



# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

#### Dates for Diary



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
November**

School photos

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

School Mass at Sacred  
Heart (9am)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Early Years Christmas  
Nativity

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to support with our School Disco yesterday! Both Discos were a great success and the children (and staff!) had a great time! Thank you, especially, to Friends of St Gabriel's for all their work in arranging these events and to all our families for supporting them.

This week in school, we have been thinking about Remembrance. On Wednesday our Year Six children visited the National Arboretum at Alrewas to learn about and reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who have fought in or been affected by war. Year Six will also be leading our Whole School Mass tomorrow (Friday) and have written prayers to share in response to their visit.

Father Karun visited school this week. The children enjoyed meeting him and he enjoyed having a school dinner with a group of them! We look forward to welcoming him tomorrow when he will be celebrating Mass with us.

Tempest Photography are visiting school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November for our annual school photos – please see below for a reminder of all the details.

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 who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!**



**Weekly Attendance**

<b>RC</b>	<b>RK</b>	<b>1AP</b>	<b>1KG</b>	<b>2LG</b>	<b>2NH</b>	<b>3LH/VN</b>
<b>96%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>3SO/AM</b>	<b>4HB</b>	<b>4JH</b>	<b>5LM</b>	<b>5SM</b>	<b>6AC</b>	<b>6BF</b>
<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Ten:Ten**  
Resources



Our Ten:Ten November 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
Myles	Charlie	James	Sara	Oliver	Harry T	Hannah
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Zofia	Anthony	Maja	Abbie	Helena	Jacob	Gwen

**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	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
Oliver G	Connie	Jokubas	Owen	Elijah	Frank	Tom
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6BF	6AC
Bethany	Emi	Primrose	Eva	Cian M	Dollie	Tymon



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#### School Photos

**Tempest Photography will be coming to school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 for this year's annual school photos.**

As usual, the photographer will be happy to take family groups including pre-school children and babies first thing in the morning – from 8.15am. If you wish to have such a photograph taken, please come to the hall and queue.

Every child will have an individual photograph taken including our Pre-School Groups. Family Groups will automatically be taken too.

As usual, the photographs will be produced digitally and your child should arrive home with a proof copy and information the same evening. You will be asked to deal directly with Tempest; they offer us a fast and efficient service which works exceptionally well.



#### Parish News

**Phoenix Youth Group:** The next session will be Wednesday 13th November from 6.00-7.30pm. Please note the new time. We look forward to welcoming new members. It is for those young people in Y6 and Y7. New members welcome. A voluntary contribution of £1 per session would be appreciated each session to help towards drinks and biscuits. A chance to catch up with friends, make new ones and enjoy fun activities and games. If you have any questions, please email Becky or Liz [phoenix@tamworthrc.church](mailto:phoenix@tamworthrc.church)

**The Christmas Day Dinner** will take place at Sacred Heart this year. If you know anyone who is lonely, feels isolated, or people who are homeless or don't have anywhere to go. Ask them if they would like to join us on Christmas Day. For more information contact [jen@heartoftamworth.org](mailto:jen@heartoftamworth.org). Volunteers also needed, please.

#### Parish News

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



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#### Coats

Now that the weather is turning a little colder, please do make sure that children come to school with a warm, name-labelled coat. Thank you for your support with this.



#### Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

Well Done to all our fantastic readers who have helped us reach 3 600 minutes of reading across 390 sessions. We are aiming to reach 64, 050 reading minutes by Christmas, so if you haven't logged in yet – please do!

For more information on Track My Read visit [www.readforgood.org/track-my-read](http://www.readforgood.org/track-my-read).

