



# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

*With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community*

#### Dates for Diary



#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Fayre

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Key Stage Two Carol Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Early Years Christmas Nativity

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

End of Term

**School closes at 1.30pm**

Our Virtues this Half Term are Intentional and Prophetic. **Intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a very special day here in school today – Father Karun and Father Venkat visited school this morning to lead us in the blessing and dedication of our new altar.

During the blessing, we heard readings from the Gospels, reflected on how the altar stands as a symbol of God's presence with us and asked the saints to support our prayers to God. Father Karun and Father Venkat then blessed, anointed and incensed the altar. The altar is now ready to be used in our School Masses – starting tomorrow when we have an EY / KS1 Mass lead by Year Two.

Thank you to Friends of St Gabriel's for their support with the funding for the purchase of the altar and lectern – they will both be wonderful additions to the prayer life of school.

The children and staff marked Red Wednesday yesterday. Please do check out our Twitter feed to see how our children have been helping to raise awareness of persecuted Christians around the world.

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 class 2LG and class 6AC who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!**



#### Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
92%	98%	87%	96%	100%	94%	79%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
87%	94%	95%	94%	89%	100%	99%

#### House Points

Well done to St Francis house who earned an amazing 605 house points last week!



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

Learners of the Week						
<b>RC Isabel</b>	<b>RK Lewis</b>	<b>1AP Olivia</b>	<b>1KG Lucas P</b>	<b>2LG Ada</b>	<b>2NH Joey</b>	<b>3LH/VN Bruno</b>
<b>3SO/AM George</b>	<b>4HB Evan</b>	<b>4JH Riley</b>	<b>5LM Alanna</b>	<b>5SM Nylah</b>	<b>6BF Nela</b>	<b>6AC Seb</b>

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

Virtue Stars of the Week						
<b>RC Michael L</b>	<b>RK Charlie</b>	<b>1AP Teddy</b>	<b>1KG Elsie A</b>	<b>2LG Harrison C</b>	<b>2NH Imani</b>	<b>3LH/VN Roza</b>
<b>3SO/AM Olaf</b>	<b>4HB Maisie</b>	<b>4JH Ronnie H</b>	<b>5LM Edward J</b>	<b>5SM Damien</b>	<b>6BF Oskar</b>	<b>6AC Lenny</b>



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## Christmas Fayre



We are looking forward to our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December!**

Last week, the children brought home raffle tickets – our raffle includes some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses and included in the top prizes is a £100 cash giveaway! We hope the tickets are selling well – please return any completed counterfoils, payments and any unsold tickets to your child's classteacher by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

In preparation for the Christmas Fayre, we are asking for donations of chocolate and bottles – please see below for details. On each of the dates, we will have a non-school uniform day!

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Chocolate Donations**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Bottle Donations**

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support!



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#### Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

We have now reached 95 active pupils on Track My Read and between them they have clocked up an impressive 18,085 minutes read so far - Well Done to all our readers!

If you are having any problems with your log in details please let your child's class teacher know and we can rectify this for you.

#### Fire Station Visit

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the Fire Station yesterday, where they learned about keeping safe in the winter months, what to do in the event of a fire and enjoyed some time exploring inside one of the fire engines. The children all represented St Gabriel's brilliantly with their interest, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour - Well Done Year 2!

Just a little safety reminder from the fire fighters - all children under 135cm should have a car seat fitted.

#### First Sunday of Advent

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – the First Sunday in Advent – our children will be helping to lead Mass at the Sacred Heart (9am service).

During Advent we watch and pray in joyful hope for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. Joining together as a parish and school community will give us a very special opportunity to begin our Advent journey together.

If you have not attended a Mass at Sacred Heart before please do not worry – do come along as there will be lots of people there to make sure you feel very welcome and have everything you need.

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#### **Sunday Gospel Reflection**

#### **Solemnity of Christ the King**

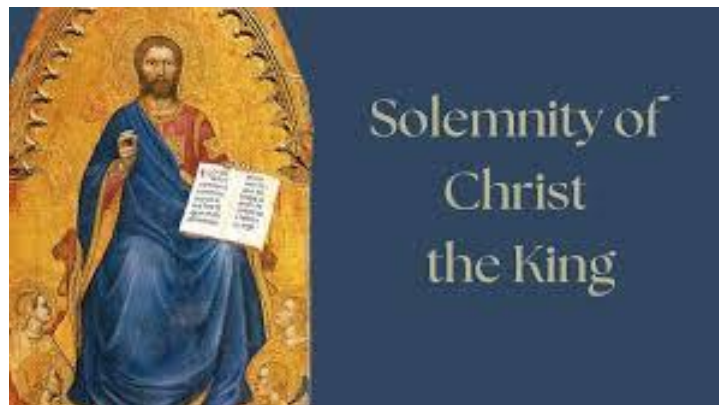
John 18: 33-37

*Yes I am a King*

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This is the final Sunday before we start the new Church Year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

The Solemnity of Christ the King remind us that Jesus is our true King. Jesus is the King of the Universe, the World and of our hearts.

We are following Jesus our King. We are part of His eternal Kingdom. It is not a kingdom of palaces and riches. Jesus is not interested in kingdoms like that. Jesus's Kingdom is one where we 'love one another as I (Jesus) have loved you.' It is a Kingdom which welcomes the vulnerable, the needy and the lonely. We are not just part of Jesus's Kingdom, we can help build it when we see and love those around us like Jesus our King does.





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#### 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
<b>Girl's Football team training</b> Year 5 and 6	Monday 12:30 to 1:00pm
<b>Athletics</b> Year 4	Monday 3:30 to 4:30pm
<b>Multi-skills</b> Year 4	Tuesday 8:00 to 8:50am
<b>Gymnastics Club</b> Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm
<b>Multi-skills</b> Year 5	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
<b>Boy's Football team training</b> Year 5 and 6	Thursday 12:30 to 1:00pm
<b>Choir</b> Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20-4.15
<b>Choir</b> Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm
<b>Athletics</b> Year 5 and 6	Friday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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

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

## Community Information

Tamworth Borough Council will be holding some drop in sessions giving advice on staying well in winter. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January @ St Peter's Church, Glascote and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February @ Dosthill Boys Club.



Do 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.

We keep the Community Information Hub up to date with a wide range of services, and information. It's well worth a visit. Follow the link [here](#)

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