



# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

#### Dates for Diary



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**End of term  
(1.30pm)**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
September**

**INSET Day 1**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September**

**Children return  
to school**

**2025/26 Term  
Dates on back  
page.**

#### Faith-filled and Hopeful

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year, we have said goodbye to a number of people this week.

Our wonderful Year Six have shared their Leavers' Assembly with the school and with their families and are looking forward to their end of term Mass tomorrow. Our Year Six children have had an amazing year and have been true leaders and role models for everyone in the school. The kindness, care and compassion they have for all has really permeated all aspects of school life this year. Year Six – thank you and we wish you all the best as you start your secondary school journeys.

As you may have seen on our new Instagram account, we have also said goodbye to Mrs White this week. Mrs White has given over 45 years of wonderful service to St Gabriel's – we have been truly blessed to have had her as part of the team and wish her very happy retirement.

Thank you to all our children, families and staff for all their hard work, enthusiasm and time this year – it has been greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you, especially, to our parents and carers for all your support throughout the year – it makes a huge difference and is greatly valued – thank you all.

We hope all our children, families and staff have a happy and healthy summer break. We look forwards to seeing all who are returning in September for the start of another exciting year and wish everyone who is setting off on new adventures the very best!

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

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**Attendance Superstars!**

**Congratulations to 2NH/3VN/4JH 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>3VN</b>
<b>96%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>3SO</b>	<b>4HB</b>	<b>4JH</b>	<b>5LM</b>	<b>5SM</b>	<b>6AC</b>	<b>6BF</b>
<b>92%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>96%</b>



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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						
<b>RC</b> Eva-May	<b>RK</b> Amaya	<b>1AP</b> Sofia	<b>1KG</b> Elsie	<b>2LG</b> Ellie	<b>2NH</b> Rosie	<b>3VN</b> Thomas K
<b>3SO/AM</b> Zach D	<b>4HB</b> Natalia	<b>4JH</b> Vishmee	<b>5LM</b> Lewis	<b>5SM</b> Nel	<b>6BF</b> Oscar	<b>6AC</b> Ivy

**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						
<b>RC</b> Louie	<b>RK</b> Gabriel	<b>1AP</b> Ali-Rose	<b>1KG</b> Harry	<b>2LG</b> Noah	<b>2NH</b> Rhythm	<b>3VN</b> Autumn
<b>3SO/AM</b> Bethany	<b>4HB</b> JJ	<b>4JH</b> Florence	<b>5LM</b> George	<b>5SM</b> Cian M	<b>6BF</b> Aubrey	<b>6AC</b> Natan

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## Mrs White

On Thursday morning, we said a very heartfelt Thank You and 'Happy Retirement' to our very wonderful Mrs White!

Mrs White has worked at St Gabriel's for more than 45 years and has been a huge part of making our school the special place it is.

During her time here, Mrs White has touched the lives of hundreds and hundreds of children - helping so many to make a happy, positive and enjoyable start to their time at school. Mrs White has also been a wonderful colleague to work with - a true friend to all.

St Gabriel's has been blessed to have had Mrs White as a member of the team for all these years - it goes without saying that she will be greatly missed by us all.

We wish Mrs White a very happy retirement. Best Wishes for your next adventure - but please have a rest first!

With love and thanks from us all.



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## St Gabriel's News

Each 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)

The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with white rounded corners. At the top left is the school crest. To its right, the text 'St Gabriel's News' is written in a large, blue, playful font. Below the crest and text are illustrations of a blue folder, a pink eraser, and a yellow pencil with a pink eraser. The graphic is divided into three white rounded rectangular sections. The top-left section is titled 'Upcoming Events' and lists dates and activities. The top-right section is titled 'Thank you' and contains a message about the summer break and a prayer. The bottom section is titled 'Staying Safe around Water' and provides information about water safety resources.

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday 1st September 25**  
Inset Day 1

**Tuesday 2nd September 25**  
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End of Term Arrangements

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**BE SAFE HAVE FUN!**  
STAYING SAFE AROUND THE WATER  
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:

- 1 STOP AND THINK
- 2 STAY TOGETHER
- 3 FLOAT
- 4 CALL 999 OR 112

FOR MORE FUN AND SAFETY TIPS VISIT [RNLI.ORG](https://www.rnli.org)

**Thank you**

We hope all our children, families and staff have a happy and healthy summer break. We look forwards to seeing you all in September for the start of another exciting year!

**A Summer Prayer**

Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...  
Lord, help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all your people.  
Amen.

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## Year of Jubilee



On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, St Gabriel's with its cluster schools: St. Elizabeth's, St. Joseph's and St. Peter and St Paul's took part individually but at the same time in a Year 4 group pilgrimage to celebrate the **Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**.

We sang several hymns as we processed from location to location within the school. The children singing was of the 'Jubilee', 'Pilgrims of Hope' and 'May your Love' was very uplifting and prayerful. We ended with this prayer:

*Holy Spirit, our inspiration,*

*In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love.*

*Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others,*

*and to be united as God's global family.*

*Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.*

*Amen*

Afterwards, we spent time creating our own Pilgrims of Hope book marks.



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**A Summer Blessing**

May you walk with God

This summer

In whatever you do

Wherever you go



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**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026**

**Autumn Term 2025:**

INSET DAY 1 MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

**Term time: Tuesday 2 September - Friday 24 October**

Half Term: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

INSET DAY 2 MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

**Term time: Tuesday 4 November – Friday 19 December**

Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

**Spring Term 2026:**

**Term time: Monday 5 January – Friday 13 February**

Half Term: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

INSET DAY 3 MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY

**Term time: Tuesday 24 February – Friday 27 March**

Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

**Summer Term 2026:**

**Term time: Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May**

MAY DAY: MONDAY 4 MAY

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

**Term time: Monday 1 June – Monday 20 July**

INSET DAY 4 MONDAY 22 JUNE

INSET DAY 5 MONDAY 20 JULY

**(NOTE: FINAL DAY FOR CHILDREN WILL BE FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026)**

Holiday: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Monday 31 August