#### Job Opportunities

##### CEO Role

The Archdiocese of Birmingham invite applications for the new CEO of the first enlarged Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Archdiocese. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to commence Easter 2025, or earlier. We are looking for an outstanding, dynamic, innovative and visionary Catholic servant leader to lead this new Trust of 63 schools by example and with wisdom. The successful candidate will bring hope and optimism to the role, providing strategic direction and educational leadership to support our schools in facing the future. For further details, please visit the Diocesan Education Service website: [CEO Vacancy](#). The closing date is 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

##### Site Technician

St Elizabeth require a Site Technician / Key Holder for immediate start Grade 3 (£11.98 per hour currently)  
For more information please contact St Elizabeth's School 01827 214000 (Full details attached)

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#### **Sunday Gospel Reflection**

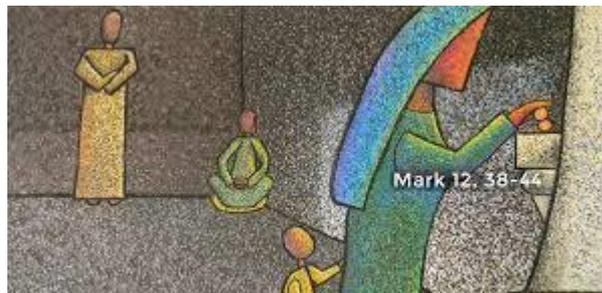
**Mark 12: 38 – 44**

#### **She has put more in than all the others**

In our Gospel this week, Jesus watches a poor widow putting two small coins into the donation box. Jesus tells His disciples that the widow has put more in than all the rich people who were putting in lots of money. It is not about how much they put in, but the spirit of generosity which they gave it with.

Jesus shows in the Gospel that we all have something we can give, even if at first it does not look like much.

We can give money, but we can also give our time, our kindness, our talents, our love. Whatever we have, if we share it, God can use it.



#### **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
<b>Girl's Football team training</b> Year 5 and 6	Monday 12:30 to 1:00pm
<b>Multi-skills</b> Year 4	Tuesday 8:00 to 8:50am
<b>Gymnastics Club</b> Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm
<b>Girl's Football</b> Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 3:30 to 4.30pm
<b>Multi-skills</b> Year 5	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
<b>Boy's Football team training</b> Year 5 and 6	Thursday 12:30 to 1:00pm
<b>Choir</b> Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20-4.15
<b>Choir</b> Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm
<b>Athletics</b> Year 5 and 6	Friday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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<b>Sacramental / Liturgical Dates</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Mass in School - Whole School – (Led by Y6)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	Mass in School – (Led by Y2) (EY + KS1)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) Advent</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School (Led by Staff)
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas Nativity
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School – (Led by Y5)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - TBC
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Year of Jubilee)</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y3)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Ash Wednesday – start of Lent Distribution of Ashes Service in school (Led by Staff)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	CAFOD Family Fast Day (Lent)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Mass in School – Led by Y5
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u>

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<u>Term Dates</u>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Autumn Term 2024:</u></b></p> <p><b>Term time:</b>  <b>Tues 3 Sept - Fri 25 Oct</b>            Half Term:            Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov</p> <p><b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20 Dec</b>            Holiday:            Mon 23 Dec – Fri 3 Jan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Spring Term 2025:</u></b></p> <p><b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 6 Jan – Fri 14 Feb</b>            Half Term:            Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb</p> <p><b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 24 Feb – Fri 11 Apr</b>            Holiday:            Mon 14 Apr – Fri 25 Apr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Summer Term 2025:</u></b></p> <p><b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 28 Apr – Fri 23 May</b>            Half Term:            Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May</p> <p><b>Term time:</b>  <b>Mon 2 June – Mon 21 July</b>            Holiday:            Tuesday 22rd July – Friday 29th Aug</p>
<p><b>INSET Days:</b> 02/09/2024, 04/11/2024, 24/02/2025, 23/06/2025, 21/07/2025  <a href="https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/term_dates">https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/term_dates</a></p>		

## Community Information

Do you have a child with mental health issues? **Parenting Mental Health** is a national peer support network of more than 40,000 parents and carers who have a 'lived experience' of parenting a child with mental health issues.

Take a look [HERE](#)



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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