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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the St Giles Community,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fabulous and memorable year at St Giles. From new beginnings to remarkable achievements, it has been a year filled with joy, growth and pride for our entire school community.

This year, we were thrilled to open the doors of our brand-new Nursery, welcoming children from the age of 3. It has been heartwarming to see our youngest learners settle in so beautifully, and we are excited to watch them continue their journey with us.

We have also enjoyed a rich variety of experiences beyond the classroom. From school trips to the farm, Infant Nativity, Pantomime, Young Voices performances, and Bikeability sessions, to celebrations of the special figures in our lives, Mystery Readers and so much more. These occasions have brought our school family even closer together.

Some of the highlights for our older pupils included the much-anticipated residential trip, a fun-filled school sleepover and the end of year production (still not over how truly fantastic it was!) But I must admit, my personal favourite was our whole-school trip to Gulliver's Kingdom—a day full of smiles, laughter and togetherness.

We have raised the profile of St Giles this year, not only through our participation in a wide range of events but also through our academic achievements. Our children have truly flourished. We are immensely proud of our fantastic results which are either in line or above national in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), Phonics Screening, Early Years Data and the KS2 SATs. A testament to the hard work and dedication of both our pupils and staff ensuring our children are ready for their next step in their learning journey.

A special mention must go to our wonderful PTFA, who have worked tirelessly this year to create a strong, positive profile for the school within our wider community. Their events, fundraising efforts and support have made such a difference to the life of the school, and we are truly grateful.

As always, we've appreciated the continued support and encouragement from our academy trust, DDAT, and our Local Academy Committee (Governors). Their regular visits help ensure that we remain a nurturing, ambitious, and high-quality school.

We would also like to give a heartfelt special mention to our amazing Year 6 pupils, who are now preparing to take their next exciting step into secondary school. You have been wonderful role models throughout your time at St Giles, and we could not be prouder of the confident, kind, and capable young people you've become. We will miss you greatly, but we know you are ready for your next adventure—go and shine brightly!

Looking ahead, we're excited to share with you a number of exciting and fun events already planned for the 2025/2026 academic year. Please see the attached list of events below. These are already booked and in our school diary. Some events are special opportunities for parents, carers, and other family members or friends to attend and support. We hope to see many of you joining us throughout the year.

In addition, we have reflected on our Celebration Worship, previously held on Monday mornings. From September, this will move to Fridays at 2:30pm, taking place in church. Children will take all their belongings with them to the church on Friday afternoons. If you are able to attend and wish to do so, you are more than welcome to take your child home straight from church after the service.

Please note this is an open invitation—not an event you are expected to attend each week. However, you will receive a text or email the week before if your child will be receiving a certificate, so you have the opportunity to join us and celebrate their success if you can.

Finally, I want to thank our incredible staff team for their passion, dedication, and hard work throughout the year. Their commitment to our children and school community was recognised by a personal letter from the Deputy CEO of DDAT, congratulating us on the fantastic work taking place at St Giles to ensure that every child, every member of staff, and our whole community can flourish.

As we look ahead to the summer and beyond, I hope you all find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with your families. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of the St Giles family.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and sunny summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Miss Simpson
Head of School
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ST GILES CALENDAR 2025/2026

SEPTEMBER	10th - Meet the teacher 4pm - 6pm in the classrooms 11th - Grandparent's afternoon 2:30pm in hall 17th - Language & Oracy Workshop for EYFS only 5pm	OCTOBER	7th - School Photographs 22nd and 23rd Book Look and Parents' Evening 3:30pm - 6pm	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	11th - Panto in Buxton 12th - Christmas Jumper Day 17th - Infant Nativity 2pm 18th - Infant Nativity 5pm 19th - Christingle service in church 2:30pm
JANUARY	30th - Young Voices - Class 4 only	FEBRUARY	11th and 12th Book Look and Parents' Evening 3:30pm - 6pm 13th - Chinese New Year Celebrations	MARCH	5th - World Book Day 9th - Science Week 12th - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 2:30pm in the school hall 26th - Easter Service in Church 2:30pm 27th - Easter Bonnet parade 2:45pm	APRIL	22nd - Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents 5pm 29th - Class Photographs
MAY	21st - Bunting Cup TBC	JUNE	8th - Phonics Screening Week 10th - RSE workshop for parents 5pm 19th - Father's Day breakfast 9am in the school hall 25th - Sports Day: EYS/KS1 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm KS2 - 2:15pm - 3:15pm	JULY	14th - Year 5/6 End of year performance 6pm in the school hall 21st - Leavers service 2:00pm in church	AUGUST	

Please note: Sporting opportunities, school trips, and other activities that take place during school hours are **not included** on this calendar. We will continue to communicate these opportunities with you as soon as the dates are confirmed.