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Dear Parents and carers

Reception Places – September 2024

If you or a friend or family member is in need of a school place for September 2024, please contact the school office, who will help you. Thank you.

First Holy Communion – Saturday 18th May 10am and 12 noon

Congratulation to the 40 children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday last.

Thank you to the family and friends attending who made the atmosphere within church prayerful and peaceful.

We thank Fr. Ramesh for celebrating both Masses.

Thank you to all the staff who attended in their own time.

Special thanks in particular to Miss O'Hanlon, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Devenney for all their hard work in preparation and on the day itself.

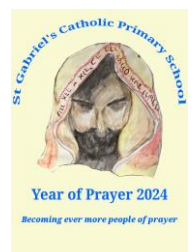
Sports Day

St Gabriel's sports day is TOMORROW, Friday 24th May. Please read the information below, regarding the format for the day.

- KS2 sports day will start at 9:25am and run till 11:55am. Parents can enter the school field from just after 9.15am onwards from the KS2 gate. WAIT to be asked to enter once drop off has finished.
- KS1 sports day will start at 1:15pm and run until 2:55pm. Parents can enter the school field from 1:00pm onwards from the KS2 gate, once invited to come in.
- Children in KS1 and KS2 can come to school in sporty clothes or the colour of their house: St Bernadette (orange); St Francis (blue); St Joseph (green) and St Theresa (red). Obviously, if your child does not have these colours, a sporty outfit will be fine.
- Children in Reception will come to school in their normal PE kits.
- Please ensure your child has brought into school a bottle of water and have applied sun cream before school as they will be outside for a few hours.
- Once each sports day has finished, please could you ensure that you exit the field promptly through the KS2 gate, once the children have all gone back to their classrooms.

Parents must always follow the directions and advice of all school staff; this is to ensure a smooth and orderly running of the events. However, it is also for the protection of ALL our children and a potential children protection/safeguarding matter.

Fingers crossed we have good weather!



Parking

Parking continues to be an issue, please be reminded of the following:

- *Please do not park on or block Wilnecote Lane and the school driveway.*
- *Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and around the school. Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates.*
- *The yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.*
- *Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads.*
- *You are asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways. Please do not become abusive to local home owners.*
- *Please do not park on the Industrial Estate.*

If you see obstructive or bad parking then please do report it via:

[Report Parking Near Schools](#) or [Report Problem Parking](#)

Local councillors continue to be involved and taking an active interest because of irresponsible driving behaviour by a small minority. Thank you to the majority of our parents and carers who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

Miss Townsley

Miss Townsley has informed the governing body of her resignation, with effect from 31st August 2024.

Miss Townsley has been a dedicated teacher at St. Gabriel's since September 2006.

We thank Miss Townsley for her great service. We wish Miss Townsley health and happiness for the future.

Mrs Hanrahan

Mrs Hanrahan has informed the governing body of her resignation, with effect from 13th June 2024.

Mrs Hanrahan has been a dedicated member of staff at St. Gabriel's since December 2007.

We thank Mrs Hanrahan for her great service. We wish Mrs Hanrahan health and happiness for the future.

Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Year 6 Tag rugby team for their outstanding performance at the competition held on Tuesday at Tamworth Rugby Club. Demonstrating exceptional skill and determination, the team triumphed by winning all their group games and securing a spot in the final match. In a tightly contested game, our team showed great teamwork and sportsmanship, culminating in a thrilling last-minute try that sealed their victory with a final score of 4-3.

Our captain Flynn said, "We did very well and we tried our best - I am very pleased we won and we all enjoyed it."

Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Birtwistle for training the children and for supervising the children at the event. The team was: Flynn, Sebastian, Ella-Grace, Celeste, Jake, George, Haitham, Tia, Jessica, Drew, Eva and Heaven.

Mary Prayer Bags

During the month of May we offer our prayers to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This week children will be bringing home prayer bags that will give you an opportunity to spend some time as a family praying to Mary. When you have the prayer bags please support your child in writing or drawing a picture offering a prayer to Mary. We ask that you ensure the bags come back to school ready for the next child to use. Please share your prayers and photos on our padlet which can be found on <https://padlet.com/sarahminton3/ourprayerstomary> Thank you, Mrs Minton

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Winnie
RHK/AD	Piotr
1KG	Evie
1NH	Logan
2LG	Austin
2NT	Harlow
3CC	Kaiden
3SO	Maisie
4HB	Caleb
4LM	Nel
5VN	Darcie
5SM	Aubrey
6AC	Harry
6BF	Zuzanna



Well Done Readers of the Week!

Summer Fayre - Friday 28th June 3.30pm-5.00pm

The Friends of St. Gabriel's are asking for donations of good condition school uniform, teddy bears and unwanted gifts for the Summer Fayre. The blue donation bin will be outside the school office after half term if you do have anything you are able to donate.

