



# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

## Dates for Diary



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
March**

World Book Day

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
March**

Spring Term  
Parent's Evening

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

CAFOD Family Fast  
Day

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

End of Spring Term  
(1.30pm)

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

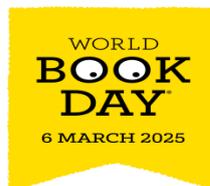
Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, we started the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass. Throughout Lent, we are journeying with Jesus by praying, fasting and giving. Prayer helps us draw ever closer to Jesus, fasting helps put aside distractions to our relationship with Jesus and giving helps us to join His mission of caring for all – especially the most needy and vulnerable.

In school, we are planning a range of events to help our children and families engage with the Lenten Season. Please see an update from our Mini-Vinnies in the newsletter this week.



We have also been celebrating World Book Day this week! We had a very exciting day on Thursday – we have shared some highlights further into the newsletter!



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
94%	93%	94%	97%	98%	85%	86%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
96%	93%	97%	98%	94%	100%	98%

#### House Points

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



### Asthma Detectives Academy: Investigating asthma for 8-11 year olds

Our next meeting is on Saturday 8th March 2025 at 10.30am

Are you 8- 11 years old? Do you, your sibling or a friend have asthma? Join us on the 8th March 2025 for a fun and interactive Saturday morning workshop. This exciting event will help you to get 'clued up' about asthma in a creative, hands-on way.

#### What is the Asthma Detectives Academy?

Through games, activities, and discussions, you will uncover what asthma is and learn to 'detect' what triggers it. Our expert team of 'chief detectives' will help you to 'crack the case' on asthma, so you can be confident using your inhalers. You will learn tips and tricks for managing your asthma at school, at home, and in groups and clubs. You can also chat to other children from around the UK who have asthma themselves or who know someone living with asthma.



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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</b> Violet	<b>RK</b> Lewis	<b>1AP</b> Teddy	<b>1KG</b> Brian	<b>2LG</b> Elijah	<b>2NH</b> Darci- Blue	<b>3VN</b> Imogen
<b>3SO/AM</b> Zach E	<b>4HB</b> RubyLea	<b>4JH</b> Karol	<b>5LM</b> Ethan	<b>5SM</b> Dominik	<b>6BF</b> Oscar	<b>6AC</b> Thishmee

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

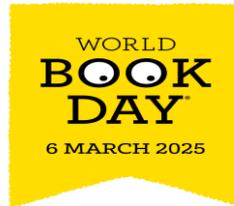
Virtue Stars of the Week						
<b>RC</b> Eva-May	<b>RK</b> Xavier	<b>1AP</b> James	<b>1KG</b>	<b>2LG</b> Daisy	<b>2NH</b> Nevie-Jo	<b>3VN</b> Esme
<b>3SO/AM</b> Michalina	<b>4HB</b> Myla	<b>4JH</b> Alicja	<b>5LM</b> Willow	<b>5SM</b> Isabella	<b>6BF</b> Jacob	<b>6AC</b> Seb



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The children have had a wonderful day taking part in our World Book Day celebrations today and it was a delight to see so many of them dressed up as their favourite book character or relaxing with a book in their pyjamas or loungewear.

It was also a real pleasure to welcome so many of you in to school today - the children thoroughly enjoyed having you join them for a story.

A huge well done to all the children who have created a Book in a Jar as part of our World Book Day celebrations. We have been absolutely delighted with the beautiful, wonderfully creative jars the children have produced and the real thought, time and effort that has gone into making them is very apparent. The children have really enjoyed sharing their jars with each other in school today.



## Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

A huge congratulations to the 137 children who have now joined our Spring Term Track my Read challenge - between you, you have logged an incredible 1753 reading sessions, amounting to an amazing 66,955 minutes reading. Well done, keep it up!!

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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## Lent 2025- Dates for your diary

We want to use this Lenten season to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, fundraising and keeping our Lenten promises.

We are going to hold weekly whole school fundraising events on each Friday in Lent.

These fun Fundraising Fridays will make a massive difference to the lives of those in need through the charities of Father Hudson's Caritas and the Heart of Tamworth. There will be a small (voluntary) contribution to participate in each event which will be paid through ParentPay. Thanks for all your help and support.

