



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 13th March 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Friday 14th March

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Tuesday 18th March

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3, Sacred Heart)

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)

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,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Parent's Evening this week. It was lovely to be able to speak to so many parents on both evenings. We hope that you found the sessions useful and enjoyed having the opportunity to look at your children's books.

On Tuesday evening (18th), our Year Three children will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Sacred Heart. Please do keep our Year Threes in your prayers as they get ready to make this important Sacrament. Thank you to everyone involved – families, staff, parish team – in the children's preparation.

On Friday we have our first Lenten Friday Fundraiser! This week's theme is 'Crazy Hair or Hat!' The money raised from our Fundraising Fridays is going to Father Hudson Caritas – more information about this can be found further into the newsletter. Thank you to everyone for helping us support this important cause.



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 6BF who are our Attendance Super Stars this Week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1AP	1KG	2LG	2NH	3LH/VN
99%	96%	94%	97%	98%	96%	98%
3SO/AM	4HB	4JH	5LM	5SM	6AC	6BF
95%	94%	95%	98%	98%	93%	100%

House Points

Well done to St Theresa house who earned over 480 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 Michael H	RK Gabriel	1AP Eli	1KG Lucas E	2LG Ellie	2NH Nevie- Jo	3VN Thomas
3SO/AM Elizabeth	4HB Darcy	4JH Amiyah	5LM Elena	5SM Ethan	6BF Marilyn	6AC Archie

**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 Isabel	RK Ruby	1AP Pippa	1KG Elsie	2LG Lana	2NH Noah	3VN Florence
3SO/AM Scarlett	4HB Anthony	4JH Marysia	5LM George	5SM Eloise	6BF Piotr	6AC Gwen

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Fundraising Fridays this Lent



Thank you to all the families who have supported the Friday Fundraising this week and donated money (via ParentPay). It was brilliant to see the different hair styles and hats! We wanted to share a little bit of information about where the money raised will go so that we continue to support the Fundraising events, each week, during Lent through small donations (via ParentPay).

Who are we fundraising for?

Father Hudson's Charitas



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 are we called to help others?

We are called to look after our brothers and sisters who are in need, especially during Lent. We want to live like Jesus did as He loved everyone, especially those in need of His help.

How will we know how much is raised?

We will give you an update of how much money we have raised each week!

How can I find out more?

Follow this link to find out more:

<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

What is next week's Fundraising Friday Theme? →

Fundraising Friday Theme
Friday 21st March 2025
Wearing purple for Lent day



Voluntary contribution through ParentPay.

Many thanks, Mini Vinnies



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Sports Report

Athletics County Finals



Children from year 4 took part in the Indoor County Finals Athletics on Monday in Stoke-on-Trent.

The whole team performed at their best and were a credit to the school. They finished in fifth place overall and they should be very proud of their efforts.

Many thanks to Mr Birtwistle for all his efforts training the team and for supervising the children at the event with Mr Fowler.

The team was: Maisie (c), Vittoria, Liberty, Lucy, Gabriel, Marysia, James, Evan, Teddy, Konrad, Henry and Tate.

Whole School RE Homework

Please find attached our homework for Spring 2 where we are in the Season of Lent.

Please email any completed pieces or photos to RE@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk by Monday 7th April.



Lent Family Workshops

Praying as a family is a lovely way to spend time together and we would like to invite you a workshop where you can make a family prayer cross to use during lent

These are family-based workshops so all children in school from the family will attend the booked session.

Please use the link below to book on to one workshop.

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6818559/lent-family-workshop>

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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)

Alpha Course in Lent started on Saturday 8th March. 25 people have shown genuine interest in coming which is fantastic! Is there more to life than this? If you could ask one question of God what would it be? If these questions interest you, please join us on Saturday mornings at 10.30-12.00 Noon at Sacred Heart. To sign up or for more information please email alex@tamworthrc.church We do need to know numbers for refreshments, please.

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

Second Sunday of Lent – Luke 9:28 – 36

As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his was altered and his clothing became dazzling white

This Sunday, in the Gospel, we encounter **The Transfiguration:**



Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us.

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

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Sacramental / Liturgical Dates	
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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 (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>		
<p><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</p>	<p><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</p>	<p><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 22nd July – Fri 29th Aug</p>
<p>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</p>		

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