



St Giles' C of E Primary School Newsletter 19.09.25



"They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:8

Message from Mr Pipe

This week, we were visited by Lizzie Jeans, who is the Education Officer at the Diocese of St. Alban's. It was lovely to welcome her to our school and to show her what St. Giles' is all about. Lizzie was very impressed with the children's work in the classroom and especially the behaviour around school, in classrooms and on the playground.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Coffee Mornings next week- please see previous emails or the dates for your diary section at the bottom of this newsletter, for dates and times for your child(ren)'s classes.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mark Pipe

Rewarding Attendance

REWARDING ATTENDANCE

Your child will have a chance to enter the 100% weekly attendance draw. If your child has attended school all week, they will enter a draw and have the opportunity to win a small prize weekly; furthermore, their name will be entered into an end-of-term draw to win a £25.00 Amazon voucher, which will pay for any board game, sports equipment, or book they desire.

Winners of the week!!!!

- **Bella**
- **Daniel**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

"THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

 HM Government
Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.



"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

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Celebration Certificate winners



Theme: Organisation

Linked to school values: Perseverance

Reception: Harry for organising and tidying the classroom.

Year 1: Lottie for keeping her work neat and organised.

Year 2: Daniel for showing great organisation in his work.

Year 3: Lily for organising her ideas to make her writing make sense.

Year 4: Maya for being organised and being ready to learn.

Year 5: Frankie for working hard to organise his ideas in writing.

Year 6: Bobby for helping to keep the school organised including worship and the chromebooks

Coach Alex's PE Superstar of the Week: Archie.H for great organisation skills in PE.

School Houses

JOINT 1st PLACE - Phoenix & Dragon

2nd Griffin

3rd Pegasus



1 - Phoenix House



2 - Dragon House



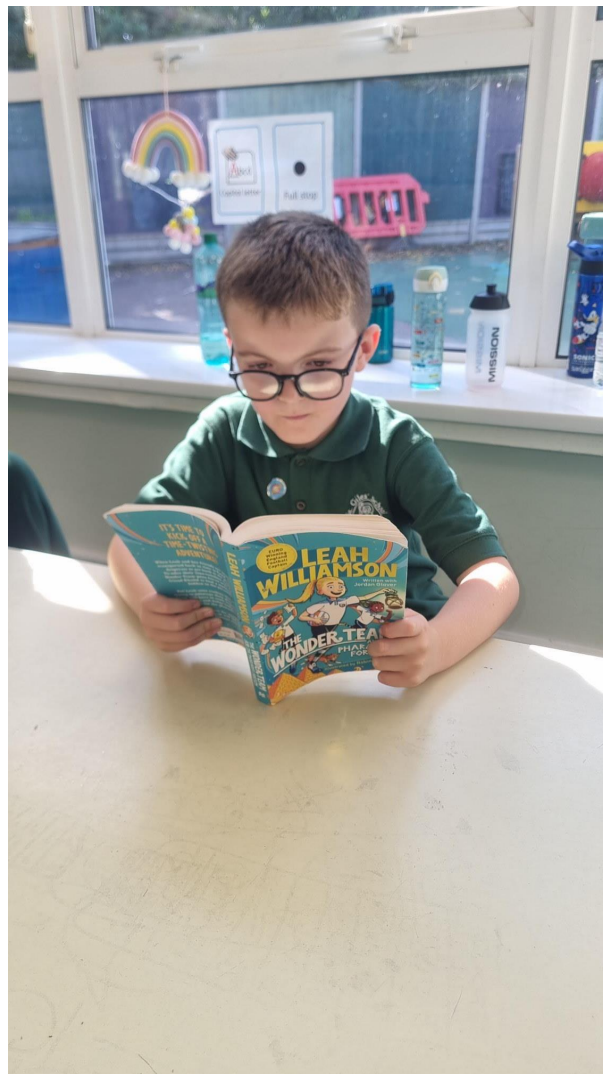
3 - Griffin House

PEGASUS



4 - Pegasus House

This week in photos







Parent Teacher Association (PTA) volunteers needed!



WE NEED YOU!

ST GILES' C OF E PTA

St Giles' Is looking for some enthusiastic and dedicated Individuals to boost our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)! If you're someone who:

- Loves teamwork
- Enjoys organizing events
- Has a passion for supporting the school community

This could be a fantastic opportunity. Raising additional funds can make a huge difference in providing resources and opportunities for students.