**The Mini Vinnies team**

Date	Fun Fundraising Friday Themes
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	No theme (World Book Day- 6.3.25)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Crazy hair or wear a hat day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Wearing purple for Lent day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Own clothes day (in exchange for a Easter Egg for Heart of Tamworth)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Express yourself day (wearing clothes that express your personality)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Crazy/odd socks or comfy trainers' day

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## Sports Report

### Netball



Our Year 6 netball team competed in a tournament at Rawlett school on Tuesday. The team were: Gabriella (captain), Poppy, Nieve, Orla, Harriet and Nela.

Gabriella says:

We played really well and I am proud of everyone for doing their best. We came a very close second place.

We really appreciate Miss Cunningham and Mr James for training with us; it has been a lot of fun.

### Athletics



### Year 5/6 County Finals

Children from year 5 and 6 took part in the indoor athletics county finals last Friday, in Stoke on Trent. The whole team did us all very proud and finished in third place overall - what an achievement!

Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Mr Birtwistle for training and supervising the children at the event.

The team was: Izabela, Harriet, Aubrey, Kasey, Maja, Khloe, Rosa, Dollie, Gabriella, Darcie, Neive, Layla, Isabella, Cian, Harrison, Ethan, Archie, Riley, Fabio, Leon, Leo, Jenson, Piotr, Rhys and Josh.



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



**Children's Worship:** we are blessed to have this opportunity for children to experience the Word of God each Sunday. This takes place at all of our Sunday Masses and a huge thankyou to all of our team members. St John's team have requested more helpers please for the 10.30am Mass. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help and a love of working with children. DBS checks would be made, but this is straightforward. If you can help at the 10.30am Mass, email [lisafahy77@outlook.com](mailto:lisafahy77@outlook.com)

Sacred Heart Masses would always welcome new members too. Please contact [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church)

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>6:00pm - St John's Church</u></li> </ul>	<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

#### First Sunday of Lent – Luke 4: 1 – 13 - *Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness*

On Wednesday Ash Wednesday - we marked the start of a very important season in the Church's Liturgical Calendar – Lent.

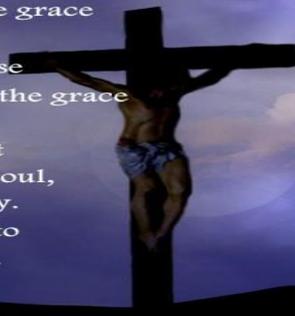
Lent is a 40-day season marking the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Lent is a wonderful opportunity for us as individuals, families and as a community to pray, do kind things for other people, give up things and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.

Lent draws its inspiration from the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. Jesus entered the desert to prepare for starting his mission proclaiming God's Kingdom to the world. During Lent, we are invited to travel with Jesus into the desert. To find a special place for us where we can feel close to God, to give ourselves time during our busy lives when we can be fully focused on what God is saying to us and calling us to do

As we enter Lent and begin our journey to Easter, let's create our own 'wildernesses' and give ourselves the time and space to grow closer to Jesus during these 40 days.

#### *A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.  
May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
*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**

<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>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

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<b>Sacramental / Liturgical Dates</b>	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	CAFOD Family Fast Day (Lent)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)
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>

<b><u>Term Dates</u></b>		
<p><b><u>Autumn Term 2024:</u></b>  <b>Term time:</b>  <b>Tues 3 Sept - Fri 25 Oct</b>            Half Term:            Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov  <b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20 Dec</b>            Holiday:            Mon 23 Dec – Fri 3 Jan</p>	<p><b><u>Spring Term 2025:</u></b>  <b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 6 Jan – Fri 14 Feb</b>            Half Term:            Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb  <b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 24 Feb – Fri 11 Apr</b>            Holiday:            Mon 14 Apr – Fri 25 Apr</p>	<p><b><u>Summer Term 2025:</u></b>  <b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 28 Apr – Fri 23 May</b>            Half Term:            Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May  <b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 2 June – Mon 21 July</b>            Holiday:            Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Aug</p>
<p><b>INSET Days:</b> 02/09/2024, 04/11/2024, 24/02/2025, 23/06/2025, 21/07/2025  <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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