Please also note the following dates:

Friday 21st June Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations

Friday 28th June Non-Uniform Day - bottle donations

Thank you for your support

Hot Weather

Now that the weather is warmer please remember to send your child in with a suitable hat to wear at playtimes. Children need to have had their hay fever medication before they come in to school and should bring a water bottle with them. Please ensure that on hot/sunny days you apply sun cream BEFORE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL. Do not send children to school with bottles of sun cream. We are not allowed to apply sun cream for children. Unless there is a medical reason, children should not be bringing sunglasses into school. Please ensure all belongings are named and labelled. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Safety Reminder

BIKES AND SCOOTERS SHOULD NOT BE USED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES for the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you.

X (Twitter)

IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN A LOOK YET, DO PLEASE VIEW @GabrielsPrimary on X formerly Twitter for a range of moments capturing school life. If you have a phone please follow us. Thank you.

Heart of Tamworth Firewalk Fundraiser - Sunday 9th June 2024

The firewalk the parish did last year will be remembered by many, especially the 80 people who took part. It was a great event that really helped our charity project with the shop and food distribution. We are doing it again this year on Sun June 9th.

So, will you think about doing it? We would welcome those who did it last year but hope that others might feel inspired by the help we provide to people in need and the challenge and do it this year. If you are interested, email margaret@heartoftamworth.org

It is open to anyone over the age of 8. We welcome people from outside the Church, maybe someone who values our community work and wants to support that. All funds raised through the Fire Walk will go to Heart of Tamworth.

Maybe you know someone who would accept the challenge? The entry fee is £10. To register your interest, contact Margaret at Margaret@heartoftamworth.org



Sacred Heart Church

Keep up to date with what's going on in your parish [HERE](#)

You have a tremendous Catholic parish in Tamworth. If you are not aware of this - go along to the Sacred Heart Church, attend Holy Mass or just visit their website. There are lots of ways for people to get involved with so many various groups. Be brave and try it.

Hygiene Bank NOW AVAILABLE in School

We are now regularly supplied, by Tamworth Hygiene Bank, with personal hygiene products and some household cleaning products. If you would like to make use of this valuable resource in the current economic climate, just give the office a call IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE to arrange a time to call in and take whatever you need.

Shampoo, toiletries, soaps, sanitary products are all available. Please just ask us. All we ask is that you bring your own carrier bag.

Help and Support

If any family member is ever at the point of crisis, money worries or otherwise, ALWAYS BE BRAVE AND REACH OUT TO US. We will always try to help by signposting to the correct services. Where food provision is a worry - TELL US - we will always try to help.

We will always aim to help you in a DIGNIFIED and CONFIDENTIAL way. Thank you, Mr Hayes.

Measles

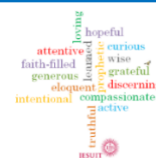
Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily, especially in nurseries and schools if children are not vaccinated. It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation - and in rare cases tragically can cause death.

There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell and helps prevent the spread in the community. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the [routine childhood vaccinations](#), most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus.

We are calling on all parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record or contact your GP practice. It is never too late to catch up. Children who are unvaccinated and come into contact with a case will need to stay away from school or nursery for up to 21 days. Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the [NHS website](#). Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so to prevent the illness spreading further, anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice.

Catholic Virtues - ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.



Dates for your Diary

MAY

Fri 24th Sports Day KS2 @ 9.15am, Reception & KS1 @ 1.15pm
School closes for HALF TERM 3.20pm

JUNE

Mon 3rd School re opens for all 8.50am
Sun 9th Parish SUMMER FAYRE at Sacred Heart
Weds 12th Y4 Trip to Wroxeter Roman City
Weds 19th Tempest Photography - individual, family and Pre School photos
Fri 21st Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate donations for the Summer Fayre
Mon 24th **INSET DAY 4 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**
Fri 28th Non-Uniform Day - Bottle donations for the Summer Fayre
** SUMMER FAYRE - 3.30pm-5.30pm ** More info to follow.

JULY

Tues 2nd SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm celebrated by Canon Paul McNally
Mon 8th Y2 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Thurs 18th Y6 Leavers Assembly - School Hall 9.15am Y6 Parents and Carers welcome
Fri 19th **Final Mass for End of Term led by Y6** - School Hall 9.15am
End of academic year
**School closes at 1.30pm by decision of Governing
Body**
Mon 22nd **INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

*"Glory be to the father and to the son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was and who is to come.
Alleluia."*
Trinity Sunday (Sunday 26th May 2024)

God Bless

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John P Hayes".

John P Hayes
Headteacher