

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers



**Early Years Open Morning**  
**Monday 1st July 2024**  
**9.30am - 11am**

**Come and see our fantastic Early Years unit in action!**

**Places available for Reception September 2024 and September 2025**



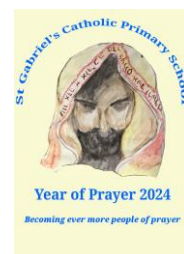
## Deputy Headteacher – Mr Bright advises us

Following a recruitment process, the St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Governing Board have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Anna Moloney will join St Gabriel's at the start of the Autumn Term. We are looking forward to working with Mrs Moloney and welcoming her into the St Gabriel's community.

## Year 6 St Chad's Visit – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Mr Fowler writes

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful experience Year 6 had during their recent visit to St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. Yesterday, our students had the opportunity to delve into the rich history of this magnificent building and learn about the various saints and individuals associated with it. During their visit, Year 6 actively participated in Holy Mass, demonstrating great respect and attentiveness throughout the service. The staff at the cathedral were full of praise for our students, commending them as one of the best groups they have ever hosted. It was truly heartwarming to see our Year 6 students engage with the history and spirituality of St Chad's Cathedral with such enthusiasm and respect. These experiences outside the classroom are invaluable in enriching their learning and broadening their horizons.

Many thanks to the Miss Cunningham, Mrs Dulson, Mrs Hanrahan and Mr Fowler for accompanying the children on the trip.



### Year 4 Cricket team

We are delighted to congratulate the Year 4 cricket team for their outstanding performance at the local tournament hosted at Tamworth Cricket Club. The team showcased exceptional sportsmanship and skill throughout the event, securing victories in four games. Despite a challenging match against the eventual champions, they finished as worthy runners-up. Many thanks to Mr Birtwistle and Mr James for the help training the children afterschool and during lunch times and Mr Fowler for supervising them at the event. The team was: Jack, Martha, Alanna, Ethan, Niamh, Cian, Harrison and Edward.

### Vocations Week

Next week (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June) we are holding a Vocations week in school where different parishioners are coming to talk to the children about the work they do at the Parish Churches. We are incredibly grateful to all the guests coming in to talk to us and it should be very exciting for the children to learn about the work it takes to run the Churches. There will be photos on X so please have a look. Thank you, Mrs Minton.

### Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Elsie M
RHK/AD	Oliver
1KG	Violet
1NH	Noah
2LG	Bethany
2NT	Thomas K
3CC	Autumn- Rose
3SO	Evan
4HB	Lewis
4LM	Cian T
5VN	Lucas
5SM	Aubrey
6AC	Maja
6BF	Ava



**Well Done Readers of the  
Week!**

### Summer Fayre - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm-5.00pm

The Friends of St. Gabriel's are asking for donations of good condition school uniform, teddy bears and unwanted gifts for the Summer Fayre. The blue donation bin is now outside the school office if you do have anything you are able to donate.

Please also note the following dates:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Non-Uniform Day - bottle donations**

Thank you for your support

### **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.

### **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.

### **Important Safety Reminder**

BIKES AND SCOOTERS SHOULD NOT BE USED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES for the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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.*

If you see obstructive or bad parking then please do report it via:

[Report Parking Near Schools](#) or [Report Problem Parking](#)

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.

## **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.

## **Links to information about Financial Support available through DWP/ Local Government**

- Free School Meals - [gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](https://gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)
- Healthy Start ; for people more than 10 weeks pregnant or with children under 4, help to buy healthy food and milk - [healthystart.nhs.uk/](https://healthystart.nhs.uk/)
- Sure Start Maternity Grant; A one-off payment of £500 to help towards the costs of having your first child - [gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant](https://gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant)
- Help for Households, see what support is available to help with the cost of living and save money with our energy saving tips - [helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/](https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/)
- Universal Credit - [gov.uk/universal-credit](https://gov.uk/universal-credit)
- Universal Credit: further information for families - [universal-credit](https://universal-credit)
- Move to UC - [ucmove.campaign.gov.uk/](https://ucmove.campaign.gov.uk/)
- Council Tax Reduction- for those on a low income or claim benefits - [gov.uk/apply-council-tax-reduction](https://gov.uk/apply-council-tax-reduction)
- Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) - financial support to help with rent or housing costs - [claiming-discretionary-housing-payments](https://claiming-discretionary-housing-payments)
- Tax-Free Childcare; Up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each child to help with the costs of childcare - [gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](https://gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)
- Help paying for childcare - [childcarechoices.gov.uk/](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk/)
- Universal Credit & childcare; Claim back up to 85% childcare costs if eligible for UC - [gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit](https://gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit)
- Help to Save; Get help with savings if you're on a low income (Help to Save) [gov.uk/get-help-savings-low-income/what-youll-get](https://gov.uk/get-help-savings-low-income/what-youll-get)
- Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme - [nhs.uk/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs/](https://nhs.uk/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs/)

## **Useful websites / signpost organisations**

- Money helper <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en>
- Budget Planner [budgeting/budget-planner](https://budgeting/budget-planner)
- Citizens Advice Energy Advice; [energy-advice](https://energy-advice)
- Christians Against Poverty (Burton Postcodes) <https://capuk.org/>

## 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.

## Catholic Virtues - LEARNED and WISE

This half term the children and staff at St. Gabriel's will be growing to be **LEARNED** through finding God in all things and **WISE** in the ways we use our learning for the common good.



## Dates for your Diary

### JUNE

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Vocations Week - Vocations in the Church
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wow Active 4 <sup>th</sup> Test - Year 1 and Year 5
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wow Active 4 <sup>th</sup> Test - Reception, Year 4 and 6BF
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photography - individual, family and Pre School photos Athletics Tournament - Tamworth Athletics Club
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate donations for the Summer Fayre Year 5 Class Mass
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY 4 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b> Joint Teacher Training for Tamworth & Lichfield Catholic Primary School
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wow Active 4 <sup>th</sup> Test - Year 2, Year 3 and 6AC
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day - Bottle donations for the Summer Fayre <b>** SUMMER FAYRE - 3.30pm-5.30pm **</b> More info to follow.

## JULY

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Early Years Open Morning 9.30am-11.00am  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm celebrated by  
Canon Paul McNally  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Y2 Trip to Tamworth Castle  
Y5 Trip to St. Francis of Assisi  
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**

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2024

## SEPTMEBER

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> **INSET DAY 1 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> School reopens to pupils

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in thee.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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