



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 23rd October 2024

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Thursday 24th October

Parent's Evening

Friday 25th October

Break up for half term

Monday 4th November

INSET Day Two

Tuesday 5th November

Children return

Wednesday 6th November

School Disco

(Rec/KS1 4.45pm-5.45pm
& KS2 6.00pm – 7.00pm))

**Wednesday 13th
November**

School photos

Sunday 1st December

School Mass at Sacred
Heart (9am)

Our Virtues this half term are **CURIOUS** and **ACTIVE**!

Pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now coming to the end of what has been a very busy half term here at St Gabriel's!

School Masses, cross country competitions, Track my Reading, Rosary Stay and Plays, fundraising for Mary's Meals, trips to Alton Castle and the Space Centre, celebrating Black History Month are just a small selection of the many exciting events and occasions we have had in school.

Thank you to everyone for all their much-valued support in helping us make such a positive start to the school year.

Don't forget to put our first School Disco of the school year (6th November) in your diaries – I've heard that the teachers have already started practising their dance moves for the occasion!

Wishing all our children, parents and families a relaxing and restful half term break,

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

Places available for Reception September 2025 and in other Year Groups. Visits to school are always welcomed and easy to arrange—please contact us to arrange your visit!

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Attendance Superstars!

Congratulations to classes 1KG and 2NH who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
89%	95%	97%	100%	95%	100%	94%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
98%	93%	98%	93%	92%	99%	96%

HOUSE POINTS

Well done to St Joseph house who earned an amazing 536 house points last week!



Ten:Ten
Resources



Our Ten:Ten October Parent newsletter is available – please see link below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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Well Done to our Learners of the Week for impressing their teachers with their hard work and fantastic learning behaviours!

Learners of the Week						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
Eva-May	Kyriakos	Pippa	Freya	Nyla	Stefania	Marcel
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Jacob	Myla	Freya Ba	Romeo	Cerys	Isabelle	Lucas

Our Virtue Stars have been showing us how they are living out the virtues of being Curious and Active – Very Well Done!

Virtue Stars of the Week						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
Isabel	Ivy-Grace	Anthony	Sara	Lana	Kaion	Frankie
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Sofia	Ruby-Lea	Karol	Freya	Ethan	Oscar	Ivy

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School Disco!

The Friends of St Gabriel's would like to invite all children to the **first disco of this school year**. This will be held at school on **Wednesday 6th November**.

Reception and KS1 children from 4.45pm -5.45pm KS2 children from 6pm-7pm.

Please look out for a letter coming home with the children, this will have a form attached that you should bring along on the evening of the disco when you drop off your child(ren). This will help with queuing times. Cost is £3 per child or £7 for families of 3 children or more and will include drink and sweets.

We look forward to seeing some great dance moves and lots smiles from the children.

Thank you

The Friends of St Gabriel's

Parish News

Youth Alpha: For all those in non-Catholic schools who wish to receive Confirmation next year, please join us for this, the first part of the course, on Monday evenings 5.45-7.00pm on Mondays at Sacred Heart. If you are interested, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church. This is also open to any youth in Y6 or above who would like to support their own faith journey.

Christmas Day? Do you want to do something different? We need a team of cooks to do Christmas day dinner for people who are isolated or needy. Can you help? Venue will be Sacred Heart for about 30-40 guests. For info email jen@heartoftamworth.org

Parish News

Find out the latest parish news at
[https://www.tamworthrc.church/
bulletin](https://www.tamworthrc.church/bulletin)

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Sports Report:

Year 6 Cross Country

Last Thursday, our Year 6 students took part in a cross-country event at Rowlett High School, and they did us proud! A special mention out goes to Izabela and Riley, who both finished 5th in their respective races – what an achievement!

The girls' team showed great determination and ended up in fourth place, while the boys astounded us all by securing second place. It was truly wonderful to see our young athletes working hard and cheering each other on. A huge thank you to Mrs Cunningham for supervising the children at the event.

The team was: Izabela, Gabriella, Gwen, Harriet, Layla, Aubrey, Dollie, Neive, Jakub, Josh, Jacob, Archie, Rhys, Riley, Piotr and Frank.

Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

By half term, all children will have received their **Track My Read** log ins.

Please encourage your child to complete this each time they read anything for fun. They will see different encouraging messages as they report their reading and they will be contributing to the school's reading target.

For more information on Track My Read visit www.readforgood.org/track-my-read.

Parental Questionnaire

As a school, we are always keen to give all our stakeholders opportunities to share their views and experiences of us – Parents and Carers are a very important part of this.

You can access our questionnaire at:

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6750321/parental-questionnaire-october-2024>

The questionnaire will close at 6pm on Tuesday 29th October 2024.



