



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 10th April 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Friday 11th April

End of Spring
Term (1.30pm)

**Monday 28th
April**

Start of Summer
Term

**Saturday 17th
May**

First Holy
Communion (Y3,
Sacred Heart)

Friday 27th 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,

As we come towards the end of another busy term, we want to start our newsletter by thanking everyone for all their support with our Lenten fundraising efforts. We have raised nearly £600 for Father Hudson Caritas, over £100 for CAFOD and been able to donate a mountain of Easter Eggs to Heart of Tamworth. Thank you all for your support and for helping us make our Lent really focused on one of the key themes of Lent – almsgiving.

On Sunday we mark the start of Holy Week. During Holy Week, we will celebrate the beautiful services of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and then the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday. Full details of the Parish services are included in the newsletter.

A Happy Easter to all our families. We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 28th April.

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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**End of Term Arrangements – Friday 11th April 2025
– School closes at 1.30pm**

Attendance Superstars!

Congratulations to 3SO/4HB who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
85%	85%	97%	95%	91%	98%	98%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
99%	99%	97%	96%	84%	97%	97%

House Points

Well done to St Theresa house again who earned over 500 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 Oliver G	RK Ronnie	1AP Anthony	1KG Ruby	2LG Nyla	2NH Joey	3VN Lottie
3SO/AM Harley	4HB Fleur	4JH Ella	5LM Yannis	5SM Cian T	6BF Aubrey	6AC Riley

**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 Michael L	RK Amari	1AP Ollie	1KG Winnie	2LG Finley	2NH Khloe	3VN Liam
3SO/AM Zach D	4HB Weronika	4JH Kaja	5LM Kyri	5SM Liam	6BF Dollie	6AC Lucas

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St Gabriel's Chaplaincy Teams

Lenten Fundraising Update



Thank you to all the families who have supported our Lenten fundraising efforts this year. It has been truly overwhelming how the children and the families have engaged with the different fundraising opportunities.

In addition to the huge collection of Easter eggs that were donated to the Heart of Tamworth (HoT), we have raised an impressive **£596.10** to support our brothers and sisters in need through Fr Hudson's Caritas.



We have raised **£117.15** so far for CAFOD. CAFOD work worldwide to help those in need. We wish to support the Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. With the money raised, CAFOD can provide supplies like food, water, medical and temporary shelter to the victims of this catastrophic earthquake.

Tomorrow we will have our last fundraising event for the CAFOD Earthquake appeal. Please support via ParentPay if you can!

Fundraising Friday Theme

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Crazy odd socks or comfy trainers day



Voluntary Contribution through ParentPay



Many thanks, the Chaplaincy Teams



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Track my Read

Hooray, we did it! Our Spring Term Track my Read challenge closes tomorrow and we are extremely pleased to announce that we have absolutely smashed our original target of 60, 000 minutes, reaching an incredible 88, 050 minutes. Well done to all our amazing St Gabriel's readers who have contributed to this brilliant achievement.

Huge congratulations to 1AP, who tracked the most minutes in KS1 and 6AC who tracked the most minutes for KS2. As a reward, they will be able to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 2nd May and will be able to choose a book to add to their class library.

Look out for our new challenge for Summer Term, details of which will be shared after the Easter holiday.

'Design a Plate for Staffordshire Day' Competition.

Our Year 4 children recently entered the 'Design a Plate for Staffordshire Day' Competition and we are excited to share that a number of their plates have made it through to the next round!

You can vote on which plate is one of the nine winners by visiting the website below and voting for your favourite!

<https://wearestaffordshire.co.uk/plate-competition/>



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Parish News

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



Wednesday 16th April- Penance Service – 8 priests hearing confessions Sacred Heart

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper- 7.30pm St John's

Friday 18th April - Good Friday – 3.00pm Services at both St John's and Sacred Heart.

Saturday 19th April – Swieconka (Polish Blessing) 11.00am Sacred Heart

Saturday 19th April- Easter Vigil- 8.00pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 20th April- Easter Sunday

9.00am Easter Day Mass at Sacred Heart

10.30am Easter Day Mass at St John's

12.00 Noon Easter Day Mass at Sacred Heart

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Palm Sunday – Luke 19:28-40

'The whole multitude began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'



**Lord, as you enter Jerusalem for your passion,
rouse us from our apathy,
deliver us from cosiness,
rescue us from complacency,
and, as we make this pilgrimage with you this Holy Week,
teach us the lesson of the cross.**

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

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
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 (3SO), 12 noon (3VN); 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 13th June	Sacrament of Confirmation (Y6, Sacred Heart)
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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