Please email if you believe this is you:
email.stgilespta@gmail.com

After-School Clubs Autumn Term

Clubs will start w/c Thursday 4th September and finish on Friday 19th December 2025

There will be no after-school clubs on **19th December 2025** due to an early finish of 1.30pm.

All clubs must be paid and registered in advance.

School Clubs – Autumn Term 2025

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET so you have a copy of all the club information

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 There will be no after school clubs on 19th due to an early finish of 1.30pm.

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	Club	Available To	Times	Led By	Cost
Monday	Drama Lunch Club	All	12.30 - 1.15	Starry-Eyed drama	£3.50 per session (£3 for siblings) Please pay Mrs Wanless
Monday	After School Club	All	3.20 - 4.15	Jodie Franklin/ Chaitali Arunbhai	£2 per session to be paid and registered in advance on Arbor
Monday	Sports Skills	All	3.20 - 4.15	Cliff Wing	£2 per session to be paid and registered in advance on Arbor
Tuesday	Flag Football Per half-term	All	3.20 - 4.15	Project Player Sports	PLEASE PAY DIRECT TO PPS
Tuesday	After School Club	All	3.20 - 4.15	Chaitali Arunbhai	£2 per session to be paid and registered in advance on Arbor
Tuesday	Netball Practice	KS2	3.20 - 4.15	Jodie Franklin	FREE
Wednesday	Dodgeball	All	3.20 - 4.30	Coach Alex	£45 Per Term Pay on Arbor
Thursday	Chess Lunch Club	All	12.15 - 1pm	Chess-in schools	£2.00 per Session or £30 Autumn-term
Thursday	Multi-Sport Per half-term	All	3.20 - 4.15	Project Player Sports	PLEASE PAY DIRECT TO PPS
Thursday	Book Club	All	3.20 - 4.15	Chaitali Arunbhai / Jodie Franklin	£2 Per session to be paid and registered in advance on Arbor
Friday	Football training A&B Boys Team Girls Team	KS2	3.20 - 4.15pm	Jodie and Coach Alex	FREE
Friday	After School Club	All	3.20 - 4.15pm	Chaitali Arunbhai	£2 per session to be paid and registered in advance on Arbor



5 - EVERY THURSDAY LUNCH – SIGN UP ON ARBOR NOW !!!!!

Project Player Sports After School Clubs

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

TUESDAY
FLAG FOOTBALL

(MINIMUM OF 10 CHILDREN REQUIRED OR AN ALTERNATIVE SPORT WILL BE OFFERED)

9TH SEPTEMBER - 21ST OCTOBER

7 FLAG FOOTBALL SESSIONS £42

3:20PM - 4:15PM

THURSDAY
MULTI SPORT

4TH SEPTEMBER - 23RD OCTOBER

8 MULTI SPORT SESSIONS £48

BOOKING DISCOUNT
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
£90

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION - YEAR 6



PLEASE CONTACT ALEX - 07703 438 659 PROJECTPLAYERSPORTS@GMAIL.COM

School Lunch Menu

MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 22 APRIL, 12 MAY, 9 JUNE, 30 JUNE, 21 JULY, 3 SEPT, 22 SEPT, 13 OCT					
MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Sage & Green Stuffing & Gravy	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2	Alloy Breaded Chicken with Tomato Sauce	Beany Sausage Pasta	Cherry Spring Vegetable & Potato Bake	Sweet & Sour Quorn	Cheese & Tomato Pasta
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Fresh Brown	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wintergreen Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION			Bread Roll with Various Fillings		
EXTRA OPTION	Tropical Dumplings with Red Cress 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings	Chocolate Pastry Wheel	Lemon Shortbread
DESSERT					
WEEK 2 28 APRIL, 19 MAY, 16 JUNE, 7 JULY, 8 SEPT, 29 SEPT, 20 OCT					
MAIN MEAL 1	Bean & Cheese Slice	Chicken Pie with Gravy	Roast Beef with Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fries
MAIN MEAL 2	Macaroni Cheese	Milk Mince, Bean, Chilli	Veggie Sausages with Gravy	Roasted Chicken Veg Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pasta
SIDE DISH	Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wintergreen Pasta	Roasted Potatoes or Diced Potatoes	Cheese or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION			Bread Roll with Various Fillings		
EXTRA OPTION	Apple Charlotte Crutch 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Chocolate Muffin
DESSERT				Jammy Cookies	
WEEK 3 5 MAY, 2 JUNE, 23 JUNE, 14 JULY, 15 SEPT, 6 OCT					
MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork with Sage & Green Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Battered Bean & Vegetable Grill	Milk Mince, Potato, Chicken Curry	Cherry Quorn & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Roasted Veg Lasagne	Cheese & Tomato Pasta
SIDE DISH	Sauerkraut or Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wintergreen Pasta	Potato Wedges or Herby Garlic Bread	Cheese or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION			Bread Roll with Various Fillings		
EXTRA OPTION	Apple Charlotte Crutch 50% Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges	Jacket Potato with Various Toppings	Fresh Fruit Jelly 50% Fruit	Ice Cream with Chocolate Cookies *Water*
DESSERT	Strawberry Mousse				Pineapple Pastry Spheres 50% Fruit

