



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 10th July 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Tuesday 15th July

Meet the New Teacher (for parents) 3.30pm-5.30pm

Friday 18th July

End of term (1.30pm)

Monday 1st September

INSET Day 1

Tuesday 2nd September

Children return to school

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Faith-filled in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Gabriel's has turned Platinum this week!

We received notification, this morning, that we have been awarded the School Sports Mark - Platinum! The Sports Mark is a national award which recognised schools for their commitment to promoting sport within school and the wider community. A fantastic achievement by all members of our school community! More information about the award can be found further into the newsletter.

On Wednesday we had our annual Vocations Day and welcomed a number of visitors into school to share and discuss their vocations. As always, our visitors were very impressed with how the children engaged with the day and how they contributed such thought-provoking questions.

Well Done also to Year One who had a fantastic trip to Calke Abbey on Monday – the children had a lovely time exploring the grounds of Calke and visiting the house!

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

Meet the New Teacher for Parents session – Tuesday 15th July 2025 – 3.30 - 5.30pm

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St Gabriel's News

From this week, we will be sharing a St Gabriel's News post on our new Instagram account. The weekly post will contain some key highlights and dates from the main newsletter. Please follow us on Instagram at [stgabrielsprimary](https://www.instagram.com/stgabrielsprimary)



St Gabriel's News



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 15th July
Meet the New Teacher (for parents) 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thursday 17th July
Year Six Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

Friday 18th July
Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6) 9.15am
End of term 1.30pm

School Activities

Netball Club - Friday AM
Drum Club - Friday PM



This week



School Sports Mark Platinum

We are thrilled to announce that St Gabriel's has achieved the School Sports Mark Platinum award for the 2024-2025 academic year, the highest accolade available.

This Government-led award recognises schools for their commitment to promoting competition both within the school and the wider community.

At Saint Gabriel's we offer an amazing range of sporting events, competitions and clubs such as football, indoor and outdoor athletics, tag-rugby, cricket, dodge-ball, netball, cross country, swimming and much much more!

Vocations' Day



On Wednesday, we welcomed a number of visitors to school to talk about how they live out their vocations as followers of God.

Many thanks to Fr Michael, Fr Joseph, Fr Hilary, Sister Anne, Seminarians Jovi and Viem, Deacon Bob and Mr Standen.

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Attendance Superstars!

Congratulations to 1KG & 2LG who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3VN
95%	83%	98%	100%	100%	99%	96%
3SO	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
96%	94%	86%	98%	94%	94%	90%

House Points

Well done to St Bernadette house who earned over 450 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 Isabel	RK Bonnie	1AP Pippa	1KG Jaxon	2LG	2NH Nevie- Jo	3VN Hannah
3SO/AM Kody	4HB Bella	4JH Harmony	5LM Jack	5SM Harrison	6BF Jenson	6AC Thishmee

**Our Virtue Stars have been showing us how they are living out the
virtues of being Faith-filled and Hopeful – Very Well Done!**

Virtue Stars of the Week						
RC Theodore	RK Lewis	1AP Joshua	1KG Havannah	2LG	2NH Louis	3VN Lottie
3SO/AM Sofia	4HB Jacob	4JH Freya Bi 10.07	5LM Yannis	5SM Selena 10.7	6BF Mia E	6AC Erin

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We are thrilled to announce that St Gabriel's has achieved the School Sports Mark Platinum award for the 2024-2025 academic year, the highest accolade available.

This Government-led award, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, recognises schools for their commitment to promoting competition both within the school and the wider community.



We have taken part in an amazing range of sporting events, competitions and clubs this year – including Tamworth football, indoor and outdoor athletics, tag-rugby, cricket, dodge-ball, netball, cross country, swimming and much much more!

Our Jubilee Sports Week also formed an important part of our application so we can truly say that the Platinum Award is an award for every single child in school!

