



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 23rd January 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Friday 24th January

CAFOD Jubilee Launch Day

Sunday 2nd February

School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)

Friday 14th February

Break Up for Half Term

Monday 24th February

INSET Day

Tuesday 25th February

2025 Children return to school

Tuesday 11th and

Thursday 13th March

Spring Term Parent's Evening

Our Virtues this Half Term are **grateful** and **generous**. **Grateful** for their own gifts, for the gifts of other people, and for the blessings of each day, and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow (Friday), we will be joining with Catholic Schools across the country to take part in CAFOD'S Jubilee Launch Day!

We have a very exciting day planned in school – The children will start the day by joining the Archdiocese of Birmingham's Jubilee Launch Livestream which will include presentations from Archbishop Bernard, Bishop Timothy, Father Hudson's Caritas student ambassadors and music from Jo Boyce! We will then join together as a school to have a Celebration of the Word led by our Mini – Vinnies. Later on in the day, our children will be engaging with the CAFOD Jubilee Icon (see below) and creating their own Jubilee inspired art work. We will share highlights from our Jubilee Launch Day in next week's newsletter and via our X account.

The Year of Jubilee is a wonderful opportunity for us all to join together in hope and become fellow pilgrims during this special year. We have included some ideas in this week's newsletter about how families can get involved as well.



1 day until we join together to celebrate the launch of the Year of Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope'

God Bless

Daily quote of Hope

Mr Bright

'Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.'

Headteacher

Psalm 62:5

#BhamJubilee



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 2LG who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
99%	92%	93%	98%	100%	95%	95%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
96%	99%	98%	98%	98%	95%	98%

House Points

Well done to St Francis house who earned 634 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 Oliver D	RK Archie	1AP Tilly	1KG Jaxon	2LG Amelia	2NH Kaion	3LH/VN Marcel
3SO/AM Zach D	4HB Max	4JH Autumn	5LM Ryder	5SM Freddie	6BF Mia E	6AC Grace

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 Mayson	RK Ilyas	1AP Ida	1KG Elsie M	2LG Alexis	2NH Stef	3LH/VN Avalon
3SO/AM Jakub (Kuba)	4HB Natalia	4JH George	5LM Edward J	5SM Nel	6BF Isabelle	6AC Rhys

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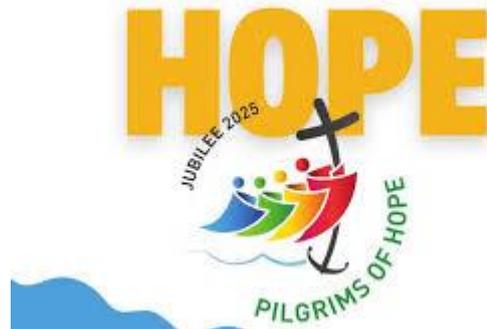


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JUBILEE



2025

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

The theme of Jubilee 2025 is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited us all to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone".

In school, we will be celebrating the Jubilee and being Pilgrims of Hope throughout the year – starting with our Launch Day on Friday! There are lots of ways families can also be involved in the Jubilee:

<p>Through finding hope Pope Francis asks us 'to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us' – could you set aside time each day to spot a sign of hope in daily life?</p>	<p>By dedicating time to Family Prayer Pope Francis has written a special prayer for the Jubilee – why not pray it together as a family each week?</p>	<p>Through community action There will be lots of local and national opportunities to get involved – what about signing up for the CAFOD BIG LENT WALK!</p>
<p>Through Care of Creation Think about ways you could reduce, recycle, reuse, and repair items where possible.</p>	<p>By going on a Pilgrimage to a Jubilee Site Visit a local holy site (church, cathedral for example) and look for signs of hope as you walk!</p>	<p>By praying for the World's Challenges Our world faces many challenges at the moment, could you pray for a different cause each week?</p>

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Emergency Closures

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated.

[Staffordshire School Closures](#)

Parish News

Sacred Heart Toddlers is beginning on Thursday 6th February 10.30am – 12noon in the Werburgh room! Rebecca and Kirsty are really excited to begin this new group, providing a safe, fun and loving environment as a support for parents and grandparents at this important stage in family life. We love God and want to serve our community, so Sacred Heart Toddlers is FREE and welcome to all families with children under 5 years old. Please email rebecca@tamworthrc.church if you have any questions, we look forward to welcoming you soon!

Track My Read - Helping children to love reading!

We now have 92 active pupils on Track My Read who have completed 452 reading sessions, reaching an amazing 12,995 minutes read so far - Well Done readers!

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.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch



During the weekend of 24th – 26th January 2025 the RSPB will be holding their annual Big Garden Birdwatch – and you can take part! All you need to do is to spend an hour counting the birds you see in your garden and then tell the RSPB what you have seen.

Taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch helps the RSPB to build up a national picture of our garden bird population. It is open to experienced twitchers and absolute beginners! If you would like to sign up please see [HERE](#)

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled

In this week's Gospel, Jesus announces a new time of hope- 'A Year of the Lord's Favour.' Jesus entered our world to bring us true hope – a hope by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and place our trust in Jesus' promises and rely not on our own strength but on the help of the Holy Spirit.

We are called this Holy Year of Jubilee to be 'ripples of hope' in our families, schools, work places, parishes and communities. As we enter into the Year of Jubilee let's respond to Pope Francis's call:

"For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." (Pope Francis)





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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
Athletics Year 4	Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Multi-Skills Year 3	Tuesday 8.00am to 8.50am
Gymnastics Reception and Year One	Tuesday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Multi-Skills Year 1	Thursday 8:00 to 8:50am
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20 to 4.15pm
Netball Year 6	Friday 8.00am to 8.50am
Choir Year 5 and 6	Friday 12.15-1pm
Athletics Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
Friday 24 th January	Year of Jubilee 2025 Launch Day
Sunday 2nd February	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Year of Jubilee)
Friday 7 th February	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 28 th February	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y3)
Wednesday 5 th March	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	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Friday 21 st March	Mass in School (Whole School – Led by EY, Y1,)
Friday 4 th April	Mass in School (Led by Y2, (Y2, 4, 6)
Friday 11 th April	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y6)
Friday 9 th May	Mass in School – Led by Y5
Saturday 17th May	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 23 rd May	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4)
Friday 13 th June	Mass in School Whole School – (Led by Chaplaincy)
Friday 27 th June	Mass in School (Led by EY, Y1, Y2)
Friday 11 th July	Mass in School – Thanksgiving for Sacraments (Led by Y3 + Y6)
Friday 18 th July	Mass in School - <u>Whole School (Led by Y6)</u>

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

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