



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 20th March 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Tuesday 1st April

Reception and Year
6 Group photos
(Vista)

Friday 11th April

End of Spring Term
(1.30pm)

Monday 28th April

Start of Summer
Term

Saturday 17th May

First Holy
Communion (Y3,
Sacred Heart)

Friday 27th June

Summer Fayre
(3.45 – 6pm)

Attentive and Discerning

Pupils are growing to be **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Dear Parents and Carers,



This Lent we are taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk – and we need your help!

We are trying to walk 220km in 40 days to help raise money for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). CAFOD works to challenge global issues such as hunger, poverty, climate injustice and supports some of the most vulnerable people and communities around the world.

Classes will be taking part through their Daily Miles, but you can join in as a family as well and log any walking you do on our Just Giving page where you can also make a donation to CAFOD, should you wish to: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-gabriels-catholic-primary-school-tamworth>

You can find out more about CAFOD'S Big Lent Walk at: <https://youtu.be/-eStmhg3oCo>

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our Lent Fundraising, it makes a huge difference and really helps to give our children a fantastic opportunity to put their faith into action.

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 2NH who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
94%	97%	86%	97%	97%	100%	94%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
95%	96%	99%	97%	96%	97%	97%

House Points

Well done to St Joseph house who earned over 600 house points! The closest total yet - there was only 1 house point difference between 1st and 2nd place!



Track my Read

Congratulations to the 138 children who have now joined our Spring Term Track my Read challenge - between you, you have logged an incredible 2025 reading sessions, amounting to an amazing 78, 625 minutes reading. Well done, keep reading!!

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.



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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 Caoimhe	RK Matilda	1AP Mataya	1KG Kirsty	2LG Harrison C	2NH Frank	3VN Olivia
3SO/AM Freddie	4HB Weronika	4JH Catherine	5LM Lauren	5SM Keira	6BF Nela	6AC Clayton

**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 Oliver D	RK Brady	1AP Miles	1KG Keeva	2LG Arabella	2NH Violet	3VN Liam
3SO/AM Harley	4HB Gracie	4JH Leo	5LM Maya	5SM Helena	6BF Jasmine	6AC Jacob



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Fundraising Fridays this Lent



Wow! What an impressive start!

Our first week of Lenten fundraising (Crazy Hair and Hat day) raised an impressive **£182.00**. Thank you to all the families who have supported. The money raised will make a huge difference to so many people. We are look forward to seeing the weekly total rise if you can please continue to donate a small amount each week, we would be very grateful.

Who are we fundraising for? What do they do?

Father Hudson's Charitas supports people who are homeless, children and families who need support, refugees, people with disabilities and elderly people.



Why do we raise money in Lent?

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me."

(Matthew 25:40)

We are called to live like Jesus as His disciples and care for those in need. God is our Father so we are called to look after all our brothers and sisters who need our help. It has been so wonderful to see the whole school community coming together to celebrate the fun activities as a one family of God.

What is the next Fundraising Friday theme?



Another date for your diary:

Friday 28th March at 3.15pm, the Mini Vinnies' team are holding a small sale. We will be positioned just outside school office, selling: prayer crosses, bracelets, drinks, sweets, cakes, drawings and books.

Please bring some change when you collect your child from school, if you would like to support this fundraising activity for Father Hudson's Caritas.

Fundraising Friday Theme

Friday 21st March 2025

Wearing purple for Lent day



Voluntary contribution through ParentPay.

Many thanks, Mini Vinnies



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Parish News



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

Sacred Heart Toddlers!

Sacred Heart Toddlers meet every Thursday during term time at the Sacred Heart Church (B77 2EA) for play, craft, snacks, stories and singing! All children from birth to five years are very welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more please contact Rebecca (rebecca@tamworthrc.church)

Phoenix Youth Group

The Phoenix Youth Group (6 – 7.30pm) and Teen Youth Group (5 – 8pm) run every Wed. If you'd like your child to attend, email rhiannon@tamworthrc.church . We have lots of fun activities planned up until the Summer Scheme, we look forward to seeing your child there!

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>6:00pm - St John's Church</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>9:00am - Sacred Heart</u> ○ <u>10:30am - St John's Church</u> ○ <u>12:00pm - Sacred Heart</u>

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Third Sunday of Lent – Luke 13:1-9

A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard

In our Sunday Gospel this week, Jesus tells his disciples a parable about a fig tree. The fig tree hasn't grown or produced any fruit for many years, but a kind gardener offers to help and give the tree more time to grow.

Lent is a fantastic time for us to grow in Jesus. How do you want to grow? What do you want to change? What fruit do you want to share? The gardener brought nutrients and dug round the fig tree to help it grow – prayer is our nutrient.

Spend time this week in prayer and ask Jesus to help you to grow ever closer and nearer to him.



**Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter,
Christ's victory over death.**

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

Club	Day
Cricket Year 3	Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Multi-Skills Year 4	Tuesday 8.00am to 8.50am
Gymnastics Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Dodgeball Year 2	Thursday 8.00am to 8.50am
Recorder Club Year 2	Thursday 8.20am to 8.50am
Choir Key Stage 2	Thursday 3.20pm to 4.15pm
Choir Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 12.15pm to 1.00pm
Drum Club Year 5	Friday 3.30pm to 4.15pm
TAG Rugby Club Year 6	Friday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
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 (3SO), 12 noon (3VN); 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>

<u>Term Dates</u>		
<u>Autumn Term 2024:</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	<u>Spring Term 2025:</u> 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	<u>Summer Term 2025:</u> 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: Tues 22rd July – Fri 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		

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