

Welcome to Year 1

Giles Nursery and Infants' School

The Year 1 Classes



Walker Bear



Mrs Dalton



Mrs Barker



Mrs Owen – PPA cover



Mrs Mitchell

The Year 1 Classes



Big Cat



Mrs Brown



Mrs Phillips



Mrs Oakley

The Year 1 Classes



Red Fox



Mrs Collinson



Mrs Furr



Mrs Pelia



Start and End Times

- ▶ 8.45am doors open
- ▶ 8.55am doors close for register
- ▶ 9.00am 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.

Please move swiftly off the playgrounds after collecting your child. After School Club uses them, particularly the Year 2 playground.

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 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.
- Long hair tied back.

PE days: Tuesday and Wednesday

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

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 alongside teacher-led activities.



Phonics

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



Forest School

- ▶ Forest School in our school woodland begins after half term.
- ▶ Activities include:
 - ▶ producing maps,
 - ▶ shelter building,
 - ▶ natural art,
 - ▶ tree recognition,
 - ▶ games to build skills and self-esteem.
- ▶ **Please note if your child is not suitably dressed, they will not be able to take part in the Forest School session.**

▶ 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.

Parent consultations

Tuesday 29 September

Wednesday 30 September

3.30pm – 6.30pm in the hall.

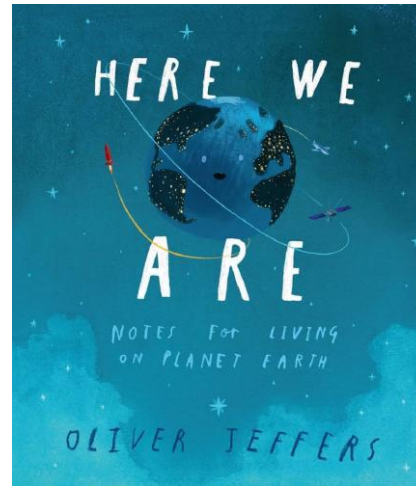


Don't forget
parents'
evening!

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.



Attendance



Regular school attendance helps children to:

- Achieve stronger academic outcomes.
- Build friendships and develop social skills.
- Strengthen emotional wellbeing and resilience.
- Establish positive habits for future education and employment.
- Engage fully in school life and activities.

Children attending school over 95% are almost twice as likely to meet the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2.

Please visit the [Attendance](#) section on the school website for more information.



Absence

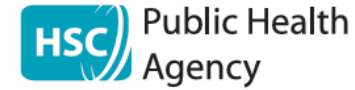
If your child is anxious about school, we are here to help. Please speak to your child's class teacher for help and advice.

- We understand that children get poorly, especially in the wintertime.
- Please refer to the Public Health Agency guidance for advice on when to keep your child at home.
- Minor ailments can usually be treated with children's paracetamol. Unless your child has a fever, we recommend bringing them to school, as they often brighten up during the day.
- School staff are happy to administer medicine if needed and will always contact you if we believe your child is too unwell to be in school.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please call or email the school office before 8.45am on each day they will be absent.

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Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

Term-time holiday

All schools must follow the Department for Education's statutory guidance relating to school attendance. The guidance makes it clear that parents are not allowed to take their children out of school for holidays during term time.

Holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks that school is closed. During term, children must be at school.

If you wish to request leave of absence during term time, a request form must be completed three weeks prior to the absence.

Please note that, by law, Headteachers are not permitted to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

PLANNING

for the

NEW TERM

A little
planning today
for a brighter
term
tomorrow!



Small steps now can help the whole family
start the term with confidence and calm.



1 ROUTINES



Rebuild regular routines for
sleep, mornings and evenings.

- Adjust bedtimes gradually.
- Plan calm, screen-free evenings.
- Practice morning routines before the term starts.

2 ALLOW FOR PLENTY OF TIME



The first day sets the tone.

- Check the time you need to leave and add extra time for the unexpected.
- Get everything ready the night before.

3 TALK ABOUT THREE GOOD THINGS



Each week, talk about
three good things that
are coming up.

- It builds positivity and motivation.
- It helps focus on what to look forward to.
- It's a great way to connect as a family.



REMEMBER

Every family is different.
Do what works for you and reach out if you need support.



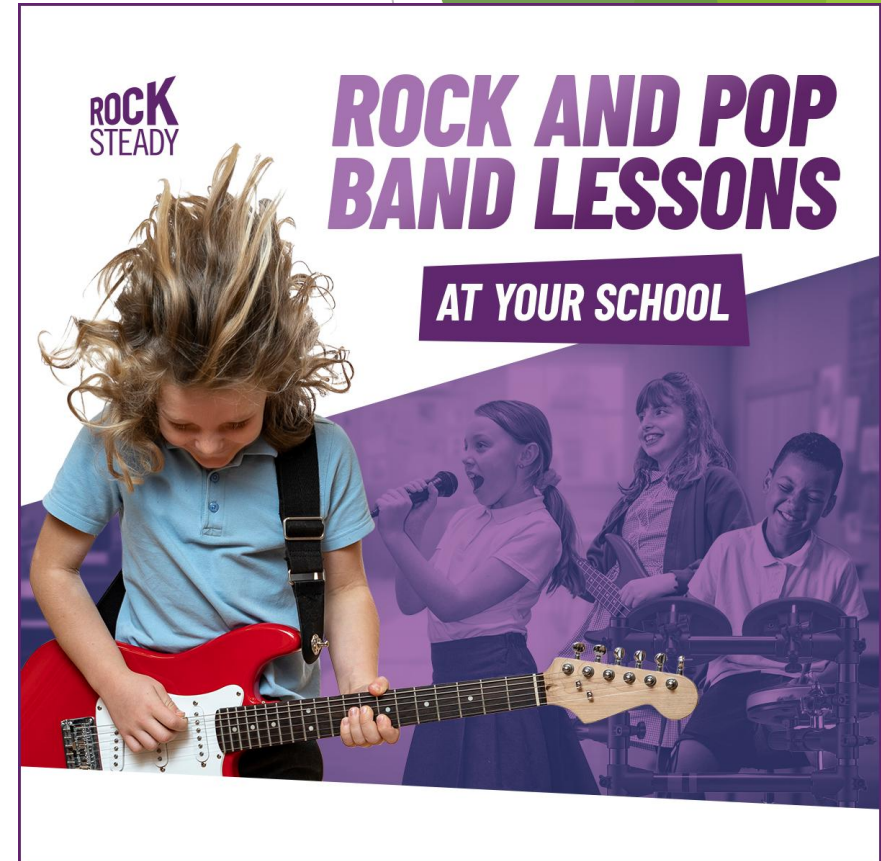
Additional information

- ▶ 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!



Rocksteady Band Lessons

- ▶ Rocksteady Band Lessons take place on Wednesday mornings for Year 1 and Year 2.
- ▶ In-school rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady! It's fantastic to see the children having so much fun rocking out in their bands and learning new musical skills.
- ▶ If your child wants to take part, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com to check available spaces.
- ▶ Find out more: 0330 113 0330 (Mon–Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, calls charged at local rate)
info@rocksteadymusicschool.com
rocksteadymusicschool.com



Thank you.

**We look forward to seeing you at
parent consultations.**

