



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 10th October 2024

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

Dates for Diary



Tuesday 22nd October

Parent's Evening

Thursday 24th October

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Friday 25th October

Break up for half term

Monday 4th November

INSET Day Two

Tuesday 5 November

Children return

Sunday 1st December

School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)

Our Virtues this half term are **CURIOS** and **ACTIVE**!

Pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here in school!

Wow Active sessions have continued – the children all enjoyed being 'put through their paces.' Year Five visited Tamworth Fire Station to learn more about how to stay 'Safe and Sound.' Our Cross Country team are warming up this afternoon for their first run of the season! Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather for them!

At the same time, the kitchen have been busy baking delicious flapjacks to help us raise money for Mary's Meals! Thank you to everyone for their generosity with this fantastic cause – We have raised enough money to feed twenty five children, in some of the poorest and most needy countries around the world, for a whole year! What an amazing effort!

Our Parent's Evening booking system has opened – please do make sure you book an appointment as soon as you can as time slots are already filling up!

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 classes **1KG and **4HB** who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!**



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
94%	97%	95%	100%	93%	97%	88%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
84%	100%	99%	99%	95%	95%	95%

House Points

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Well done to St Theresa house who earned an amazing 403 house points last week!



Ten:Ten
Resources



Our Ten:Ten October Parent newsletter is available – please see link below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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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	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
Edison	Patrick	Amara	Winnie	Zachary	Violet	Max
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Elizabeth	Henry	Freya B	George	Jenson	Jenson	Frank

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

Virtue Stars of the Week						
RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
Theodore	Gabriel	Sofia	Lucas P	Janice	Stefania	Mia
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Ava	Rosie	Vishmee	Elsie	Selena	Jasmine	Poppy

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Stay and Pray Rosary Dates

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, an important Catholic Church devotion. We would like to invite parents in to join us to take part in this by coming in to make a small Rosary craft and taking part in praying with us.

Friday 11th October

9.15 - 10.00 – RC and RK

10.45 - 11.30 – 1KG and 1AP

1.15 - 2.00 – 2LG and 2NH

Friday 18th October

9.15 - 10.15 - Mass in school led by Y3

10.15 - 11.00 – 3SOH/AM and 3VN/LH

11.00 - 11.45 – 4HB and 4JH

1.15 - 2 – 5LM and 5SM

2.15 - 3 – 6AC and 6BF

If you have children in more than one class and are only able to make one session, you will be able to do the Stay and Pray with all of your children.



Friends of St Gabriel's



Friends of St Gabriel's (FOSGs) – our PTA – will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 16th October (3.30pm, in school)**. New or potential members are welcomed and encouraged to come along. If you would be interested in finding out more please do come along! FOSGs do a fantastic job running a great range of fund-raising events for school and is also a great way for parents and carers to get involved in school life.

Please see attached flyer for more information about the Friends.

Parish News

Find out the latest parish news at <https://www.tamworthrc.church/bulletin>

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Parent's Evening

As you will be aware, we have our Autumn Term Parent's Evening on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October. Appointments can be booked via Teachers2Parents. We look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible to these sessions – teachers will be able to talk to you about how your child has settled into their new year group, the progress they are making and what their key next steps will be.



VISION SCREENING - NHS ADVICE 2024

It is strongly recommend by the NHS that all children have regular eye tests at least once a year. Eye tests for children are free on the NHS at any local opticians .**Please see email sent earlier this week on behalf of: University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust**

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Mark 10:17 - 27

'He went away sad.'

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites a young man to follow him.

However, the young man chooses not to follow Jesus. For the young man to follow Jesus, he needed to 'give up his riches' – he was not able to do this and, instead, 'went away sad.'

We can all have things in our lives which stop us from following Jesus at times.

This week, take a moment to look at your own life – what sops you from following Jesus more closely?



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Useful Information

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 – information about additional KS1 Clubs coming soon!

Club	Day
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20-4.15
Choir Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm
Multi-skills Year 6	Monday 3:30 to 4:40pm
Girls Football team training Year 5 and 6	Monday 12:30 to 1:00pm
Multi-skills Year 3	Tuesday 8:00 to 8:50am
Football Year 4 and 5	Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm
Multi-skills Year 2	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
Boys Football team training Year 5 and 6	Thursday 12:30 to 1:00pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
Friday 18 th October 2024	Mass in School – Whole School (Led by Y3)
Friday 8 th November 2024	Mass in School - Whole School – (Led by Y6)
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Mass in School – (Led by Y2) (EY + KS1)
Sunday 1st December 2024	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) Advent)
Friday 6 th December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School (Led by Staff)
Tuesday 10th December 2024	Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Monday 16 th December	Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Friday 20 th December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 10 th January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 24 th January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - TBC
Sunday 2nd February 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Year of Jubilee)
Friday 7 th February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 28 th February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y3)
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	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 2025	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Friday 21 st March 2025	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)
Friday 4 th April 2025	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)
Friday 11 th April 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Mass in School – Led by Y5
Saturday 17th May 2025	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 th June 2025	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
Friday 27 th June 2025	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)
Friday 11 th July 2025	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Friday 18 th July 2025	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u>

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Community Information

Did you know that we have a **Hygiene Bank** in school? Always Stocked with toiletries, cleaning products and baby supplies. All of our school community are welcome to visit in confidence. Please bring a bag.



Have you seen the amazing opportunity to work For the *Civil Service*, which was posted this week on the *Community Information Hub* on the school website?

We keep this up to date with a wide range of services and information. It's well worth a visit. Follow the [link here](#)

<u>Term Dates</u>		
<p><u>Autumn Term 2024:</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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: Tuesday 22rd July – Friday 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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