All these sporting events depend on the dedication and commitment of our children and always our staff who give up so much of their time and energy. A special thanks must go to Mr Fowler, Mr Birtwistle, Miss Cunningham, Mr James and all the staff involved. Particular thanks to Mr Fowler who co-ordinates all of these opportunities and always ensures that we are fully involved in all the local sporting events!



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Vocations Day

On Wednesday, we had a Vocations Day and were able to welcome a number of visitors to school to talk about how they live out their vocations.

Father Joseph, who is a Cistercian Monk, came into school. He explained to us why he became a monk, his daily routine and the joys of living in a closed community.

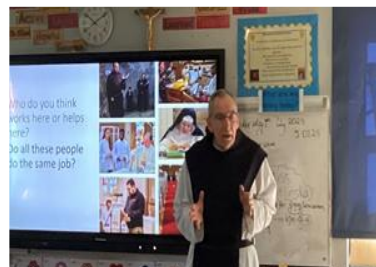
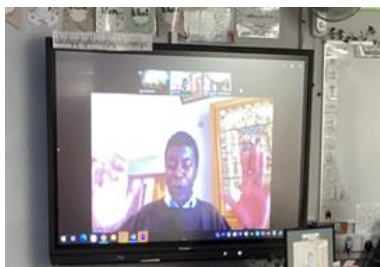
Jovi and Viem, two seminarians visited us on Zoom to talk about why they are training to be Jesuit priests, details of their daily lives and who their favourite saints were.

Father Hilary, an Augustinian priest told us that it can take between 6 to 9 years to become a priest. The children and staff found the talks inspirational and uplifting.

Sister Anne visited Year Six and talked about her life as a nun and how she felt called by God to serve Him as a religious sister.

From our parish Deacon Bob, Mr Standen and Father Michael visited and discussed with the children about how they put their different vocations into practice in their daily lives.

Throughout the day, the children impressed all our visitors with their thoughtful and pertinent questions, and also had time to pray and reflect on their own vocations.





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Track My Read



Well done to all those readers who contributed to our Summer Term Track My Read challenge. We reached a grand total of 31, 665 minutes of reading which is an considerable achievement for the 52 readers who took part.

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.



Parish News

<https://www.tamworthrc.church/>

New Parishioners Social

New Parishioners Social on July 12th 7.00pm at Sacred Heart. If you are new to the Parish, just enquiring about faith, new to the area and would like to meet others please let us know if you can come alex@tamworthrc.church

Sunday Masses

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

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

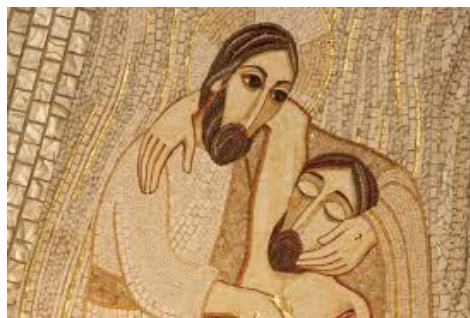
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among robbers.....

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is maybe one of the world's most famous stories, but – no matter how many times we hear it – the same very simple question remains :

Who is my neighbour?



Loving Father, we join together as neighbours in Christ today

Healing God, unite us in love because

we are all neighbours in Christ.

Let us be like you and offer compassion and help to everyone in need.

Amen.

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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
Football Year 3 and Year 4	Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Tennis Year 5	Thursday 8.00am to 8.50am
Recorder Club Year 2 and 3	Thursday 8.20am to 8.50am
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20pm to 4.15pm
Netball Year Five	Friday 8am – 8.50am
Choir Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 12.15pm to 1.00pm
Drum Club Year 5	Friday 3.30pm to 4.15pm
Athletics Year 6	Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Rocksteady	Tuesday and Thursday am

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Dates	
Friday 11 th July	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Thursday 17 th July	Year Six Leavers' Assembly (9.15am)
Friday 18 th July	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u> (9.15am)

INSET DAYS 2025 – 2026

1st September 2025

3rd November 2025

23rd February 2026

22nd June 2026

20th July 2026

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