

# **Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School**

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Dear Parents and carers

## **Whole School Mass led by Year 6 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 9.15am**

Parents and carers are invited to join us in the school hall as we celebrate Holy Mass to mark the end of the academic year. Thank you.

## **Early Closure – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Please be aware, as previously notified and by decision of the Governing Body, school will close at 1.30pm tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Please also be reminded that Gabriel's Angels After School Club is closed tomorrow afternoon.

Please ensure you have collection arrangements in place. Thank you.

## **Fr. Ramesh**

We wish Fr. Ramesh well as he moves on.

At the end of August Fr. Ramesh will move to take charge of St. Mary of the Angels parish in Aldridge, Walsall.

We thank Fr. Ramesh for all his work, kindness and friendship.

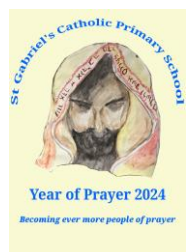
## **Non Uniform Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July for the Hawker Family**

We would like to thank parents and carers for their generosity with the non-uniform day held last week for the Hawker family. We raised a total of £717.95, which will be passed on to the family. Thank you!

## **Message from Mrs Jo Hawker**

Thank you so much for the generosity shown by the parents and carers of St. Gabriel's with the non-uniform day last week.

You just can't appreciate how much it means for us to be able to make memories as a family. Thank you.



### Father Hudson's Care - Summer of Kindness

Father Hudson's Care are reaching out to see if the children at St. Gabriel's fancy a '**Summer of Kindness**' challenge by collecting certain, basic items which so many of our families are having to go without.

They are asking children to collect items over the summer holidays and either drop at the Father Hudson's offices in Coleshill or wait until September and bring them into school, Father Hudson's Care will then arrange to collect.

Please find attached a poster which gives full details. Thank you.

### Year 6 Boy's Cricket Tournament

We are delighted to share the success of our Year 6 boys who participated in a local cricket tournament. Our boys showcased exceptional sportsmanship and talent, triumphing in two of their games.

Unfortunately, the competition had to be abandoned due to inclement weather, but the boys' determination and skill were evident throughout. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to more opportunities for them to excel in the future. Many thanks to Mr Fowler for training the children and supervising them at the event. The team was: George, Flynn, Vinnie, Shael, Haitham, Tymon, Daniel, Ronnie and Jake.

### Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Elsie A
RHK/AD	Teddy
1KG	Noah
1NH	Janice
2LG	Sofia
2NT	Marcel
3CC	Kaia
3SO	Rosie
4HB	Kasey
4LM	Lucas
5VN	Erin
5SM	Jenson
6AC	Maksymilian
6BF	Jack



**Well Done Readers of the Week!**

### **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.

### **Unwanted School Uniform**

We have been approached by 2 local charities who will be collecting any surplus uniform.

- Heart of Tamworth are about to open a pre-loved clothing store at the Sacred Heart Community Centre adjacent to its new Community Pantry. Both of these shops will support people in need.... those experiencing food poverty and the ongoing cost of living crisis.

They are keen to stock a range of school uniform items. If any parents/carers who are looking to donate any items then the Heart of Tamworth will gratefully accept them, just call in at the Community Centre.

- A Tamworth resident working in conjunction with Farplace Animal Rescue Charity Shop has provided St. Gabriel's School with a collection bin where you can donate any unwanted school uniform, they will then be stocking the pre-loved clothing in the shop. There will also be a bin at Morrisons Tamworth and they will be accepting uniform donations at the shop inside Ankerside, Tamworth. Look out for the red bin outside the school office.

### **Message from Planters Garden Centre**

We hope that your child has thoroughly enjoyed their school year and are now deserving of a break. We at Planters know it can sometimes be tricky to keep children entertained for such a long period of time, so we're here to help! Our well-loved Sky Trail High Ropes course is perfect for people of all ages to soar to new heights as they experience the adrenaline rush of our two level rope, bridge, beam and plank course. It's open every day (subject to weather conditions) during the summer holidays, and you can easily spend the day with us with free parking too.

If you book online at [www.plantersevents.com](http://www.plantersevents.com) and enter code FUN2 at checkout, we'll give you £2 OFF each person's Sky Trail entry, making it only £6pp for 30 minutes of fun! For every voucher used by parent's and carers of St. Gabriel's we will also give to school a £1 Planters voucher. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Not only do we have Sky Trail, but at our large garden centre we also have an adventure golf course which you can also save £2pp on when you book it with Sky Trail, only £4pp for 12 holes of adventure golf around some of the best known mountains of the world.

Our large, air conditioned modern restaurant is ready to welcome you with delicious foods, snacks, drinks and more, and you can enjoy these on the outdoor patio overlooking Sky Trail too.

We also have a great pet and aquatics on site, so make sure you pop along and say hello to our furry and fishy friends on your visit.

We hope to welcome you in store soon, we're sure you won't be disappointed!

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

#### **JULY**

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**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>                      **INSET DAY 1 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>                      School reopens to pupils

### **Farewell**

Thank you for the number of kind comments and gifts from parents, grandparents and carers.

It is all far too much. But I am grateful.... very grateful.

Thank you to those who organised and attended a celebration of Holy Mass last week at the Sacred Heart Church.

As the previous headteacher passed the position on to me..... I now pass the role onto Mr Will Bright.

I wish Mr Bright well, sincerely, for the future.

I encourage parents to trust and support your school. We are blessed that so many of you do.

It is amazing how often the trusting parent, who takes a regular interest in their child - whilst ALSO supporting the guidance from the school.... ends up with a child who is successful.

And EVERY CHILD can be successful.

I have only ever tried to do my job as best I could.

Over 24 years I have seen so many success stories in so many different ways. That is the great privilege of working in education.

So thank you sincerely. I appreciate the kind words and deeds.

And I wish you all well for the future.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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