSED AM
Nursery Christmas party	Thursday 18/12/25	12.00pm-3.10pm
END OF TERM	Friday 19/12/25	School closes 1.00pm

**Giles Nursery and
 Infant School &
 FROG**

Bake Sale

We welcome any donations of sweet treats,
 shop bought or home made. Please keep
 nut free. Kindly drop them in the office on
 the day of the sale

THU 6TH NOVEMBER

3:15 Main Hall

Please bring change

COME AND ENJOY OUR FREE HALLOWEEN EVENT

**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER
IN EVENT ISLAND,
STEVENAGE TOWN CENTRE
12 NOON - 7PM.**

- Scary face painting
- Dance machine
- Toxic waste obstacle course
- Feed the giant ghost
- Giant operation
- Scary circus skills workshops
- Craft fair stalls holders
- Music
- Plus lots more!

FEED THE GHOST
ALL THE FEAR OF THE FEAR

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HALLOWEEN EVENT

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER, EVENT ISLAND

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Teaching Talons are bringing creepy crawlies and night-time creatures – from giant stick insects and a tarantula to an owl and even some cheeky rats! Are they really as scary as they look? Come along, face your fears and see for yourself! 12noon - 4pm

Children's Disco - 4 until 5:30pm come dressed to impress to enter our "Best Scary Dressed" competition. Adults welcome too! Three great prizes to be won: A **TESCO HALLOWEEN HAMPER** – Filled with goodies, a **FAMILY VOUCHER for 360 Play** and a **MECCA BINGO VOUCHER** – entry must be over 18.

Identity Dance school Wednesday Adams themed dance performances - 2pm and 3pm

Stick and Stones - Tarot readings, card readings, selling incense, crystals & Halloween themed gifts. (Charges apply).

For anymore information please contact
 07522 233 438 or email tcm@stevenage.gov.uk

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TEACHING TALONS
IDENTITY WEDNESDAY

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STEVENAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025, 12pm - 5:30pm

Supporting Act (4:30pm):
CHANNY
 (support slots for artists such as Jess Glynne, Sigala & Olly Murs)

PERFORMING LIVE (4:55pm):
**MEMBERS OF SO SOLID CREW:
 LISA MAFFIA,
 ROMEO &
 HARVEY**

MEET THE GRINCH
 2pm - 2:30pm
 3:15pm - 3:45pm
 4:30pm - 5pm

MEET: SANTA + receive a free gift

Guest Appearance: Logan and his mum Gemma, who inspired the #1 bestselling inclusive book series 'The Abilities in Me'

•Lights •Live Music •Stalls •Mobile Bar •Free face Painting •Fair Rides
 •Free Balloon Modelling •Christmas Market •And More



Dear
Santa Claus,...



Write a letter to Santa in the space above, then fill in your details below and hand in at Stevenage Borough Council reception or email tcm@stevenage.gov.uk, by 12 November for your chance to win £50 Westgate Centre Voucher, and be on stage to switch on the Christmas Lights with Lisa Mafia, Harvey & Romeo!

Name: Age:

Email: Phone Number:

Parent name and signature:

Your details will be used to contact the winner.

Tick this box if you would like to receive quarterly updates about events and activities happening in Stevenage town centre. You have the right to opt out at any time



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct
England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

BURGER KING

From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

FLAMING GRILL

1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &
Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland)
& Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales),

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

TERM DATES 2025-26

Autumn Term: Thursday 4th September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

[Half term: Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025]

Monday 3rd November 2025 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Children return to school on Tuesday 4th November 2025

Friday 28th November 2025 – OCCASIONAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

School finishes on Friday 19th December 2025 at 1.00pm

[Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026]

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term: Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026

[Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026]

School finishes on Friday 27th March 2026 at 1.00pm

Summer Term: Monday 13th April 2026 – Thursday 23rd July 2026

Monday 4th May 2026 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 25th May 2026 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

[Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026]

Monday 1st June 2026 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED

School finishes on Thursday 23rd July 2026 at 1.00pm

2025 / 26 School Calendar

September '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

October '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November '25						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December '25						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January '26						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February '26						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

March '26						
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




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May '26						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June '26						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July '26						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August '26						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

-  = Term Time
-  = 24/25 Pupil Holidays
-  = Bank and Public Holidays
-  = 2025/26 Pupil Holidays
-  = Inset Day - school closed to pupils
-  = Occasional Day - (school closed to pupils)

