



Giles Brook School

NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome back to Giles Brook as we begin 2024. We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break spending time with family and friends. This week's newsletter includes dates for the Spring Term as well as some important reminders.

Knowledge Organisers

If you want to know what your child will be learning this Spring Term, then take a look at the Year Group pages on our school website. Here you will find our Knowledge Organisers for each subject. It would help your child greatly if you reinforce that knowledge at home. Thank you.

This half term's value = Respect

This value links to one of the fundamental British values of: **Mutual respect for, and tolerance of, those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without. We show respect and tolerance for everyone in our community. We respect ourselves and others alike, taking care of friends, family, our community and the environment. We value what others say and do and we enjoy learning about different beliefs and cultures.**

Medicines

Please can we remind parents never to send medicines or creams of any kind into school with their child. If your child needs a prescribed medicine administered during the school day, please speak to the school office who will provide you with a consent form to complete. Thank you for your support with this.

Term dates 2024-2025

	Open morning of	Close at the end of the afternoon session on
Autumn term 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
	Tuesday 5 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring term 2025	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer term 2025	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
	Tuesday 3 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

Out of hours number for After School Club - new number 07547 843776

We have been experiencing a few issues with our mobile number which can be used to contact the after school club after 4.30pm - this has resulted in us having to change the number.

The new number is 07547 843776. This number should only be used after 4.30pm if contact with the after school club is required. Thank you.

Congratulations to Sam Hawkes who welcomed a baby boy into the world on the 28th December! We look forward to meeting him.

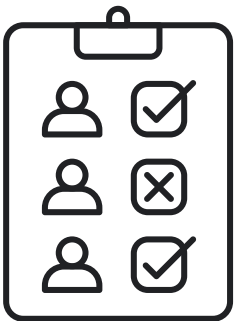


Applying for Primary School – September 2024

The closing date for applications for a Reception school place for September 2023 is 15th January 2024. Every year, a number of families in Milton Keynes fail to make an application on time. This often leads to a child not being allocated their catchment school and sometimes not being allocated any of their preferences either - which can cause distress to both the child and family.

Please ensure that you make your application on time using the following link.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions>



Absences

If your child is absent for any reason, please can we remind you to call school as early as possible in the morning (the phone lines open at 8am).

Your help in notifying us of absences by 9am helps us to account for all children as early as possible in the day. Thank you.



A huge thank you to Dave's Blinds who supplied and fitted free of charge some roller blinds in our new STEM room. They have finished the room off beautifully and we are very grateful!

A reminder that mufti day for Attenborough House takes place next Friday.



Spring 2024

January	February	March
<p>18.1.24 Year 6 visit British Museum</p> <p>18.1.24 Year 1 visit to MK Art Gallery</p> <p>19.1.24 Attenborough House Mufti day</p>	<p>2.2.24 NSPCC Number Day (Dress up for digits)</p> <p>5.2.24 Mental Health week commences</p> <p>12.2.24 School Nurse in for Reception and Year 6 children</p> <p>13.2.24 School Nurse in for Reception and Year 6 children</p> <p>13.2.24 Parent Consultation evening</p> <p>15.2.24 Parent Consultation evening</p> <p>16.2.24 School closes for half term</p> <p>26.2.24 School reopens</p>	<p>4.3.24 Book Week commences</p> <p>5.3.24 String and guitar festiva</p> <p>16.3.24 Woodwind and brass festival</p> <p>7.3.24 World Book day</p> <p>8.3.24 M & M Productions 'The Little Princess' performance to Years 1 - 6</p> <p>11.3.24 Year 3 to Roald Dahl Gallery</p> <p>12.3.24 Reception to Mead Open Farm</p> <p>12.3.24 Science Day</p> <p>15.3.24 Red Nose Day</p> <p>18.3.24 Year 1 to MK Museum</p> <p>22.3.24 Nursery session with The Parks Trust</p> <p>28.3.24 School closes for Easter</p>