



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 3rd October 2024

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

Dates for Diary



Sunday 6th October

School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)

Tuesday 22nd October

Parent's Evening

Thursday 24th October

Parent's Evening

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,

Throughout the school year, we are always looking for opportunities to support and engage with charities and other important causes both locally, nationally and internationally.

Next Thursday (10th), we will have the opportunity to take part in World Porridge Day which is run by the charity Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals raise money to provide one good meal every school day for hungry children living in 17 of the world's poorest countries. Just £19.15 ensures a child has a bowl of porridge a day for a whole year which helps the children to learn and grow.

On Thursday 10th October, our children will have the chance to buy a piece of flapjack for 30p – We are hoping to raise £268.10 – This would be enough money to buy a year of meals for 14 children!

If you would like to find out more about Mary's Meals, please click on the image below:



Thank you, in advance, for your support with this important cause.

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 class who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!

RK/2LG/4HB



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
98%	99%	98%	93%	99%	95%	95%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
92%	99%	98%	94%	98%	98%	97%

House Points

Well done to St Francis house again who
 earned a very impressive 358 house points
 last week!





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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 Caoimhe	RK Kyriakos	1AP Oliver	1KG Elsie A	2LG Emilia D	2NH Khloe	3LH/VN Liam
3SO/AM Issac	4HB Robbie	4JH Amiyah	5LM Sean	5SM Seb	6AC Tommy	6BF Harry C

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 Mario	RK Bonnie	1AP Piotr	1KG Alex	2LG Nyla	2NH Joey	3LH/VN Freya
3SO/AM Zachary E	4HB Maximus	4JH Spencer	5LM Harper	5SM Niamh	6AC Ava	6BF Harriet



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School Mass at Sacred Heart Church – Sunday 6th October 2024 (9am)

This Sunday (6th October) our Year Three and Year Six children will be helping to lead the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart.

The Mass will be a Commitment Mass for children in Year Three and Year Six who will be starting their Sacramental preparation shortly. The Mass will give children, in all year groups, families and members of the parish community the opportunity to join together and support the children in Year Three and Year Six as they make their Commitment Promises.

We look forward to joining with as many of our children and families as possible on Sunday 6th. Although it will be Year Three and Year Six children making their Commitment Promises during Mass, all children and families are very welcomed and encouraged to attend.

If you have not attended a Mass at Sacred Heart before please do not worry – do come along as there will be lots of people there to make sure you feel very welcome and have everything you need.



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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.

Parish News

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

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.



Prayer Bags

It was lovely to see all the different prayers for the Season of Creation on our Padlet during September. Prayer bags based on the Rosary will be sent home on Monday. Please take some time to look at it together with your family.

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Mark 10: 2-16

Let the little children come to me

In this week's Gospel, Jesus encourages His disciples to welcome the 'little children' – to welcome the vulnerable, the needy, the overlooked. But Jesus doesn't just want them to be welcomed – He tells His disciples that 'anyone who does not welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it' – He is challenging us to be vulnerable, to be like a 'little child.' When we allow our hearts to be vulnerable to God's grace we open ourselves to His love and enter more fully into His Kingdom.



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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 440pm
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	
Sunday 6th October 2024	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Welcome and Commitment Mass)
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 - Whole School (Led by Y6)

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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.



Please find attached some useful information, including details of a local job fair.

We keep the Community Information Hub on the school website 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>		
<u>Autumn Term 2024:</u>	<u>Spring Term 2025:</u>	<u>Summer Term 2025:</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	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	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
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		

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