



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 13th February 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



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

Friday 11th April
End of Spring Term
(1.30pm)

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,

On Tuesday this week, we took part in Internet Safety Day. Internet Safety Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year, an online issue or theme is covered that speaks to children and young people about the things they are seeing or experiencing online. This year the theme is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

In school, our Year Six children led sessions with different classes to help them understand how children and young people can protect themselves and others online, as well as what support is available to them.

We know that parents and carers are keen to help their children stay safe online. In the newsletter this week we have information about what parents and carers need to be aware of when children are potentially using social media apps, such as Snapchat.

You can find more information about Internet Safety Day and support for families regarding keeping children safe online at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Wishing all our children, parents and families a relaxing and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 25th February**.

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 6BF who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
92%	90%	97%	96%	94%	96%	96%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
96%	95%	91%	97%	91%	99%	100%

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](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/school-closures)



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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 Maia	RK Ronnie	1AP Laycie	1KG Harry	2LG Arabella	2NH Noah	3LH/VN Imogen
3SO/AM Isla-Bleu	4HB Vittoria	4JH Lucy	5LM Eva	5SM Selena	6BF Joshua	6AC Lenny

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 Caoimhe	RK Kyriakos	1AP Amara	1KG Lucas E	2LG Logan	2NH George	3LH/VN Bobby
3SO/AM Christos	4HB Emilia H	4JH Marcel	5LM Alanya	5SM Georgia	6BF Nela	6AC Orla

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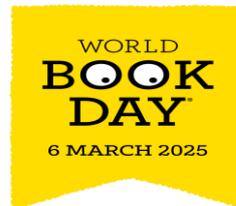


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**READ
YOUR WAY**



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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Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

It looks like we are going to smash our Spring Term reading target of 60,000 minutes as we have already recorded an incredible 1,326 reading sessions, clocking up 49,260 minutes, as we reach the halfway point - a huge well done to all of our 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.

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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Safer
Internet
Day 2025 | Tuesday
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Snapchat and social media

We want to inform you about some dangers related to children using social media, especially Snapchat. This app is meant for users aged 13 and older. Unfortunately, many younger children are accessing it, which could expose them to inappropriate images and content and risky situations due to the presence of artificial intelligence in the app.

To help protect your children, here are some simple tips:

1. **Talk Openly:** Have regular conversations with your child about what they do online. Encourage them to share anything that worries them about social media.
2. **Set Rules:** Make clear rules about which apps they can use and remind them of the age restrictions on different platforms.
3. **Discuss Privacy:** Teach your child about privacy settings and help them adjust these settings so they can keep their information safe.
4. **Keep an Eye on Usage:** Check which apps your child is using from time to time and talk to them about anything concerning they might encounter online.

By working together, we can help ensure that our children have a safer experience online.



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Sunday Gospel Reflection

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 6:17-26

Blessed are you

This week in the Sunday Gospel we encounter the Sermon on the Mount and the beautiful teachings of the Beatitudes. In the Beatitudes, Jesus talks about people who are blessed. We might be surprised by some of the people Jesus describes as blessed:

Blessed are you who are poor,

Blessed are you who are hungry,

Blessed are you who weep,

The Beatitudes remind us that, while Jesus loves all people, he is particularly close to us when we poor or hungry or weeping – this could be a spiritual hunger or a time when we feel lonely. At those times Jesus draws us especially close to Him. Jesus also asks us to draw close ourselves to our brothers and sisters who are poor, hungry, lonely, weeping...

What can we do this week to draw close to someone who is sad or lonely or hungry?

Jubilee Prayer – Grant me your Spirit

Grant me your Spirit

God, grant me the spirit of courage,
that I may have the strength to fight injustice.
Give me the spirit of challenge,
that I may not accept the status quo without question.
Give me the spirit of compassion,
that I may see the world from other people's viewpoint.





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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> 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</p>	<p><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</p>	<p><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</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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