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Enrichment opportunities for all of our children!

Dear parents and carers,

The staff at St. Giles are delighted to share the range of exciting trips and experiences that we have planned for the next academic year 2024 -2025.

These considered experiences support the learning taking place in our broad and ambitious curriculum and ensure that your child will experience a wide range of contrasting opportunities.

Following feedback from our families, we have planned to give the children a chance to travel further afield as well as experience enrichment opportunities closer to home. These visits are carefully chosen to support the children's learning and deepen their understanding with more 'hands on' activities; we are of course continuing with our hugely popular residentials for our children within Key Stage 2.

In addition to these costed visits, we continue to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities that are fully funded by school and open to all children. These include:

- Teacher led Forest Schools (the children share that they have loved this!);
- Sporting events (including the six, funded Key Stage 1 specific festivals which we have introduced this year – it has been lovely to see our younger children meet and be active together!);
- Sporting clubs open to all (these run three times a week, all year).
- Planned drama events (enabling each year group to contribute throughout the year);
- Music partnership and music tuition (thank you to those who attended the performance yesterday);
- Gardening Club;
- Swimming and many more to ensure all the children thrive and flourish.

You will be hearing about the trips set out below in greater detail from your child's new class teacher in September. We hope that you will be able to join the staff for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

Meanwhile, we hope that this advanced notice will help you to budget for these and spread the costs more evenly across the year as our trips can only run successfully with the support of all your contributions. In order to assist with spreading the costs these trips will be on Parent Pay as soon as each one is finalised so that payments can begin to be made. We thank you in advance for this.

Year groups	Planned school visit	Date/term	Estimated Cost
Early Years	Pantomime – Buxton Opera House Jack and the Beanstalk	Tuesday 10th December	£23.00 approx.
	Farm Park	Spring Term	TBC
	The Open Centre	Summer Term	TBC
Year 1 and Year 2	Pantomime – Buxton Opera House Jack and the Beanstalk	Tuesday 10th December	£23.00 approx.
	National Space Centre	Spring Term	£25.00 approx.
	The Open Centre	Summer Term	TBC
Year 3 and Year 4	Pantomime – Buxton Opera House Jack and the Beanstalk	Tuesday 10th December	£23.00 approx.
	Whistlestop Centre	Spring Term	TBC
	Acclimbatize and Sleepover at school	Summer Term	TBC
Year 5 and Year 6	Pantomime – Buxton Opera House Jack and the Beanstalk	Tuesday 10th December	£23.00 approx.
	Young Voices (Parents are also invited!)	Jan/Feb – date tbc	TBC
	Walesby Forest RESIDENTIAL	2nd – 4th July 2025	£200

The costs for these trips are inclusive of the coach and entrance fee. Specific information for each trip, including consent forms, will be shared nearer the time. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office if you wish to discuss any payment details as we look to enable all of our children to benefit from our exciting plans.

Yours faithfully,

Ben O'Connell
Headteacher

Bethany Simpson
Senior Teacher