



# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

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

#### Dates for Diary



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
May**

First Holy  
Communion (Y3,  
Sacred Heart)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Sacrament of  
Confirmation (Y6,  
Sacred Heart)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
June**

INSET Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Summer Fayre  
(3.45 – 6pm)

#### Compassionate and Loving

**Compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate;  
and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a happy and restful Easter break.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new term and have had a very busy week! Our RockSteady Music sessions have started, MindStage visited school for their first session and we also had a competition winner this week – Primrose from Year Four was the Tamworth district winner of the Staffordshire Day Plate Competition! Primrose's design has been turned into a real plate and will be displayed in a range of venues across Staffordshire. You can see a photo of the design and finished plate further into our newsletter. Many Congratulations Primrose!

We seem to be enjoying some sunny weather at the moment – please make sure that children have a suitable hat and water bottle to help them stay comfortable, especially on hot days. Thank you for your support with this.

Hope everyone has a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and that this good weather continues!

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 4HB who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!**



#### Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
92%	91%	94%	96%	95%	95%	94%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
95%	97%	96%	96%	94%	96%	96%

#### House Points

Well done to St Bernadette house who earned over 500 house points!



#### Track My Read

Our St Gabriel's Summer Term Reading Challenge launches today and, following the great success of our Spring term challenge, our target for Summer Term is 90. 000 minutes. The children will bring home their individual login details today. Our school's unique Track My Read link where pupils can log their reading is below:

<https://trackmyread.org/school/st-gabriels-rc-primary-school-605059>

Happy reading!

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

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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</b> Robyn	<b>RK</b> Ivy-Grace	<b>1AP</b> James	<b>1KG</b> Kornelia	<b>2LG</b> Owen	<b>2NH</b> Cesc	<b>3VN</b> Georgie
<b>3SO/AM</b> Kuba	<b>4HB</b> Gabby	<b>4JH</b> Primrose	<b>5LM</b> Nandi	<b>5SM</b> Harper	<b>6BF</b> Isabelle	<b>6AC</b> Natan

**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</b> George	<b>RK</b> Amaya	<b>1AP</b> Mataya	<b>1KG</b> Lucas P	<b>2LG</b> Daisy	<b>2NH</b> Evelyn	<b>3VN</b> Austin
<b>3SO/AM</b> Sofia	<b>4HB</b> Robbie	<b>4JH</b> Darcy	<b>5LM</b> Alanna	<b>5SM</b> George	<b>6BF</b> Marilyn	<b>6AC</b> Archie



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#### **Pope Francis**

**This week, we have joined with people around the world to pray for and to give thanks for the life of Pope Francis.**



As well as being leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis was also a true champion of the poor, vulnerable, exploited and forgotten people and causes across the globe.



In school, we have created prayer baskets for Pope Francis – if you would like to add a prayer you can find one of the baskets in the school porch. Tomorrow (Friday), our Prayer Ambassadors will be leading us in a prayer service for Pope Francis – parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

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#### **Mr Petricca**

Mr Petricca, our school caretaker, left St Gabriel's this week. Mr Petricca has made an invaluable contribution to school life during his time here, always willing to turn his hand to any task, always willing to share his experience and expertise to help solve a problem and, especially, offering the hand of friendship and kindness to so many members of the St Gabriel's community.

We will all miss his skills, his proactive nature, and the care and pride that he takes of our school.

Thank you Roger for all you have done for St Gabriel's – Very Best Wishes from us all.

#### **Staffordshire Plate Competition**

We were thrilled to find out this week that Primrose, from Year Four, had won the Staffordshire Day Design a Plate competition for the Tamworth area of schools.



Primrose was invited to visit the Gladstone Pottery Museum in Stoke -on-Trent this week to see her winning design as a plate!

There were hundreds of entries and the final nine winners were voted for by the Staffordshire public so it is a wonderful achievement for Primrose! Well Done to all our children who took part in the competition and thank you to Mrs Hogg for organising our involvement in this exciting event.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Newsroom/Articles/2025/05-May/Staffordshire-Day-competition-winners-crowned-at-the-home-of-ceramics.aspx>

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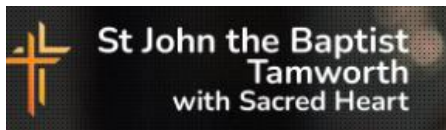




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## Parish News

<https://www.tamworthrc.church/>

## Parish Consultation 2025

**Can you spare 10 minutes please? 400 families, so 400 returned consultations is our target!** Some families may have different opinions, and we want to hear from children, teenagers, newcomers and established parishioners. **Please take part. Even if you think everything is fine, just say so.**

The consultation with everyone, is initially online. Help us discern how to improve by responding. The online version link is left or on this link Parish Consultation 2025. Please use this or the QR code, if you are able. It's also on Facebook. Just 10 minutes can help shape our parish's future.



## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil  
6:00pm - St John's Church

Sunday  
9:00am - Sacred Heart  
10:30am - St John's Church  
12:00pm - Sacred Heart

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#### Sunday Gospel Reflection

#### Third Sunday of Easter – John 21:1-19 – Feed my sheep

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives St Peter his special task:

*Jesus asked Peter: 'Do you love me?' Peter answered, 'Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'*

Like Peter, Jesus has a special task for each of us. St Peter's task was to lead the Church, our task may not seem as significant, but each one is given only to us. St Peter found out what his special job was, by talking to Jesus – this week, spend time talking to Jesus and ask him – Lord, what is your task for me?



#### *Prayer for Pope Francis*

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,  
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,  
whom you made successor of Peter  
and shepherd of your Church,  
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven  
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,  
which he faithfully ministered on earth.

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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**

Club	Day
<b>Cricket</b> Year 3	Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
<b>Multi-Skills</b> Year 4	Tuesday 8.00am to 8.50am
<b>Gymnastics</b> Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
<b>Dodgeball</b> Year 2	Thursday 8.00am to 8.50am
<b>Recorder Club</b> Year 2 and 3	Thursday 8.20am to 8.50am
<b>Choir</b> Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20pm to 4.15pm
<b>Choir</b> Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 12.15pm to 1.00pm
<b>Drum Club</b> Year 5	Friday 3.30pm to 4.15pm
<b>TAG Rugby Club</b> Year 6	Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
<b>Rocksteady</b>	Tuesday and Thursday am

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass in School – Led by Y5
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>First Holy Communion (10am (3SO), 12 noon (3VN); Sacred Heart)</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation (Y6, Sacred Heart)</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u>

Term Dates		
<b><u>Autumn Term 2024:</u></b> <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><u>Spring Term 2025:</u></b> <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><u>Summer Term 2025:</u></b> <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> Tues 22nd July – Fri 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>		

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