



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 27th February 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th March

Spring Term Parent's Evening

Friday 14th March

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 11th April

End of Spring Term (1.30pm)

Monday 28th April

Start of Summer Term

Attentive and Discerning

Pupils are growing to be **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our children, families and staff. I hope everyone had a enjoyable and restful half term.

We have a number of exciting events in the coming weeks here at school! On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. World Book Day is always a day we look forward too and is a fantastic opportunity for us to be promoting and celebrating the wonder of reading! As part of our celebrations, we are inviting parents/carers/grandparents to come into school to share a story with their children on World Book Day. Full details can be found further into the Newsletter.

The following week we have our Spring Term Parent's Evening. This is a really important opportunity for parents and carers to look at their children's books and talk to their child's class teacher about the progress their child is making. We will be using Teachers2Parents to book sessions – details will be emailed to parents shortly.

We also have some VERY exciting news which we are delighted to share—Miss Gamon has welcomed her beautiful baby boy into the world this week! Many congratulations to Miss Gamon and baby!

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 who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
93%	95%	94%	96%	100%	90%	94%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
100%	96%	100%	97%	97%	98%	100%

House Points

Well done to St Francis house again who earned over 1000 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 Ilyas	1AP Grace	1KG Ruby	2LG Hudson	2NH Vivien	3VN Roza
3SO/AM Autumn	4HB Nikos	4JH Riley	5LM Alanya	5SM Rosa	6BF Thomas	6AC Natan

**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 Mario	RK Brady	1AP Joshua	1KG Wojtek	2LG Alexis	2NH Joey	3VN Rosee
3SO/AM Zofia	4HB Eliza	4JH Abi	5LM Kobie	5SM Blossom	6BF Jenson	6AC Gabiell

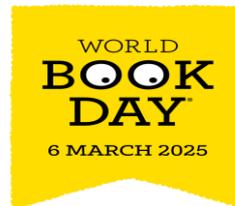


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**READ
YOUR WAY**



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6th March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school.

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation and we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden. In light of this, we are inviting children to come to school wearing their pyjamas/ loungewear so that we can all relax with a book. Children are still more than welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they have a costume and would like to do so.

As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite parents/carers/grandparents to come into school to share a story with their children on World Book Day. Please see the timetable below for your child's year group story time.

<i>Story Time Hall Timetable</i>	
<i>Year Group</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Reception In classrooms</i>	<i>9:20 – 10:00</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>10:05 – 10:30</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>10:35 – 11:00</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>11:05 – 11:30</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>1:15 – 1:40</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>1:45 – 2:10</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>2:15 – 2:40</i>



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Please don't worry if you are not able to make it to this session, we will make sure there will be somebody to share a book with all of our children. If you have children in multiple year groups but can only make one of the sessions, simply choose the most convenient time and we will invite all siblings to join you at this session.

We would like children to complete our World Book Day related Home Learning task 'Book in a Jar' over the half term holiday and we look forward to sharing the children's wonderful creations on World Book Day.

In school children will also be taking part in the Design a National Book token competition and the two winning designs from each class will be entered into the national competition.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you.





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Mrs Dulson

We are very sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Dulson – one of our Learning Support Assistants – this week.

Mrs Dulson will be greatly missed by us all – she has worked tirelessly to support and inspire so many children here at St Gabriel's and has also been a fantastic colleague to work alongside.

Thank you Mrs Dulson for all that you have done – we wish you all the very best for your next exciting chapter.

Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

Wow! A huge well done to all of our St Gabriel's readers as we have already smashed our Spring Term target with an incredible 1618 reading sessions and 61,810 minutes logged so far. Keep going readers, let's see how far we can go!

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.

Parish News – Sacred Heart Toddlers!

Sacred Heart Toddlers meet every Thursday during term time at the Sacred Heart Church (B77 2EA) for play, craft, snacks, stories and singing! All children from birth to five years are very welcome to attend.

If you would like to find out more please contact Rebecca (rebecca@tamworthrc.church)



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Sunday Gospel Reflection

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 6:38-45

For no good tree produces bad fruit

What sort of tree are you? What sort of fruit do you produce? What sort of fruit do you **want** to produce?

Jesus wants his followers to produce good fruit – fruits such as love, joy, peace, trustfulness, kindness, goodness, fruitfulness, gentleness and self-control. Jesus called these fruits the 'treasure of our hearts.' Jesus wants these fruits to flourish within us and with each other. He knows that we can all be 'good trees.' We need his support with this. This week let's turn to Jesus and ask for his help with our fruit growing!



Prayers for Pope Francis

We are all being asked to prayer for Pope Francis whilst he is in hospital battling double pneumonia. You might like to us the prayer below:

Almighty and Eternal God,
you are the everlasting health of
those who believe in you.
Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis
for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.



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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
Athletics Team Year 3 and 4	Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Multi-Skills Year 3	Tuesday 8.00am to 8.50am
Gymnastics Reception and Year 1	Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Multi-Skills Year 1	Thursday 8.00am to 8.50am
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20pm to 4.15pm
Netball Year 6	Friday 8.00am to 8.50am
Choir Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 12.15pm to 1.00pm
Athletics Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
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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