

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

## Confirmation

What a beautiful celebration to experience on Tuesday evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

Congratulations to the Year 6 children involved.

Thank you to the families involved. Thank you to Canon Paul, Fr. Michael and Fr. Ramesh.

Special thanks to Miss Cunningham and Mr Fowler for their work of preparation.

## Y6 and Y3 Thanksgiving Mass - Tomorrow, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Y6 and Y3 parents and carers are invited to join us tomorrow for a thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the children who have made the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. The Mass will be held in the school hall at 9.15am. Thank you.

## Staffing Structure 2024 - 2025

Early Years	Mrs Coakley Mrs Dancey	Mrs Keeling Mrs Dancey
Year One	Miss Gamon (Current RJC)	Miss Pinney (Current RHK)
Year Two	Mrs Hughes (Current 1KG)	Mrs Geens (Current 1NH)
Year Three	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Holmes (Current 2NT)	Miss O'Hanlon Mrs Moloney (Current 2LG)
Year Four	Mrs Buckroyd (Current 3SO)	Mrs Hogg (Current 3CC)
Year Five	Mrs Minton (Current 4LM)	Mrs Morgan (Current 4HB)
Year Six	Mr Fowler (Current 5SM)	Miss Cunningham (Current 5VN)

## **July Ten Ten Resources**

The final few weeks of the school year probably bring mixed feelings: the excitement and relief that the holidays are near may, for some, be tinged with a little sadness that the year is coming to an end, particularly for families with children preparing to leave for new challenges ahead. July's resources encourage children to think about how they see themselves and others, to pray for children throughout the world, and to look back at the year with gratitude. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout July and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

## **School Games Mark**

We are delighted to announce that we, St Gabriel's, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year, for the fourth year running.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

Year 5/6 girls football Tamworth winners, Year 5/6 boys football Tamworth winners, Year 3/4 indoor athletics Tamworth winners, Year 5/6 indoor athletics Tamworth winners, year 5/6 tag-rugby Tamworth winners, year 3/4 cricket Tamworth runners-up, year 6 girls cricket Tamworth winners, Year 3-6 outdoor athletics Tamworth winners. We have taken part in many other sporting competitions such as dodgeball, cross country, multi-skills, netball and swimming. We also were lucky enough to be part of four county finals for football, athletics and cricket and were lucky to finish runners up in both the year 3/4 and 5/6 indoor athletics finals.

With a total of just over one hundred young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mr Fowler, Mr Birtwistle, Miss Cunningham, Mrs Hanrahan, Mr James and Miss Townsley for helping us this year.

Particular thanks to Mr Fowler for his co-ordination of all these opportunities.

I am sure the school will look forward to applying once again in 2025!

## **Race for Life**

On Sunday 7th July 2024, a team from St Gabriel's will be participating in Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research, in support of our friend and colleague Jo Hawker. If you are able to donate in any way, please follow the link. Many thanks in anticipation of your support. Team Jo H

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-jo-6/members>

### **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	Leo
RHK/AD	Victoria
1KG	Kaion
1NH	Stephanie
2LG	Freddie
2NT	Avalon
3CC	Karol
3SO	Darcy
4HB	Freya
4LM	Nylah
5VN	Gabriella
5SM	Mia
6AC	Chloe
6BF	Jake



**Well Done Readers of  
the Week!**

### **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 will be dropping of a collection bin to St. Gabriel's School in Thursday 4th July 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.

## 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

- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Y6 & Y3 Thanksgiving Mass - School Hall at 9.15am  
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

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created  
and you will renew the face of the Earth.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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