

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

## John Hayes Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving – Sacred Heart Church Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 6.00pm

It has been a privilege for Governors, past and present, to have worked alongside Mr Hayes, taking pride in knowing the significant role he has played in the lives of countless children during his years of service. His dedication to our school community has been truly commendable.

In order to celebrate you are invited to join Mr Hayes and his family and friends at 6pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, for Holy Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Tamworth. B77 2EA.

Yours sincerely, St. Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Board of Governors

## Non Uniform Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024. We will be collecting voluntary donations via ParentPay, but we will also collect cash donations on this occasion. All proceeds from the non-uniform day will be going to Mrs Jo Hawker and her family. As some of you will remember Mrs Hawker is a Year 2 teacher at St. Gabriel's, she was sadly diagnosed with brain cancer having to take sick leave from May 2022.

We hope to raise enough to allow Jo and her family to have a treat and enjoy some quality time together.

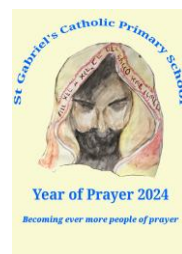
Please continue to keep Jo, her husband Dave, her children and wider family in your prayers. Thank you.

## 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.



### **Reader of the Week**

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Jaxon
RHK/AD	Ali Rose
1KG	George
1NH	George
2LG	Olaf
2NT	Bobby
3CC	Alicja
3SO	Leon
4HB	Harper
4LM	Cian M
5VN	Charlie
5SM	Oskar
6AC	Freddie
6BF	Eva



**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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

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**

- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform Day - Raising funds for Jo Hawker  
John Hayes - Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving. Sacred Heart 6.00pm
- 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

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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