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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

We look forward to First Holy Communion for both classes on Saturday.

Please do everything YOU can to create a prayerful and peaceful atmosphere inside the Sacred Heart Church.

The past few years have been particularly beautiful and moving events.

- 10am Miss Caswell's class
- 12 noon Miss O'Hanlon/Mrs Hogg's class

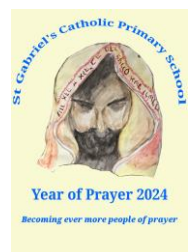
Please make sure all family members are aware of the arrangements and expectations inside the church. Follow the guidance and requests of all staff, parish wardens and volunteers present. Thank you.

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

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.



Year 2 dodgeball tournament

Children from year 2 took part in a dodgeball tournament last Thursday at Rawlett High School. It was a great afternoon for the children, who competed with eleven other primary schools. The team played very well and managed to reach the semi finals - what a brilliant achievement. Many thanks to Mr Birtwistle for training the children and Mr Fowler for supervising the children at the event. The team was: Harlow, Olaf, Lulu, Bruno, Fredrik, Bobby and Jacob.

Sports Day

St Gabriel's sports day will be on **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!

Summer Fayre

*****NEWS FLASH***** Please note change of date. Now on Friday 28th June 3.30pm-5.00pm. More information to follow.

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.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Elsie M
RHK/AD	Mataya
1KG	Vivien
1NH	Janice
2LG	Lulu
2NT	Fredrik
3CC	Ronnie
3SO	Vittoria
4HB	Lucas
4LM	Freddie
5VN	Riley
5SM	Harry S
6AC	Scott
6BF	Jake



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Message from the School Kitchen - Changes to menu w/c Monday 20th May 2024

Please note the following changes to the advertised school lunch menu:

Tuesday 21st May 2024

Breakfast or Veggie Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes
With Baked Beans and Cooked Tomatoes
Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Flapjack

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Cottage Pie or Veggie Chow Mein
With Broccoli and Garden Peas
Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Chocolate and Pear Sponge with Chocolate Custard

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.

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.*

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.

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

- Sat 18th SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
(Miss Caswell @ 10am & Miss O'Hanlon @ 12.00)
- 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
- Mon 24th **INSET DAY 4 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**
- Fri 28th **** SUMMER FAYRE - 3.30pm-5.30pm ** More info to follow.**
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

JULY

- Tues 2nd SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm celebrated by
Canon Paul McNally
- 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**

*Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created
and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher