



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 17th October 2024

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Tuesday 22nd October

Parent's Evening

Thursday 24th October

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Friday 25th October

Break up for half term

Monday 4th November

INSET Day Two

Tuesday 5 November

Children return

**Wednesday 13th
November**

School photos

Sunday 1st December

School Mass at Sacred
Heart (9am)

Our Virtues this half term are **CURIOUS** and **ACTIVE**!

Pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the most important skills a child can develop is that of reading; one of the most powerful gifts we can encourage them to develop is a love of reading.

Research shows that children who read regularly are more likely to have good mental health, have lower levels of anxiety and higher levels of self-esteem. Reading regularly also gives children the chance to visit other universes, meet new people, go on amazing adventures and find out about our world – all inside the pages of a good book!

We want to encourage and grow a love of reading in all our children and we know that parents are keen to do the same as well. To help with this, we have recently signed up to Track My Read. This is a fantastic tool from national charity Read for Good which encourages children to read regularly – We are setting each child a target of reading for at least five minutes every day next half term.

Please do encourage your child to take part – this is a great way to build a really positive 'reading habit.'

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

Places available for Reception September 2025 and in other Year Groups. Visits to school are always welcomed and easy to arrange—please contact us to arrange your visit!

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Attendance Superstars!

Congratulations to classes 1AP/3SO/AM/4JH who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
89%	89%	99%	95%	96%	98%	97%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
99%	98%	99%	83%	93%	96%	96%

House Points

Well done to **St Theresa** House who earned an amazing 403 house points last week!



Ten:Ten
Resources



Our Ten:Ten October Parent newsletter is available – please see link below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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Please note – This week's certificates will be given out during Monday's Gospel Assemblies.

Well Done to our Learners of the Week for impressing their teachers with their hard work and fantastic learning behaviours!

Learners of the Week						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
Charlotte	Brady	Joshua	Teddy	Stephanie	George	Rosee
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Isla-Blue	Tate	Marysia	Ryder	Blossom	Aubrey	Thishmee

Our Virtue Stars have been showing us how they are living out the virtues of being Curious and Active – Very Well Done!

Virtue Stars of the Week						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
George	Ilyas	Laycie	Havannah	Owen	Marie	Lottie
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Zachary D	JJ	Abi	Elena	Dominik	Harry S	Rosie

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Coats

Now that the weather is turning a little colder, please do make sure that children come to school with a warm, name-labelled coat. Thank you for your support with this.



Parish News

Teas and Toys after 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart in the Upstairs Kenelm Room. This is a lovely way to meet other parents and have a chat while the young children enjoy some play together. Teas and coffees also downstairs at Sacred Heart after the 9.00am -all proceeds towards the flowers. Teas and coffees after the 10.30am Mass at St. John's in the Community Rooms.

Phoenix Youth Group: The next session will be **Wed 16th Oct** from **6. 00-7.30pm**. **Note the new time.** We look forward to welcoming new members in Y6 and Y7. New members welcome. £1 per session would help towards drinks and biscuits. A chance to catch up with friends, make new ones and enjoy fun activities and games. If you have any questions, please email Becky or Liz phoenix@tamworthrc.church

Parish News

Find out the latest parish news at
[https://www.tamworthrc.church/
bulletin](https://www.tamworthrc.church/bulletin)

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Sports Report: Year 5 Cross Country

We are delighted to share some exciting news regarding our Year 5 cross country teams.

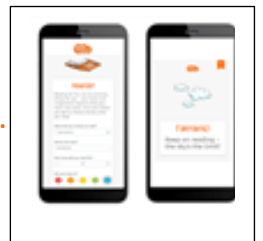
Last Thursday, they participated in a competition held at Rawlett High School, showcasing their remarkable athleticism and sportsmanship. Our boys' team secured a commendable second place overall, reflecting the collective effort and determination exhibited by each member. Most notably, our girls' team excelled in the competition, finishing first overall. What a great achievement!

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Harrison and Rosa, who finished first in their respective races. We are incredibly proud of all our Year 5 athletes for their outstanding efforts and commendable results.

Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

By half term, all children will have received their **Track My Read** log ins.

Please encourage your child to complete this each time they read anything for fun. They will see different encouraging messages as they report their reading, and they will be contributing to the school's reading target.



Happy reading!

For more information on Track My Read visit www.readforgood.org/track-my-read.

Parent's Evening

As you will be aware, we have our Autumn Term Parent's Evening on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October. Appointments can be booked via Teachers2Parents. We look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible to these sessions – teachers will be able to talk to you about how your child has settled into their new year group, the progress they are making and what their key next steps will be.

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Stay and Pray Rosary Dates

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, an important Catholic Church devotion. We would like to invite parents in to join us to take part in this by coming in to make a small Rosary craft and taking part in praying with us.

