

St Giles School News

December 2025

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Specialist School for Physical and Sensory

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Dear Students, Parents, Carers, Governors and the Entire St Giles' Community,

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to thank every one of you for your incredible hard work, positivity and dedication. This term has been full of learning, perseverance and achievements, big and small. Through every challenge and every success, you have continued to live out our school motto: "Be the best you can be."

And what a community you are. Every day, I see students giving their all, staff going above and beyond, and families supporting one another with kindness and determination. The very best thing about St Giles' School has always been - and will always be - the students, and people who make up the St. Giles' community..

This letter comes with a personal message from me as well. After two years and a term as Headteacher, I will be leaving St Giles' School at the end of December. It has been an absolute privilege to serve this school, and a joy to work alongside such dedicated staff, wonderful pupils and supportive families and governors.

To our students: thank you for your energy, your smiles and your courage to try every day. You inspire me more than you know.

To our parents and carers: thank you for your trust, your partnership and the countless ways you support the school.

To our governors: thank you for your guidance, commitment and strategic wisdom.

And to our staff: thank you for your passion, your professionalism and your unwavering belief in every child.

I have loved my time at St Giles'. This community has taught me so much about resilience, compassion and what it truly means to lift each other up. St Giles' will always remain a key part of my heart, ever more. I leave with the deepest gratitude and the warmest memories, and I know the school will continue to flourish in the years ahead.

As we step into the holiday season, I hope you all find time to rest, recharge and celebrate with the people you love. Thank you for making this term - and my time here - so special.

Please continue to support one another, to celebrate every achievement, and most of all, to be the best you can be.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes,

Stephen Hehir
Headteacher, St Giles' School



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Christmas holidays: Mon 22 Dec - Fri 2nd Jan

Term Starts: Monday 5th Jan

Term ends: Fri 13th February

Half Term: Mon 16th February - Fri 20th Feb

Term starts: Mon 23rd Feb

Inset day: Mon 23rd Feb - Staff only

Term ends: Fri 27th Mar

Easter holiday - Mon 30th Mar - Fri 10th Apr

Winter Wonderland

The whole school had the chance to experience this sensory story session where our hall was transformed to create this magical experience.



Christy class had a wonderful time being festive and decorating the school Christmas tree.

They chose the different colour tinsel and baubles to put on the tree.



Day trip

A few of our students were lucky enough to attend the CSMA concert at Fairfield halls .

It was a celebratory festival of music, dance, and drama, featuring

- The CSMA Orchestra
- Riddlesdown Chamber Choir
- Steel Pan band from Harris Academy Crystal Palace
- Dancers from Beaumont Primary with Beeja Arts
- The Hayes Primary Drama Club

