



# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

*With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community*

## Dates for Diary



### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Reception and Year 6 Group photos (Vista)

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

End of Spring Term (1.30pm)

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Start of Summer Term

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

First Holy Communion (Y3, Sacred Heart)

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Fayre (3.45 – 6pm)

## 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,

This week we welcomed a new member to the St Gabriel's community! St Gabriel himself!

On Tuesday we shared with the children our new statue of St Gabriel. Our statue is a very special one as it has been sculptured by Mrs Buckroyd's (Y4 teacher) husband – Tony! The statue is based on the portrait of St Gabriel which you may have seen in the school hall. This portrait was actually painted by another of our teachers – Mrs Hogg – so our statue is very much a home-grown project!

Tuesday was a very appropriate day for St Gabriel to join us as it was the Feast of the Annunciation when St Gabriel brought the news to Mary that she was going to have the baby Jesus!

We obviously feel a very close relationship with St Gabriel as he is our name sake and patron Saint. I am sure our new statue will inspire us all to say 'St Gabriel – Pray for us' with even more enthusiasm!

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 4HB who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!**



#### Weekly Attendance

<b>RC</b>	<b>RK</b>	<b>1AP</b>	<b>1KG</b>	<b>2LG</b>	<b>2NH</b>	<b>3LH/VN</b>
<b>90%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>3SO/AM</b>	<b>4HB</b>	<b>4JH</b>	<b>5LM</b>	<b>5SM</b>	<b>6AC</b>	<b>6BF</b>
<b>98%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>

#### House Points

Well done to St Bernadette's house who earned over 700 house points!



#### Track my Read

A massive well done to all of our St Gabriel's readers - we have completely smashed our Spring Term target, before we've even reached the end of term, with an incredible 2115 reading sessions and 82,405 minutes logged so far. Keep going brilliant 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.



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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						
<b>RC Maia</b>	<b>RK Ivy-Grace</b>	<b>1AP Jokubas</b>	<b>1KG Ginny</b>	<b>2LG Harrison J</b>	<b>2NH Louis</b>	<b>3VN Avalon</b>
<b>3SO/AM Jacob G</b>	<b>4HB James</b>	<b>4JH Vishmee</b>	<b>5LM Lewis</b>	<b>5SM Nylah</b>	<b>6BF Oscar</b>	<b>6AC Orla</b>

**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						
<b>RC Myles</b>	<b>RK Charlie</b>	<b>1AP Carter</b>	<b>1KG Lucas P</b>	<b>2LG Logan</b>	<b>2NH Vivien</b>	<b>3VN Sebastian</b>
<b>3SO/AM George</b>	<b>4HB Henry</b>	<b>4JH Joseph</b>	<b>5LM Ryder</b>	<b>5SM Cerys</b>	<b>6BF Hollie</b>	<b>6AC Tommy</b>



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## Fundraising Fridays this Lent



### Wow! What an impressive start!

Our second week of Lenten fundraising (Wearing purple for Lent) raised an impressive **£163.00** so the total so far stands at **£345.00**. Thank you to all the families who have supported. We are look forward to seeing the weekly total rise if you can please continue to donate a small amount each week, we would be very grateful.

### Who are we fundraising for? What do they do?

Father Hudson's Caritas supports people who are homeless, children and families who need support, refugees, people with disabilities and elderly people.



### Why do we raise money in Lent?

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me."  
(Matthew 25:40)

We are called to live like Jesus as His disciples and care for those in need. God is our Father so we are called to look after all our brothers and sisters who need our help. It has been so wonderful to see the whole school community coming together to celebrate the fun activities as a one family of God.

### What is tomorrow's Fundraising Friday theme?



#### Mini Vinnie sale tomorrow:

Friday 28th March at 3.15pm, the Mini Vinnies' team are holding a small sale. We will be positioned just outside school office, selling: prayer crosses, bracelets, drinks, sweets, cakes, drawings and books. Please bring some change when you collect your child from school, if you would like to take part and support Father Hudson's Caritas.

**Fundraising Friday Theme**  
**Friday 28th March 2025**  
**Non-Uniform day**

Easter Egg donation for the Heart of Tamworth

**Mini Vinnie Sale**  
 After school, outside by the main Reception

**Many thanks, Mini Vinnies**



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### Parish News



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

### 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](mailto:rebecca@tamworthrc.church))

### New Wardens Needed

**New Wardens Needed – From all age groups and backgrounds.** People with a warm smile to welcome people, show them to seats and help with the collections. No commitment outside Sunday Mass so if you attend, why not help with this?

Sunday Masses	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>6:00pm - St John's Church</u></li> </ul>	<b>Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>9:00am - Sacred Heart</u></li> <li>○ <u>10:30am - St John's Church</u></li> <li>○ <u>12:00pm - Sacred Heart</u></li> </ul>



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#### Sunday Gospel Reflection

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent – Luke 15:11-32

*He was lost, and is found.*

This week we encounter the Parable of the Prodigal Son in our Sunday Gospel.

The parable is a beautiful story of forgiveness. Even though the son had greatly upset the father, the father forgave him and rejoiced at his return.

We too can access forgiveness like this. When we truly turn our hearts to God, he never denies us forgiveness – we simply need to be like the son in the parable and 'return home.'

As Pope Francis often likes to say – 'God always forgives us. He never tires of this. It's we who get tired of asking for forgiveness.'



*“Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God.”*

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**



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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**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Day</b>
<b>Cricket</b> Year 3	Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
<b>Multi-Skills</b> Year 4	Tuesday 8.00am to 8.50am
<b>Gymnastics</b> Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
<b>Dodgeball</b> Year 2	Thursday 8.00am to 8.50am
<b>Recorder Club</b> Year 2	Thursday 8.20am to 8.50am
<b>Choir</b> Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20pm to 4.15pm
<b>Choir</b> Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 12.15pm to 1.00pm
<b>Drum Club</b> Year 5	Friday 3.30pm to 4.15pm
<b>TAG Rugby Club</b> Year 6	Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass in School – Led by Y5
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>First Holy Communion (10am (3SO), 12 noon (3VN); Sacred Heart)</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u>

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

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