National College
& resources for parents & carers

Free training



We're delighted to let you know that St. Giles' has become a member of The National College—a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents. What does this mean for you? As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers—particularly around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Signing up for the platform is simple. Just follow nationalcollege.com and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources absolutely free of charge to you.

Download the app for free. Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below: • App Store • Google Play

We hope you'll sign up and make the most of the free resources National College has to offer.



Dates for your diary...

Class 3 (Years 3 and 4) and Class 4 (Years 5 and 6) Coffee Morning/Afternoon

Monday, 22nd September, at 9a.m. and 3p.m.

Class 1/2 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Coffee Morning/Afternoon

Wednesday, 24th September, at 9a.m. and 3p.m.

Harvest Festival – All donations should be handed in to the school office by Thursday, 25th September.

Harvest Festival Church Service Sunday, 28th September – 11a.m.

Open Morning: Come and join us for breakfast from 8:30a.m. and accompany your child for the first part of their day.

Friday, 10th October, 8:30a.m.-8:50a.m., breakfast is served.

8:50a.m.-10:00a.m. – phonics/reading and maths or English.

October Half-term: 27th - 31st October 2025

School Open Events for Secondary/Upper Transfer 2026

Moving On **2026**

School open events and key dates for secondary / upper transfer

Information for parents/carers with children in year 5 at primary/junior schools and year 7 at middle schools.

Further information about moving to secondary or upper school in September 2026 will be available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions from 1st September 2025.

Important Dates

The timetable below gives you an idea of what will happen over the next few months.

First week of September 2025	Admissions information is available online for parents to read or download
Monday 1 September 2025	Online application system opens and the "Moving On" leaflet is distributed via children's current school
July, September and October 2025	Schools hold their open events
Friday 31 October 2025	Closing date for applications (online and paper)

Open Events at secondary and upper schools

The following pages give details of open events at secondary and upper schools. Schools are listed in alphabetical order.

This is the information available at the current time. Please check the school's own website and www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooldirectory for any updates.

Aptitude / academic testing

Some details have been provided under individual school entries, but please see the school's own website for full details of their aptitude and academic testing arrangements.

June 2025



Secondary / Upper schools

Adeyfield - Hemel Hempstead

Thursday 25th September 2025, 4.00pm-7.00pm.

Ashtyns - Berkhamsted

Our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 02 October 2025 between 17:30 and 20:30. The Headteacher's address in the Chapel is scheduled for the following times: 17:45, 18:30 and 19:15. All sessions will be ticketed; please check our website www.ashtyns.herts.sch.uk nearer the time for ticket details. Please also check our website for information regarding Open Mornings which will take place the following week.

Astley Cooper (The) - Hemel Hempstead

We look forward to welcoming prospective families to our Open Evening on Thursday 9 October from 5.00pm – 8.00pm. We will be offering guided tours throughout the evening. Our Headteacher's speech will be available on our website.

