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Dear Parents and carers

Summer Fayre

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

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

We look forward to First Holy Communion for both classes a week 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.

Smart Phones and your child!

A recent survey of representative parents in England revealed almost 25% of 6 year olds had their own Smart phone device.

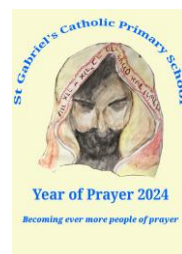
Always take an interest in exactly what your child is accessing or doing with electronic devices.

Please be aware of the advice and signposting provided by Mr Folwer.

Ultimately as a parent or carer, take control and never give in to pressure about allowing your child to have a device if you do not feel it is right for your family.

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.



Sport 4 All festival

Last week children in year 4 took part in a sports festival at Rawlett High School. The children were able to try different sports that are not usually available in schools, such as archery, curling, boccia, blindfolded football and volleyball. Well done to Lauren, Sean and Cian for their great attitude at the festival and thanks to Mr Fowler for supervising the children at the event.

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!

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Lucas P
RHK/AD	Grace
1KG	Callie
1NH	Daisy
2LG	Isla -Bleu
2NT	Rosee
3CC	Marysia
3SO	Mason
4HB	Caleb
4LM	Milania
5VN	Thishmee
5SM	Nela
6AC	Martyna
6BF	Travis



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

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.

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.

Dates for your Diary

MAY

Mon 13 th to Thurs 16 th Sat 18 th	} KS2 SATS - ALL Y6 PUPILS <u>MUST BE IN SCHOOL</u> FOR EACH OF THE 4 MORNINGS
	SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Miss Caswell @ 10am & Miss O'Hanlon @ 12.00)
Fri 24 th	Sports Day KS2 @ 9.15am, Reception & KS1 @ 1.15pm School closes for HALF TERM 3.20pm

JUNE

Mon 3 rd	School re opens for all 8.50am
Sun 9 th	Parish SUMMER FAYRE at Sacred Heart
Weds 12 th	Y4 Trip to Wroxeter Roman City
Weds 19 th	Tempest Photography - individual, family and Pre School photos
Mon 24 th	INSET DAY 4 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Fri 28 th	** SUMMER FAYRE - 3.30pm-5.30pm ** More info to follow. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

JULY

Tues 2 nd	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm celebrated by Canon Paul McNally
Thurs 18 th	Y6 Leavers Assembly - School Hall 9.15am Y6 Parents and Carers welcome
Fri 19 th	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 22 nd	INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

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.



Lord,
hear my voice when I call to you.
My heart has prompted me to seek your face.
I seek it, Lord;
Do not hide from me, alleluia.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher