St Giles Primary and Nursery School Office Friday Flyer!

Achieving through kindness, compassion and perseverance

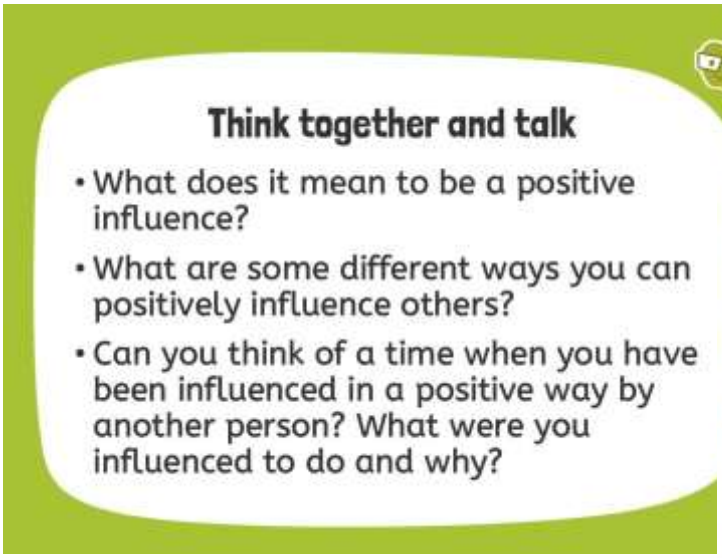
This week's big question:

Class 1 and 2: Why do people watch videos?





Class 3 and 4: Can famous people help other make good choices?







REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 19th January	•
Tuesday 20th January	• No football club
Wednesday 21st January	• After school club until 4.30pm only
Thursday 22nd January	• Swimming for Class 3 •
Friday 23rd January	•
Monday 26th January	•
Tuesday 27th January	• Class 2 – Sports at The Arc 1-3pm – Please provide your consent on Arbor in 'Trips' • No football club
Wednesday 28th January	•
Thursday 29th January	• Swimming for Class 3
Friday 30th January	• Class 4 Young Voices – Please read the reminder of all the details below. • After school club until 4.30pm only

OTHER NEWS

- **CLASS 4 YOUNG VOICES - Friday 30th January 2026 – A reminder of all the details**
  The children will be leaving school by coach at midday for the dress rehearsal with the live band and conductor. The live performance is in the evening when parents, who have purchased tickets, make their own way to Sheffield to come and watch. **Please can your child wear a PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT or a Young Voices t-shirt if you have purchased one.**

  All children need **two packed lunches** to take with them on the day. We will have lunch on arrival at the arena and eat again before the concert. They will also need a snack and drinks. **Please do not send nuts of any kind, sweets or fizzy drinks.** If your child is entitled to free school meals the school kitchen can provide one packed lunch, if you wish, and you should send one from home along with a snack and drink. Please let the office know by Monday 19th January if you need a packed lunch from school.

  We will return to school by coach following the concert for parents to pick up children from school. **It will be a very late evening; it may be after 10.30pm by** the time we reach school. As there are thousands of children at the location it is not possible for parents who are at the concert to pick up children from the venue. We will send a text to let you know our estimated time of arrival back at school.

- **Parents Evening and Book Look** – Will take place after school on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February. Bookings will be available to be made on Arbor from Friday 23rd January.

- **Attendance and Punctuality** A reminder that the school gates **open at 8:40 am and close at 8:55 am. School registration closes at 9am, if your child arrives after 9am they will be marked as late.** Arriving on time helps children start their day calmly, take part in morning activities, and settle quickly into learning. If you have any concerns about attendance or would like support, please speak to us — we're always happy to help.

- **Nut Free School –** A gentle reminder that we are a **nut free school**. This means **no nuts or nut products** (including peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts etc.) should be brought into school. We have children with nut allergies and even a small trace can cause a serious reaction. Your support helps us keep everyone safe and healthy.

- **Car Park Safety – Polite Reminder and for the benefit of our new parents - Please do not use the school car park to drop off and collect your children.** The car park is for staff, visitors and deliveries

only. The safety of your children is our priority and the car park is not a safe place for children at these busy times of the school day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

- **Water Bottles - Please ensure your child has a water bottle, with their name on (containing only water) in school every day.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email with any questions or queries.

Friday updates can be found in the Newsletters section of our school website.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026	
Thursday 5th February	Swimming for Class 3
Friday 6th February	Class 3 to Derby Museum with Darley Churchtown. Details, confirmation and payment on Arbor.
Monday 9th February	PTFA School Spring Party – Purchase tickets in Arbor 'Shop' Nursery 3.00pm – 3.30pm School 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 11th February	Parents Evening and Book Look – Bookings can be made on Arbor from Friday 23rd February
Thursday 12th February	Parents Evening and Book Look – Bookings can be made on Arbor from Friday 23rd February Last Swimming lesson for Class 3
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term
Monday 23rd February	**INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils**
Thursday 26th February	FIRST SWIMMING FOR CLASS 2
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March	Class 4 – Tag Rugby at Matlock Rugby Club
Wednesday 18th March	Bikeability for Year 6
Thursday 19th March	Bikeability for Year 6 Class 2 to Crich Tramway Museum – details to follow
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Thursday 26th March	Easter Service – details to follow
Friday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade and PTFA Mini Easter Fair Last day of term
Monday 13th April	Back to school
Monday 4th May	**May Day Bank Holiday**
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATS – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 SATS – English Reading Paper
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 SATS – Maths Paper 1 & 2
Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATS – Maths Paper 3
Friday 15th May	Y6 Celebration at Whitworth Park
Monday 1st June	**INSET Day – School Closed to pupils**
Wednesday 24th June	SPORTS DAY
Wednesday 1st July	Year 6 Transition Day at Lady Manners
Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 Transition Day at Highfields
Tuesday 14th July	Class 4 Performance
Tuesday 21st July	Leavers Service in St Giles Church
Thursday 23rd July	**Last Day of term** **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

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Spring Term Party
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SPRING TERM ST GILES PARTY 2026!!
TICKETS £5, INCLUDES SNACKS & DRINKS
BRING YOUR BEST MOVES AND GET READY TO PARTY!
FEBRUARY
9th
3:30 - 5:00
ST GILES SCHOOL
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON ARBOR APP


Spring Term Party
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR ST GILES PARTY 2026!!
TICKETS INCLUDES SNACKS & DRINKS
Little ones it's time to get groovy !
£2
MONDAY 9TH FEB
3:00 TILL 3:30
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE ARBOR APP

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently: so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

Meet Our Expert



Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at:

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Autumn & Winter Menu

Available Daily: Bread, Salad, Fruit, Yoghurt & Drinking Water

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF SCHOOL MEALS

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event:	Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Crispy Chicken or Quorn Burger V in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork or Vegetarian V Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Quorn Dippers Ve with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
Alternative Choice	Margherita Pizza V & Seasonal Vegetables	Pasta with a Creamy Tomato Sauce V & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cauliflower Bake V with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Mince Layered Tortilla Stack V with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Fingers Ve with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Orange Muffin	50% less sugar Bitesize Cornflake Bar with Fruit	NEW Lemon Sponge Tart	25% less sugar Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard

03.11.25
24.11.25
15.12.25
19.01.26
09.02.26
09.03.26

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event:	NEW Chicken Goujons with Homemade BBQ Sauce, Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza V with Seasonal Vegetables	Yorkshire Pudding with Beef Hot Pot / Roast Pork / Quorn Fillet V with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast with Sausage & Bacon or Vegan Breakfast Ve, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	NEW Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Seasonal Vegetables
Alternative Choice	Five Bean Chilli Taco Ve with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Bolognese Ve with Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables & Garlic Dough Balls	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Swirl V with Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Cook's Choice of Filling V & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cheesy Pasta Bake V with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread Slice	Chocolate Cracknel	50% less sugar Bitesize Sprinkle Cake with Fruit	50% less sugar Jelly & Fruit	NEW Jam Roly Poly & Custard

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Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event:	Vegetarian Sausage Roll Ve, with Baked Beans, Herby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork or Vegan Meatball Sub Ve with a side of Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day or Quorn Fillet Ve with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken or Vegetable V Curry with Mixed Rice, Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Alternative Choice	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Ve & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling V & Seasonal Vegetables	Old School Cheesy Potato & Bean Pie V with Seasonal Vegetables	Mac & Cheese V with Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Pizza Panini V with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
Dessert	NEW Toffee Apple Muffin	50% less sugar Bitesize Chocolate Crunch with Fruit	Cook's Choice of Mousse	NEW Carrot Cake Cookie	NEW Saucy Chocolate Pudding

17.11.25
08.12.25
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School Calendar 2025/26

August 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31					1	2	3
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September 2025 (19)							
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October 2025 (18)							
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November 2025 (20)							
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December 2025 (15)							
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February 2026 (15)							
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March 2026 (20)							
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April 2026 (14)							
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May 2026 (15)							
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July 2026 (17)							
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