Avanti Grange Secondary School - Bishop's Stortford

Open Evening Wednesday 1st October 4pm to 8pm.
Avanti Grange Secondary School Open Tours Monday 29th September, Tuesday 30th September, Friday 3rd October, Monday 6th October, Tuesday 7th October, Wednesday 8th October, Thursday 9th October, Friday 10th October, 9-10:30am and 1:40 - 3:10pm

Barclay Academy - Stevenage

Barclay Academy Open Evening will be taking place on Thursday 18th September 2025, 5pm - 7pm. Last entrance at 6.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend our Principal's talk, first one taking place at 5pm and the second at 6pm. No appointments needed. We encourage parents to tour the school during the day. We will be offering tours by appointment from Monday 22nd September until 17th October. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Barnwell - Stevenage

Barnwell School looks forward to welcoming you to our open evening on 16th September 4.30-7.00pm. Parking will be on the upper campus field, SG2 9SW. Please park on upper campus and you will be directed to the middle campus. There will be two Headteacher talks on the evening one at 5.15pm and one at 6.00pm. The talk will also be available to view on our website after the evening. On the evening you will be able to tour the school, meet staff and students and take part in activities. Further details about Open Evening, including plans for visits during the school day, will be published on our website

Beaumont - St Albans

Secondary Transfer Evening: Wednesday 8 October 5.45pm - 8.45pm. Headteachers Talks at 6.00pm, 6.40pm, 7.20pm & 8.00pm. Years 5&6 morning tours by appointment only on Friday 10, Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 October at 9.40am & 11.30am. Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 15 January, 5.30pm - 8.00pm. Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form talk at 5.45pm & 6.30pm

Birchwood High - Bishop's Stortford

Birchwood High School Open Evening
Date: Thursday 2nd October. Time: 4:00 - 7:30pm
Principal's Presentations will take place: 4.30, 5.15, 6:00 and 6:45pm. Entry to the principal's presentation will be allocated on a first come, first serve system upon arrival at the school. More information will be added to our website in September. School telephone number: 01279 655936
School website: www.birchwoodhighschool.co.uk

Bishop's Hatfield Girls' - Hatfield

Open Evening - Thursday 18th September 5pm - 8pm.
Headteacher talks will take place at 5.10pm, 6.00pm & 7.00pm with tickets available on arrival. Spaces for talks are limited and we cannot guarantee a specific time. Tours of the school will take place throughout the evening. Open Day tours will take place Monday 22nd September - Thursday 25th September at 9.10am & 1.30pm. Open Day tours are by appointment only and parents/carers should contact the school to book.

Bishop's Stortford High (The) - Bishop's Stortford

The Bishop's Stortford High School Open Evening: Thursday 18th September 2025, 5.30pm - 8.45pm. Headteacher's Speeches: 5.45pm, 6.45pm & 7.45pm. Please refer to our website closer to the date for any changes or updates.

Broxbourne (The) - Broxbourne

Open Evening will take place from 5.30pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 10th September. Headteacher talks at 5.45pm, 6.45pm & 7.45pm. Applications for the Aptitude Test for Languages, taking place on Saturday 27th September, must be returned to the school by 4.00pm on Wednesday 17th September. Tours will be available from Monday 15th September.

Bushey Meads - Bushey

Thursday 18 September 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Headteacher talks will take place in the main hall at 4.30pm & 5.30pm. The entire school will be open to visitors, fully staffed and with many existing students helping. Every faculty will showcase their subject with a variety of fun and interactive tasks that all visitors can participate in. Free refreshments will also be available.

Chancellor's - Brookmans Park

Open Evening is on Thursday 18th September 2025 6pm - 9pm. For more information on the Open Evening please see our website: www.chancellors.herts.sch.uk

Chauncy - Ware

Wednesday 8th October 6.15pm until 9pm

Croxley Danes School - Croxley Green

Secondary Transfer Open Day, Saturday 20th September 8.45am - 1.30pm

Dame Alice Owen's - Potters Bar

17th July - Open Afternoon 2pm - 4.45pm. The Head will speak at 3, 4, 15 & 5.30 pm. Last tours at 4.45 pm.
29 September, 1st and 3rd October Morning school tours. Arrival 9am for a short introduction followed by 45 minute tour. No admittance after 9.15 am.

Elstree Screen Arts UTC - Borehamwood

Wednesday 8th October 2025 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 5th February 2026 5pm - 8pm
Registration not required except for the Principal's talk

Fearnhill School - Letchworth

We have Open Evening planned for prospective parents to come and see us in action. Open Evening: Thursday 11th September 6:00-8:30pm when families can tour the school. Headteacher talks will take place during the evening. No booking required. Open Mornings: Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th September 9:00-10:00am. Prospective families can visit and see a normal school day. No booking required. We look forward to welcoming you to Fearnhill.