



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 19th June 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Friday 20th June

Non-school
uniform day

Monday 23rd June

INSET Day

Friday 27th June

Summer Fayre

(3.45 – 6pm)

Friday 4th July

Sports Day

Friday 18th July

End of term
(1.30pm)

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Faith-filled in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday, our Year Six children made the Sacrament of Confirmation during a beautiful service celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. Our Year Six Confirmandi were able to prayerfully appreciate the significance and the impact that the Holy Spirit will have in their lives.

Our Year Four children also celebrated Mass with Bishop Timothy on Monday when they joined with over 500 primary school children for a Jubilee Mass at Lichfield Cathedral. We have more information and photographs from Monday further into the newsletter.

We are looking forward to our Summer Fare on Friday 27th June. Tomorrow (Friday) is a non-school uniform day. Please send in donations of chocolates and sweets for the Summer Fayre

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

Monday 23rd June

Reminder – School is closed to pupils on Monday (23rd) for an INSET Day.

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 4JH who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

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

House Points

Well done to St Francis house who earned over
600 house points!





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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 Edison | RK Gabriel | 1AP Victoria | 1KG Jaxon | 2LG Arabella | 2NH Harry T | 3VN Liam |
| 3SO/AM Elisabeth | 4HB Austin | 4JH Oliver | 5LM Eva | 5SM Rosa | 6BF Oskar | 6AC Clayton |

**Our Virtue Stars have been showing us how they are living out the
virtues of being Faith-filled and Hopeful – Very Well Done!**

| Virtue Stars of the Week | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| RC Robyn | RK Ruby | 1AP Leelan | 1KG Olivia | 2LG Nyla | 2NH Jax | 3VN Florence |
| 3SO/AM Christos | 4HB Ben | 4JH Autumn | 5LM Lauren | 5SM Ethan | 6BF Joshua | 6AC Charlie |

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Mr Minihan

We learnt this week of the passing of Mr Noel Minihan – former headteacher of St Gabriel's.



Mr Minihan was Headteacher from the early 1970s until 1996. He is remembered with great affection here at St Gabriel's. We still have a number of staff members here who worked with him and we also have a number of members of staff who actually attended St Gabriel's when he was Headteacher!

Staff and past pupils often talk about him being a very kind, thoughtful man who made everyone feel welcome and valued. The fact that our staff includes a number of people who attended St Gabriel's when Mr Minihan was Headteacher is a lovely testament to his legacy at the school.

Mr Minihan's funeral will take place on Monday 7th July (10.15am) at Olton Friary, Solihull (B92 7BL). All a welcome to attend.

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Jubilee Mass at Lichfield Cathedral – 16th June 2025.



On Monday 16th June, our Year Four children joined with over 500 primary school children from across the Walsall and Lichfield Deanery to take part in a Jubilee Mass at Lichfield Cathedral.

The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes along with priests and deacons from the different parishes from within the Deanery. To link with the Jubilee theme of pilgrimage, schools arrived at different points around Lichfield and then processed down and gathered at the Cathedral.

Children from the primary schools helped to lead the readings, singing, offertory and altar serving during the Mass, giving them all a wonderful opportunity to work alongside children from other local Catholic primary schools.

The Mass, and indeed the whole experience, was a beautifully prayer, joy and hope-filled occasion for everyone involved. Hearing the Cathedral filled with the sound of all the different schools singing, but then also the moments of prayerful silence was incredible. The children all left the Cathedral inspired to continue their journey through the Jubilee Year as active Pilgrims and signs of hope for the world around us.





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Friends of St Gabriel's - St Gabriel's Summer Fayre

We are looking forward to our Summer Fayre on Friday 27th June!



In preparation for the Summer Fayre, Friends of St Gabriel's are asking for donations of books and toys – any such donations can be placed in the Friends of St Gabriel's Blue Bin outside school.



We are also having a non-school uniform day on Friday 20th June – Friends of St Gabriel's are asking for donations of chocolates and sweets for the Summer Fayre on the day (20th June)



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Track My Read



We now have 47 readers who have joined our St Gabriel's Summer Term Track My Read challenge - Well Done, you have helped us to reach a brilliant 25,750 reading minutes so far. Keep going brilliant readers, let's see if we can reach our target of 90, 000 minutes!

If you are having any problems with your log in details please let your child's class teacher

Jubilee Sports Week and Sports Day



We are pleased to announce that our Sports Day will take place on **Friday, 4th July**. Key Stage 2 students will participate in the morning, while Key Stage 1 will compete in the afternoon.

