



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 30th January 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Sunday 2nd February
School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)

Friday 14th February
Break Up for Half Term

Monday 24th February
INSET Day

Tuesday 25th February
2025 Children return to school

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th March
Spring Term Parent's Evening

Our Virtues this Half Term are **grateful** and **generous**. **Grateful** for their own gifts, for the gifts of other people, and for the blessings of each day, and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children and staff greatly enjoyed taking part in the **Year of Jubilee Launch Day** last Friday!

A highlight of the day was taking part in the Diocesan Livestream – joining with over 240 Catholic schools from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We were particularly excited when St Gabriel's got a 'shout out' during the Livestream! The photograph below captures our special moment!

During the Launch Day we were given three areas to focus on during the Year of Jubilee – Prayer. Fundraising and Social Action. Our Chaplaincy groups have started to look at different ways we can respond to these important areas.

We have our next school – led Mass this Sunday (Sacred Heart, 9am). Our children will be helping to lead the readings and music during the service. We look to joining with children and families for what I am sure will be a very special occasion.

God Bless
Mr Bright
Headteacher



St Gabriel's School Tamworth
Saint Gabriel's Tamworth Reception children are busy thinking about ways to help our community.

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 who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
74%	72%	90%	100%	95%	91%	94%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
93%	98%	96 %	98%	95%	91%	95%

House Points
 Well done to St Joseph house who earned 728 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 Peter	RK Charlie	1AP Sofia	1KG Archie	2LG Finley	2NH Nevie- Jo	3LH/VN Connie
3SO/AM Kody	4HB Natalia	4JH Vishmee	5LM Leon	5SM Cian M	6BF Neive	6AC Ivy

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

Virtue Stars of the Week						
RC Edison	RK Amaya	1AP Ali-Rose	1KG Harry	2LG Ada	2NH Jax	3LH/VN Bobby
3SO/AM Jacob G	4HB Isabella	4JH Teddy	5LM Kasey	5SM Harrison	6BF Mia L	6AC Riley

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JUBILEE



2025

On Friday 24th January, we celebrated Year of Jubilee Launch Day in school! The children and teachers have reflected on some of their highlights from the day:

Reception enjoyed painting their own pictures to describe their hopes for the Jubilee Year. We have thought about ways we can help our community.

For the Jubilee Launch Day, **Year 1** enjoyed watching the BDES Launch Day Livestream. We also had a lot of fun drawing our own portraits of Jesus on a scroll (to reflect the Gospel of Luke 4:16-21) and writing about some ways that we will spread hope through prayer, fundraising and social action.

In **Year 2**, we were inspired by the Gospel message, together with the Icon, to create our own pieces of art depicting Jesus spreading hope around the world.

Year 3 had a fabulous day. We really enjoyed thinking about all the ways that we could bring hope to others during this Jubilee year. During our afternoon artwork, we were able to reflect on scripture. We loved seeing what all the different classes had produced.

In **Year 4**, we considered the reactions of the crowd to Jesus' message that He was the Messiah. We enjoyed drawing our self-portraits as members of the crowd. The reactions that we focused on were belief, disbelief, reflection and joy.

Year 5 - We really enjoyed our Jubilee launch day! We had a lovely afternoon looking at the icon created for the Jubilee. We drew our own versions for our display which looks amazing.

Last week, **Year 6** thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Jubilee launch. It was a delightful experience, with the children especially relishing the opportunity to create artwork for our display and joining in with the live stream, where we came together to sing hymns, fostering a sense of community and shared celebration of hope.

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Emergency Closures

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated.

[Staffordshire School Closures](#)

Sports Report

Year 4 Athletics tournament

We are delighted to extend our warmest congratulations to the Year 4 athletics team, who have achieved great success by winning the Tamworth Indoor Athletics Competition this week.

The event took place at Rawlett High School, with over twelve schools competing.

Our team performed exceptionally well, triumphing in all events and showcasing their remarkable talent and teamwork.

The team was: Maisie (c), Liberty, Lucy, Gabrielle, Vittoria, Marysa, Leon, Henry, Tate, Konrad, Teddy and James. Many thanks to Mr Birtwistle for training the children and for supervising them with Mr Fowler at the event.

Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

We now have 114 active pupils on Track My Read who, between them, have completed 787 reading sessions, accumulating 25,415 minutes read so far - a big Well Done to all of those readers!

If you are having any problems with your log in details please let your child's class teacher know and we can rectify this for you.

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

The Feast of the Presentation – Luke 2:22 – 40

'When the time came ... the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.'

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – When Mary and Joseph presented the Baby Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Even though Jesus was just a baby, two people in the Temple recognised him – Anna and Simeon recognised who Jesus truly is – 'your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all people.'

Do we recognise Jesus when we see him? When we encounter Jesus in our family, friends, neighbours do we recognise his presence?

This week, let's open our hearts so that – like Anna and Simeon – we can be animated by the Holy Spirit and alive to the presence of Jesus in those around us.





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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 – information about additional KS1 Clubs coming soon!

Club	Day
Athletics Year 4	Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Gymnastics Reception and Year One	Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm
Multi-skills Year 5	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20 to 4.15pm
Choir Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
Sunday 2nd February	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Year of Jubilee)
Friday 7 th February	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 28 th February	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y3)
Wednesday 5 th March	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	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Friday 21 st March	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)
Friday 4 th April	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)
Friday 11 th April	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)
Friday 9 th May	Mass in School – Led by Y5
Saturday 17th May	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 23 rd May	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 th June	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
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 (Led by Y6)</u>

<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: Tues 22nd July – Fri 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>		

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