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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Mark 10:46-52

What do you want me to do for you?

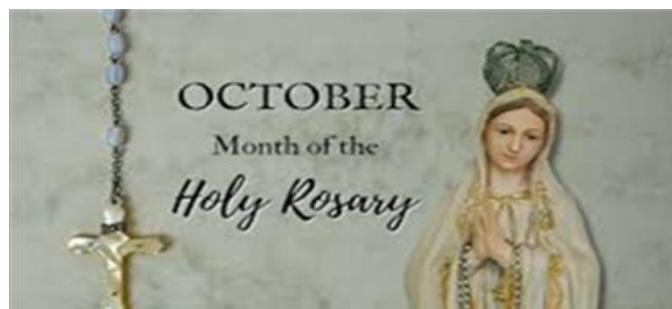
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus heals Bartimaeus by restoring his sight.

Bartimaeus knew that Jesus could help him. He persisted in asking Jesus for help, even when other people were telling him not to.

Jesus heard Bartimaeus and said to him 'What do you want me to do for you?'

This is the same question Jesus asks us. Jesus wants us to meet him in prayer and He promises to listen and respond.

This week, bring to Jesus your answer to His question. Talk with Jesus like Bartimaeus did – throw off your cloak, jump up (Mark 10:50) and talk to Jesus about those things which are closest to your heart.



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Useful Information

PE Days

Please see below for your child's 'PE Day.' Children should attend school in their PE kit on their PE day .



Reception Coakley	Thursday
Reception Keeling	Friday
Year One	Wednesday
Year Two	Wednesday
Year Three	Tuesday
Year Four	Tuesday
Year Five	Thursday
Year Six	Monday

Extra – Curricular Clubs

Please see below for details of current extra- curricular clubs going on a school

Please note – these are current clubs – information about additional KS1 Clubs coming soon!

Club	Day
Girl's Football team training Year 5 and 6	Monday 12:30 to 1:00pm
Multi-skills Year 4	Tuesday 8:00 to 8:50am
Gymnastics Club Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm
Girl's Football Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 3:30 to 4.30pm
Multi-skills Year 5	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
Boy's Football team training Year 5 and 6	Thursday 12:30 to 1:00pm
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20-4.15
Choir Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm
Athletics Year 5 and 6	Friday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
Friday 8 th November 2024	Mass in School - Whole School – (Led by Y6)
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Mass in School – (Led by Y2) (EY + KS1)
Sunday 1st December 2024	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) Advent)
Friday 6 th December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School (Led by Staff)
Tuesday 10th December 2024	Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Monday 16 th December	Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Friday 20 th December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 10 th January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 24 th January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - TBC
Sunday 2nd February 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Year of Jubilee)
Friday 7 th February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 28 th February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y3)
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Ash Wednesday – start of Lent Distribution of Ashes Service in school (Led by Staff)
Friday 14 th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day (Lent)
Tuesday 18th March 2025	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Friday 21 st March 2025	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)
Friday 4 th April 2025	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)
Friday 11 th April 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Mass in School – Led by Y5
Saturday 17th May 2025	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 th June 2025	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
Friday 27 th June 2025	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)
Friday 11 th July 2025	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Friday 18 th July 2025	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u>

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<u>Term Dates</u>		
<p><u>Autumn Term 2024:</u></p> <p>Term time: Tues 3 Sept - Fri 25 Oct Half Term: Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov</p> <p>Term time: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20 Dec Holiday: Mon 23 Dec – Fri 3 Jan</p>	<p><u>Spring Term 2025:</u></p> <p>Term time: Mon 6 Jan – Fri 14 Feb Half Term: Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb</p> <p>Term time: Mon 24 Feb – Fri 11 Apr Holiday: Mon 14 Apr – Fri 25 Apr</p>	<p><u>Summer Term 2025:</u></p> <p>Term time: Mon 28 Apr – Fri 23 May Half Term: Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May</p> <p>Term time: Mon 2 June – Mon 21 July Holiday: Tuesday 22nd July – Friday 29th Aug</p>
<p>INSET Days: 02/09/2024, 04/11/2024, 24/02/2025, 23/06/2025, 21/07/2025 https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/term_dates</p>		

Community Information

Do you have a child with mental health issues?
Parenting Mental Health is a national peer support network of more than 40,000 parents and carers who have a 'lived experience' of parenting a child with mental health issues.

Take a look [HERE](#)



Do you know that we have a hygiene bank in school? Always stocked with toiletries, cleaning products and baby supplies. All of our school community are welcome to visit in confidence. Please bring a bag.

We keep the Community Information Hub up to date with a wide range of services, and information. It's well worth a visit. Follow the link [here](#)

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