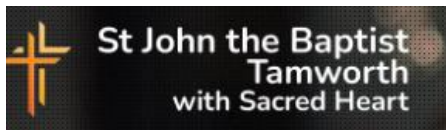
This exciting event will mark the conclusion of our Jubilee Sports Week, which will feature a variety of sporting activities throughout the week. More details about the week's events will follow, so please keep an eye out.



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Parish News

<https://www.tamworthrc.church/>

Maranatha Prayer Chain

Maranatha Prayer Chain: If you would like others to help you to pray for someone, please contact terryvobrien@icloud.com or Sylvia Geldard 01827 65264 with a simple prayer request which will be passed on to our chain of people who will then pray for you.

Youth Groups

Youth Groups meet every Wednesday 6pm – 7.30pm. We meet in the upstairs Kenelm Room, £1 per child, includes snacks and refreshments. Contact rhiannon@tamworthrc.church for more info.

Games Club

The games club on Thursday at the Holiday Inn. You do not need to commit to every week but we could do with two more volunteers. If you would like more info, contact Kelly on 07422 721835.

Sunday Masses

| Saturday Vigil | Sunday |
|---------------------------|---|
| 6:00pm - St John's Church | 9:00am - Sacred Heart 10:30am - St John's Church 12:00pm - Sacred Heart |

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

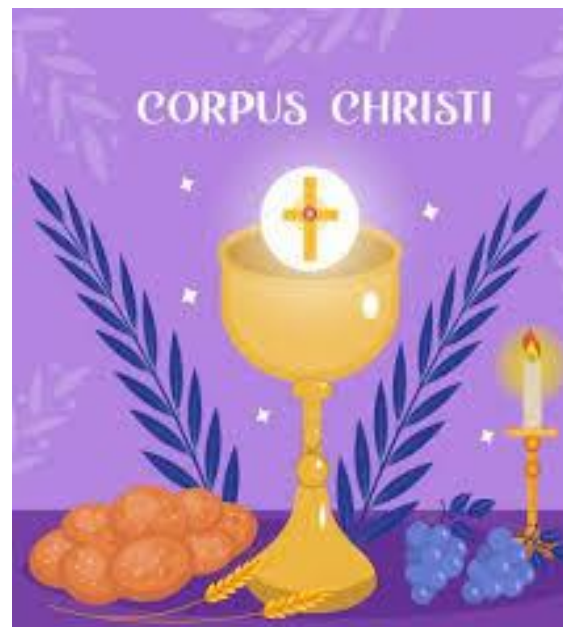
During this feast we give thanks for the gift of Christ's body and blood. At the heart of this important Feast Day is the celebration of Christ's constant presence here on earth, fully alive in the Eucharist.

"Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: "Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward, Lord, satisfy me with your presence!"

Pope Francis

Prayer for Corpus Christi

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for
the gift of your life and the way it
strengthens us to live ours. Teach us to
draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for
energy, renewal, strength and grace. May
we never take the gift of your presence for
granted. Amen.





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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

| Club | Day |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cricket Year 3 | Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm |
| Football Year 3 and Year 4 | Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm |
| Tennis Year 5 | Thursday 8.00am to 8.50am |
| Recorder Club Year 2 and 3 | Thursday 8.20am to 8.50am |
| Choir Key Stage 2 | Thursday 3.20pm to 4.15pm |
| Netball Year Five | Friday 8am – 8.50am |
| Choir Year 5 and Year 6 | Friday 12.15pm to 1.00pm |
| Drum Club Year 5 | Friday 3.30pm to 4.15pm |
| Athletics Year 6 | Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm |
| Rocksteady | Tuesday and Thursday am |

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| Sacramental / Liturgical Dates | |
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| Friday 27 th June | Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2) |
| Friday 11 th July | Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6) |
| Friday 18 th July | Mass in School - <u>Whole School</u> (Led by Y6) |

| Term Dates | | |
|---|--|--|
| <u>Autumn Term 2024:</u> Term time: Tues 3 Sept - Fri 25 Oct Half Term: Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov Term time: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20 Dec Holiday: Mon 23 Dec – Fri 3 Jan | <u>Spring Term 2025:</u> Term time: Mon 6 Jan – Fri 14 Feb Half Term: Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb Term time: Mon 24 Feb – Fri 11 Apr Holiday: Mon 14 Apr – Fri 25 Apr | <u>Summer Term 2025:</u> Term time: Mon 28 Apr – Fri 23 May Half Term: Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May Term time: Mon 2 June – Mon 21 July Holiday: Tues 22nd July – Fri 29th Aug |
| 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 | | |

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