

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

## **Reception and Year One Mass – Tomorrow, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

With their teachers, our Reception and Year One children will be helping to lead Mass in school tomorrow morning, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The Mass will be at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents and Carers are very welcome to attend.

## **Miss Caswell**

As some of you may have noticed Miss Caswell is now well advanced in her pregnancy.

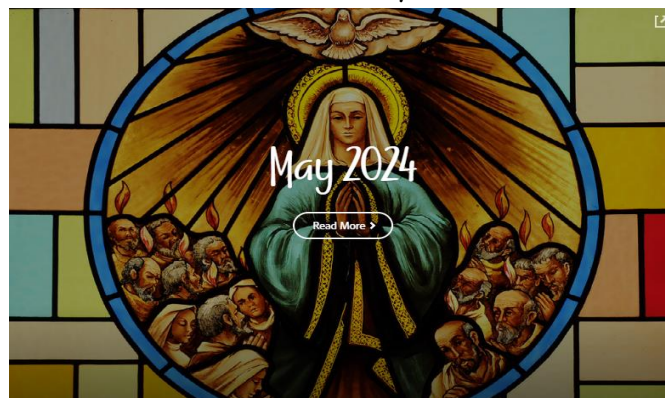
Miss Caswell will shortly be starting her maternity leave.

We wish Chloe a safe and healthy time in the weeks ahead, and for a safe and healthy delivery when the time arrives.

Year 3 parents and carers are receiving separate notification about the arrangements for the rest of the summer term for 3CC.

## **Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter: May 2024**

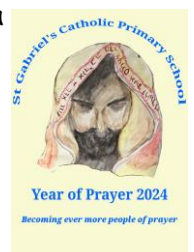
The Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter is available for May!



May begins amidst the joy of Eastertide and there is more rejoicing at the end of the month when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

May is also known as 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too.

This month's newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.



A copy of the newsletter is attached to this week's newsletter email and you can also access it at [Parent Newsletter - Ten Ten Resources](#)

### **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 at

<https://padlet.com/sarahminton3/ourprayerstomary>

Thank you, Mrs Minton

### **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.

### **Reader of the Week**

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Carter
RHK/AD	Ida
1KG	Frank
1NH	Ellie
2LG	Kody
2NT	Ignacy
3CC	Primrose
3SO	Emi B
4HB	Sean
4LM	Harry
5VN	Wiktorja
5SM	Hollie
6AC	Vinnie
6BF	Ava



**Well Done Readers of the  
Week!**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Reception and Y1 Mass</b> - School Hall 9.15am. Parents and Carers welcome.
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Trip to Harvington Hall
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>KS2 SATS</b> - ALL Y6 PUPILS <u>MUST BE IN SCHOOL</u> FOR EACH OF THE 4 MORNINGS
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	
	SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Miss Caswell @ 10am & Miss O'Hanlon @ 12.00)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for HALF TERM 3.20pm

### JUNE

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School re opens for all 8.50am
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish SUMMER FAYRE at Sacred Heart
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Trip to Wroxeter Roman City
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photography - individual, family and Pre School photos
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY 4</b> - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

### JULY

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm celebrated by Canon Paul McNally
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>** SUMMER FAYRE</b> - 3.30pm-5.30pm ** More info to follow.
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers Assembly - School Hall 9.15am Y6 Parents and Carers welcome

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

**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<sup>nd</sup>

**INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

*As May starts, we think of Mary, the mother of Christ, and all our mothers and grandmothers wherever they may be.*

*"My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices,  
my God forever he will be,  
bless his Holy name."*

*Words based on Luke 1:46-55*

*From the song "Magnificat" by Joanne Boyce.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

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

John P Hayes

Headteacher