Friday 18th October

9.15 - 10.15 - Mass in school led by Y3
 10.15 - 11.00 - 3SOH/AM and 3VN/LH
 11.00 - 11.45 - 4HB and 4JH
 1.15 - 2 - SLM and 5SM
 2.15 - 3 - 6AC and 6BF



Sunday Gospel Reflection

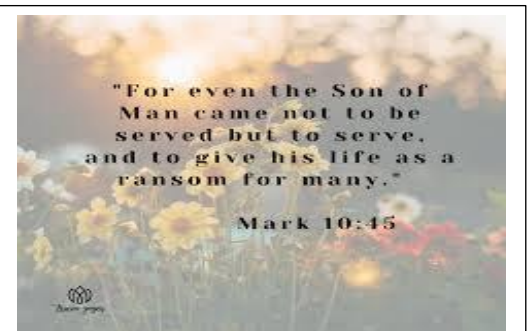
Mark 10:42-45 'Not to be served, but to serve.'

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells His friends that He came 'not to be served, but to serve.' Jesus wants His followers to be 'servants of all' and many have responded in turn:

St Teresa of Calcutta devoted her life to caring for the poor; St John Bosco worked all his life in the service of disadvantaged young people; St Oscar Romero ultimately lost his life because of his commitment to social justice and combating poverty.

As St Teresa of Calcutta said "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." We are all being called by Jesus to be a servant of all.

How this week are each of us being called to serve?





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Useful Information

PE Days

Please see below for your child's 'PE Day.' Children should attend school in their PE kit on their PE day .



Reception Coakley	Thursday
Reception Keeling	Friday
Year One	Wednesday
Year Two	Wednesday
Year Three	Tuesday
Year Four	Tuesday
Year Five	Thursday
Year Six	Monday

Extra – Curricular Clubs

Please see below for details of current extra- curricular clubs going on a school

Please note – these are current clubs – information about additional KS1 Clubs coming soon!

Club	Day
Girl's Football team training Year 5 and 6	Monday 12:30 to 1:00pm
Multi-skills Year 6	Monday 3:30 to 4:40pm
Multi-skills Year 3	Tuesday 8:00 to 8:50am
Football Year 4 and 5	Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm
Girl's Football Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 3:30 to 4.30pm
Multi-skills Year 2	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
Boy's Football team training Year 5 and 6	Thursday 12:30 to 1:00pm
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20-4.15
Choir Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm
Athletics Year 5 and 6	Friday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
Friday 18 th October 2024	Mass in School – Whole School (Led by Y3)
Friday 8 th November 2024	Mass in School - Whole School – (Led by Y6)
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Mass in School – (Led by Y2) (EY + KS1)
Sunday 1st December 2024	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) Advent)
Friday 6 th December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School (Led by Staff)
Tuesday 10th December 2024	Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Monday 16 th December	Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Friday 20 th December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 10 th January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 24 th January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - TBC
Sunday 2nd February 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Year of Jubilee)
Friday 7 th February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 28 th February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y3)
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Ash Wednesday – start of Lent Distribution of Ashes Service in school (Led by Staff)
Friday 14 th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day (Lent)
Tuesday 18th March 2025	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Friday 21 st March 2025	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)
Friday 4 th April 2025	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)
Friday 11 th April 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Mass in School – Led by Y5
Saturday 17th May 2025	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 th June 2025	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
Friday 27 th June 2025	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)
Friday 11 th July 2025	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Friday 18 th July 2025	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u>

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<u>Term Dates</u>		
<p><u>Autumn Term 2024:</u></p> <p>Term time: Tues 3 Sept - Fri 25 Oct Half Term: Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov</p> <p>Term time: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20 Dec Holiday: Mon 23 Dec – Fri 3 Jan</p>	<p><u>Spring Term 2025:</u></p> <p>Term time: Mon 6 Jan – Fri 14 Feb Half Term: Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb</p> <p>Term time: Mon 24 Feb – Fri 11 Apr Holiday: Mon 14 Apr – Fri 25 Apr</p>	<p><u>Summer Term 2025:</u></p> <p>Term time: Mon 28 Apr – Fri 23 May Half Term: Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May</p> <p>Term time: Mon 2 June – Mon 21 July Holiday: Tuesday 22nd July – Friday 29th Aug</p>
<p>INSET Days: 02/09/2024, 04/11/2024, 24/02/2025, 23/06/2025, 21/07/2025 https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/term_dates</p>		

Community Information

Did you know that we have a **Hygiene Bank** in school? Always stocked with toiletries, cleaning products and baby supplies. All of our school community are welcome to visit in confidence. Please bring a bag.



There is a **Halloween Craft and Chat** event with the Mental Health Support Team at Tamworth Family Hub, Glascote on Thursday 31st October 2024, full details can be found on the school website in the Community Information Hub.

We keep the Community Information Hub on the school website up to date with a wide range of services, and information. It's well worth a visit.

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