



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 14th November 2024

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



**Wednesday 20th
November**

Red Wednesday

Sunday 1st December

School Mass at Sacred
Heart (9am)

Tuesday 10th December

Key Stage Two Carol
Service (6pm, Sacred
Heart)

Monday 16th December

Early Years Christmas
Nativity

Tuesday 17th December

Key Stage One Carol;
Service (6pm, Sacred
Heart)

Friday 20th December

End of Term

Our Virtues this Half Term are Intentional and Prophetic. **Intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are very excited to share with you information about some of our new Pupil Teams!

Giving our children opportunities to take on roles of responsibility, to represent their peers and to respond to their calling to be a follower of Jesus is a really important part of our ongoing Chaplaincy work.

In this week's newsletter you can read about our School Councillors, Ministers of Faith and Mini – Vinnies and the fantastic work they will be doing helping us to grow ever more as a community with Jesus Christ at the centre.

On Wednesday next week (20th) we will be, as we have been for a number of years, supporting Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday – an annual event which helps to promote awareness of faith persecution around the world. Everyone is encouraged to wear red on Wednesday!

Our new altar and lectern have arrived in school! In the coming weeks we will be having the altar blessed and it will then be used during our School Masses. A huge thank you to Friends of St Gabriel's who have supported the funding of this project.

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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Pupil Leaders at St Gabriel's

Pupil voice is extremely important to us at St Gabriel's. We value the important role that our children play in the leadership of the school. Therefore, we have established three different teams of children with distinct roles:

Congratulations to our new 'School Council' representatives:

<u>2LG</u> Daisy Janice	<u>3SO/AM</u> Ava Jaxon	<u>4HB</u> Gabrielle Maisie	<u>5LM</u> Kasey Khloe	<u>6AC</u> Joshua Nela
<u>2NH</u> Cesc Kaion	<u>3VN/LH</u> Hannah Thomas	<u>4JH</u> Abi Marcel	<u>5SM</u> Blossom Martha	<u>6BF</u> Erin Gwen

This is a group of pupils who act as representatives for their classmates in supporting and addressing school issues in collaboration with the headteacher and staff. They support the Governance of the school. They have been appointed democratically by their peers.

Congratulations to our new 'Ministers of Faith' team:

Elizabeth (Year 3)	Catherine (Year 4)	Louie (Year 5)	Archie (Year 6)
Sebastian (Year 3)	Viktorija (Year 4)	Ava (Year 6)	Ivy (Year 6)

These children support the prayer life of the school through evaluating, monitoring and delivering some of our whole school prayer and liturgy. They have applied for this position in response to their call to serve God.



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Congratulations to our new 'Mini Vinnies' team:

Mia-Rose (Year 5)	Eva (Year 5)	Lenny (Year 6)	Hollie (Year 6)
Elsie (Year 5)	Natan (Year 6)	Erin (Year 6)	Gabriella (Year 6)

Mini Vinnies are a group of young people who work together to help those in need within their school, local and global family. They have applied to take on this special role to help support those in need. The Mini Vinnies help address social justice issues and live out their faith through action as part of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Attendance Superstars!

Congratulations to class 2NH who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
95%	94%	96%	97%	96%	98%	96%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
96%	97%	96%	97%	95%	96%	96%



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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 Michael H	RK Sienna	1AP Jayden	1KG Keeva	2LG Daisy	2NH Harry D	3LH/VN Zach
3SO/AM Lulu	4HB Austin	4JH Leo	5LM Edward N	5SM Liam	6BF Jakub	6AC Charlie

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 Peter	RK Archie	1AP Eli	1KG Brian	2LG Arabella	2NH Evie	3LH/VN Freya
3SO/AM Nina	4HB Macie	4JH Lucy	5LM Khloe	5SM George	6BF Hollie	6AC Erin



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Red Wednesday – Wednesday 20th November



On Wednesday 20th November we will be marking "Red Wednesday".

Red Wednesday is an annual event organised by the charity Aid to the Church in Need. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of people – in particular Christians – who are persecuted for their faith.

We will be having assemblies and prayer in school to help us think about people who have suffered because of their faith and beliefs.

We will be asking the children to come into school dressed in red/wearing an item of red clothing to help mark "Red Wednesday".

Parish News

Can you help - are you a seller on Vinted or interested/experienced in this area? It could be a skill or interest that could help our charity to develop what we do. Could you spare some time to sell things on Vinted that come into the shop for HoT? Please contact jen@heartoftamworth.org if you have any questions.

Simple Faith: The next session is on Mon 4th Nov at 7.30-9.00pm in the HoT café. It will be led in the style of Home Group i.e. a drink and biscuit to chat for 10 minutes, then Scripture and catechesis, followed by prayer. This is a great way to explore and deepen faith with others. This will run fortnightly in term time. For more information, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church

Parish News

Find out the latest parish news at
[https://www.tamworthrc.church/
bulletin](https://www.tamworthrc.church/bulletin)

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Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

We are now on 10,465 minutes and nearly 50 active readers who have completed over 360 reading sessions! What an amazing achievement!

If you are having problems logging into Track My Read, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 5/6 Girls football tournament

Last Thursday, girls from Year 5 and 6 took part in a large schools' football competition at Rawlett High School! They showcased their skills by playing five matches, brilliantly winning three and managing to draw two. What's even more impressive is that they never conceded a single goal throughout the entire tournament! Their outstanding performance secured them a fantastic second place overall. A huge well done to all the girls for their hard work, teamwork, and determination. We are so proud of what they have achieved! The team was: Neive (c), Harriet, Nela, Izabela, Ava, Niamh, Blossom, Zoe, Rosa and Matha. Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Mr James for training and supervising the children at the event.

House Points

Well done to St Joseph house who earned a record 536 house points last week!





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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Mark 13: 24 – 32

My Words will not pass away

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about the time when He will come again. He tells His disciples that many things will have happened by the time He returns, but that **His 'words will not pass away.'**

Through all of life's opportunities and challenges we can take great comfort from knowing that Jesus's words will never pass way. Jesus has told us that He is with us 'each and every day' (Matthew 28:20) and that 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.' (John 15:5).

Jesus is the Word and His Word will be with us always.



November – The Month of the Holy Souls

In November we remember the Holy Souls – especially family and friends who have gone before us and are now with Our Lord.

We have a basket in the porch for you to add the name of a loved one who you would like to pray for during this special month.



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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 – information about additional KS1 Clubs coming soon!

Club	Day
Girl's Football team training Year 5 and 6	Monday 12:30 to 1:00pm
Athletics Year 4	Monday 3:30 to 4:30pm
Multi-skills Year 4	Tuesday 8:00 to 8:50am
Gymnastics Club Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm
Multi-skills Year 5	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
Boy's Football team training Year 5 and 6	Thursday 12:30 to 1:00pm
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20-4.15
Choir Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm
Athletics Year 5 and 6	Friday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
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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<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		

Community Information

Tamworth Borough Council will be holding some drop in sessions giving advice on staying well in winter. Wednesday 22nd January @ St Peter's Church, Glascoate and Wednesday 26th February @ Dosthill Boys Club.



Do 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.

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

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