

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School



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



Holy Mass - Friday 7th June @ 9.15am

Parents and carers are welcome to attend Mass tomorrow with readings led by the staff.

Parish Summer Fayre this Sunday, 9th June 2024 @ SACRED HEART from 10.00am

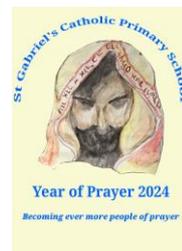
Please support your local parish with their Summer Fayre if you can, **poster with full details is attached to this newsletter**. Please see below a message from the parish:

- Please carry on bringing in a Bottle we've had a great response, but more are needed.
- Gifts and prizes for stalls/New toys, unwanted Christmas Gifts.
- Potted plants/Last minute cakes will make a difference too.
- Chocolate Tombola - donation of chocolate

Does anyone work for a company / Bank who offers match funding? That could double what we raise. All funds will go to the work of the parish.

Any help on Saturday 8th June 2pm to help set up gazebos would be very welcome. Contact Julie - juliecharles26@hotmail.com

If everyone does a little, it will be a big success so please chip in with some time and/or gifts.



Heart of Tamworth Firewalk Fundraiser - Sunday 9th June 2024

The firewalk the parish did last year will be remembered by many, especially the 80 people who took part. It was a great event that really helped our charity project with the shop and food distribution. We are doing it again this year on Sun June 9th.

So, will you think about doing it? We would welcome those who did it last year but hope that others might feel inspired by the help we provide to people in need and the challenge and do it this year. If you are interested, email margaret@heartoftamworth.org



It is open to anyone over the age of 8. We welcome people from outside the Church, maybe someone who values our community work and wants to support that. All funds raised through the Fire Walk will go to Heart of Tamworth.

Maybe you know someone who would accept the challenge? The entry fee is £10. To register your interest, contact Margaret at Margaret@heartoftamworth.org

Girls Cricket Tournament - Tuesday 4th June 2024

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that our Girls' cricket team emerged victorious in a local tournament hosted at Tamworth Cricket Club. The team showcased exceptional talent and determination by triumphing in all three games they played. Despite the challenging weather conditions, with rain persisting throughout the matches, our girls demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and skill.

Our captain Eva said, "We all did really well and all our hard work paid off in the end." The team was: Eva, Emily, Teresa, Ella-Grace, Georgia, Tia, Neya, Krystal, Celeste and Jessica. Many thanks to Mr Fowler for training the children and supervising them at the event.

Summer Fayre - Friday 28th 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 21st June Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations

Friday 28th June Non-Uniform Day - bottle donations

Thank you for your support

Prayer Bags

Prayer bags will be coming home this week, during the month of June they will be focused on celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have had assemblies this week to introduce the children to this devotion. Please read the information in the bag and carry out the activity provided. Can we please ask that bags are returned promptly with everything inside so that as many children in the class have an opportunity to take the bag home and share this prayer with their family. Thank you for your support, Mrs Minton.

Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter: June 2024

The Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter is available for June.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This focus on a popular image representing Jesus with His heart pierced, reminds Catholics of the incredible love of God shown through His Son, Jesus.

June's resources, in a similar way, point children to the heart of who Jesus is, and His power, presence, and love.

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

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	Freya
RHK/AD	Pippa
1KG	Harrison
1NH	Oliver
2LG	Tommy
2NT	Maksymilian
3CC	Noah
3SO	Maximus
4HB	Albie
4LM	George
5VN	Orla
5SM	Izabela
6AC	Ewan
6BF	Krystal



**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.

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

- Free School Meals - 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/
- 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
- 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/
- Universal Credit - gov.uk/universal-credit
- Universal Credit: further information for families - universal-credit
- Move to UC - ucmove.campaign.gov.uk/
- Council Tax Reduction- for those on a low income or claim benefits - gov.uk/apply-council-tax-reduction
- Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) - financial support to help with rent or housing costs - 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
- Help paying for childcare - 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
- 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
- Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme - nhs.uk/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs/

Useful websites / signpost organisations

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

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.

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.

