



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 3rd 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,

The children have had another busy week in school – writing diaries in the style of Samuel Pepys, investigating different states of matter, embarking on mini – beast hunts and tackling equivalent fractions are some of the fantastic learning they have been involved in recently!

We also had a very successful Lenten Lunch last week. Our Year Six children acted as welcomers and made sure everyone had the right order! Thank you to everyone who was able to come along on Friday afternoon and to all the staff who were involved in preparing and running the event.

A huge thank you, also, for the amazing response we had to our Easter Egg appeal! The eggs have been delivered to the Heart of Tamworth who will be using the eggs in the community pantry and their Easter Fun Day events.

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 5LM who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
93%	91%	95%	87%	95%	95%	96%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
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House Points

Well done to St Theresa house who earned over 720 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 Louie	RK Ilyas	1AP Grace	1KG Havannah	2LG Emilia	2NH Violet	3VN Rosie
3SO/AM Sofia	4HB JJ	4JH Kaiden	5LM Edward J	5SM Louie	6BF Neive	6AC Rhys

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 H	RK Bonnie	1AP Teddy	1KG Leo	2LG Noah	2NH Marie	3VN Harlow
3SO/AM Issac	4HB Andrew	4JH Freya Ba	5LM Albie	5SM Zoe	6BF Leo	6AC Erin

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St Gabriel's Chaplaincy Teams

As we enter our penultimate week of fundraising, we are encouraged tomorrow to come into school dressed in clothes that express our personality. We value uniqueness as we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Donations made via ParentPay.

Our fundraising grand total so far for Father Hudson's Caritas is **£477.10!**

This will make a massive difference to so many people who are homeless, refugees, children and families who need support, people with disabilities and the elderly.



Chocolate eggs for HoT

Thank you for the generous donation of Easter eggs for the HoT. This will make a huge difference to people in our local community. They were overwhelmed with the donation.

Mini Vinnies' Sale (28.3.25)

This was a very popular with parents and children! The group raised an impressive **£132.10** (which has been added to our total) in aid of Fr Hudson's Caritas. Next time, we will sell more cakes as they were most in demand.

Year 6 Lenten Lunches (28.3.25)

Thank you to all the staff, parents and parishioners who supported the Year 6 Lenten Lunches. The children loved taking on all their different roles in the Lenten Lunch restaurant whilst raising money for CAFOD. The Year 6 children and staff raised **£117.15!**

Prayer Ambassadors

The 'Ministers of Faith' have decided to rebrand to 'Prayer Ambassadors' so that their name represents their role in supporting the prayer life of the school whilst being 'Ambassadors for Christ' (1 Cor 5:20). They have been busy creating prayer resources for our weekly Lenten prayer themes with many more whole school prayer opportunities to come.





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Many thanks, the Chaplaincy Teams

Sports Report



Two weeks ago, eight Year 3 children took part in a cross-country event at Rawlett High School, and they did fantastically well! The girls finished in fourth place, while the boys claimed an impressive third place overall. It was a brilliant effort from all our young athletes! The team was: Bobby, Freddie, Austin, Sebastian, Autumn, Roza, Nina and Rosee.

Last week, our talented Year 4 group stepped up to the challenge in another round of cross-country races. The boys finished in fourth place while the girls finished their races in third place overall. Well done to everyone who took part; your hard work and determination are truly commendable! The team was: Maisie, Gabrielle, Catherine, Marysia, Henry, Tate, Teddy and Joseph.

Many thanks to all the parents and siblings who cheered the teams on and Mr Fowler for supervising the children at the event.

Track my Read

Well done to all of our St Gabriel's readers who have helped us to reach a fantastic 2195 reading sessions and 85,755 reading minutes during Spring Term. Keep going all of you amazing readers, let's see how far beyond our target we can reach!

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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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)

Altar Servers

Altar Servers are needed at both Churches: if you have made your first holy communion, why not become an altar server and get involved in the Mass in a new way. We will offer training. Just speak to any priest or deacon or email Fr Michael asap. It's open to all ages and beginners too. If you are a parent, can you encourage your son or daughter to serve please?

Sunday Masses	
Saturday Vigil <u>6:00pm - St John's Church</u>	Sunday <u>9:00am - Sacred Heart</u> <u>10:30am - St John's Church</u> <u>12:00pm - Sacred Heart</u>

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Fifth Sunday of Lent – John 8: 1 - 11

Neither do I condemn you

In this Sunday's Gospel Reading we encounter a woman who has been condemned by everyone around. Everyone that is except Jesus. Jesus does not condemn her, Jesus does not judge her. In fact, Jesus stands by her when others want to punish or even kill her.

Jesus stands by us too – even when those around us condemn us. No matter what has happened, what has been done, what has been said – Jesus is always standing by us. For Jesus, forgiveness always trumps judgement or condemnation.



Open

Lord, open our eyes and we shall behold your glory,

Lord open our ears and we shall hear your call,

Lord open our hearts and we shall know your love,

Lord open our lives and we shall reveal your glory.

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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 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 (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 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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