



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 4th September 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Friday 5th September

Mass in School –
Whole School (Led
by Y6)

Thursday 18th September

St Francis of Assisi
Catholic College
Open Evening

Tuesday 23rd September

Sacramental
meeting for parents
(Y3 – 6pm; Y6 –
6.45pm @Sacred
Heart)

Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th October

Y6 at Alton Castle

**Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves,
the relation between people, and the world.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children and families back to school this week! A very warm welcome to everyone as we start what, I am sure will be, another busy, exciting and rewarding year here at St Gabriel's! A special welcome to all our new children and families!

The children have made a fantastic start back to school. They have greatly enjoyed seeing their friends and have also been working really hard to impress their new teachers.

A very special well done must go to our Reception children who have had their first sessions this week. It has been great to see how well they have settled in and how they are already enjoying school life!

Thank you to everyone for your support in helping to make our first week of term such a positive experience for everyone. I, along with the whole staff team, look forward to working with you and your child this year!

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher



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Attendance Matters!



We love celebrating good attendance at St Gabriel's. Throughout the year we will be celebrating our Weekly Attendance SuperStars!

Children who attend school regularly will achieve their full potential and be able to experience all the opportunities school life has to offer.

Thank you, in advance, for your support in helping to ensure that all our children are 'Here Every Day, Ready and On Time.'

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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						
		1CC Mario	1LG Amaya	2LM Darren	2NH Lucas	3JH Noah
3LH George	4HB Georgie	4VN Jacob	5EV Kaiden	5SM Jacob	6BF Oscar	6AC Yannis

Our Pride in Presentation Award goes to someone who has put great effort and taken great pride in their presentation!

Pride in Presentation						
		1CC Peter	1LG Lewis	2LM Sofia	2NH Olivia	3JH Janice
3LH Imani	4HB Bruno	4VN Michilina	5EV Florence	5SM Isabella	6BF Martha	6AC Ryder

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Vacancies

Clerical Assistant/Finance

As you are aware Mrs Brindley left Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School on Friday 4th July 2025. As a result, we have a vacancy for a Clerical Assistant/Finance working from 8.30am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday.

If you are interested in this role, please contact office@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk or telephone 01827 213910 and we will supply more information.

Completed Application Forms and supporting documents need to be received at the school by Monday 15th September 2025 by 1.00pm.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors working from 12.15pm to 1.15pm Monday to Friday.

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St Francis of Assisi College – Open Evening



St Francis of Assisi College
Erdington Road
Aldridge, Walsall
WS9 0RN

Open Evening 2025
Thursday 18th September 6:30pm – 9pm
An OUTSTANDING Catholic School

St Francis of Assisi (Aldridge) are hosting their Open Evening on
Thursday 18th September 2025 (6.30pm – 9pm).

During the evening there will be opportunities to tour the school,
meet some of the staff and speak with current SFA students.

Parents of children from all Year Groups are very welcome to
attend and find out more about Catholic education for 11 – 18
year olds.

More information about SFA can be found at

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/>

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Parish News

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



Apple Festival - Juicing Days Friday 26th September & Saturday 27th for sale after Masses 26th/27th September. Can you save apples (cooking and eating) from neighbours and friends for another apple festival- recycling food and making money for CAFOD. Please don't bring in yet!

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil

6:00pm - St John's Church

Sunday

9:00am - Sacred Heart

10:30am - St John's Church

12:00pm - Sacred Heart

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New Judo Club at Sacred Heart



Starting Friday 5th September, a new judo club is opening at Sacred Heart Church ran by Isabella (a former St. Gabriel's pupil).

It will be held in the Kenelm Room (upstairs) and will run from 6:30 to 7:30pm. The club is aimed at introducing judo to primary school aged children. The focus will be fun, fitness and games with an introduction to judo fundamentals.

The first session is free and we have everything you need to get you started.

Please email isabella.maw@outlook.com to express your interest, as spaces may be limited if we are over-subscribed.



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Sunday Gospel Reflection

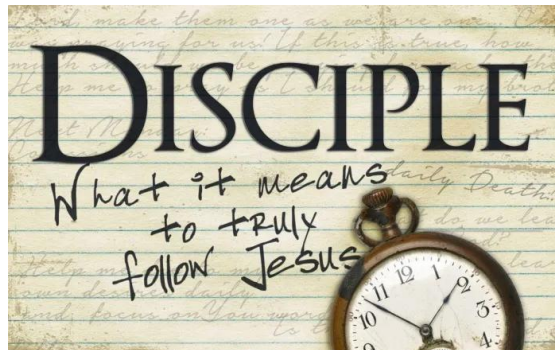
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 14:25-33

Anyone who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

In our Sunday Gospel, Jesus talks about what being a disciple really means.

‘Giving up everything’ can sound like a very difficult, almost impossible, proposition – but Jesus is calling us to give up anything that stands in the way of following Him.

As we start another school year, what do we need to ‘give up’ that stops us from being a full and true disciple of Jesus?



A Prayer for the New School Year

Loving God, at the beginning of this new school year we ask you to bless us, the students, our teachers and staff of this school, that together we may grow in faith, hope and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son, Jesus.

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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	Wednesday
Year One	Wednesday
Year Two	Wednesday
Year Three	Friday
Year Four	Tuesday
Year Five	Thursday
Year Six	Monday

Dates

Monday 1st September 2025	Start of Autumn Term INSET Day One
Friday 5 th September 2025	Mass in School – Whole School (Led by Y6)
Thursday 18 th September 2025	St Francis of Assisi Catholic College Open Evening
Friday 19 th September 2025	Mass in School (Ys 1,3,5)
Tuesday 23 rd September 2025	Sacramental meeting for parents (Y3 – 6pm; Y6 – 6.45pm @Sacred Heart)
Monday 29 th September 2025	Feast of St Gabriel
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Mass in School – Whole School – Y5

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Sunday 5 th October 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Welcome and Commitment Mass)
Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th October 2025	Y6 at Alton Castle
Friday 17 th October 2025	Mass in School – Ys 2, 4, 6
Tuesday 21 st October	Autumn Term Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Autumn Term Parents' Evening
Friday 24th October 2025	End of Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	INSET Day Two
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Children return
Friday 7 th November 2025	Mass in School - Whole School – (Led by Y6)
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	School Photos
Friday 21 st November 2025	Mass in School (CAFOD Jubilee Day) – Whole School – Chaplaincy
Sunday 23 rd November 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)
Friday 5 th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - Staff (Y4 and Y5 Confessions after Mass)
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Monday 15 th December 2025	Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Friday 19th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School- Y6 (Y6 and Staff Confessions after Mass) End of Autumn Term
Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Spring Term Children return to school
Friday 16 th January 2026	Mass in School – Whole School – Year 5
Friday 30 th January 2026	Mass in School – Year Two (Year Group Mass)
Friday 13 th February 2026	Mass in School Whole School – Y3
Friday 13th February 2026	End of Half Term
Wednesday 18 th February 2026	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 24th February 2026	Children return to school
Friday 27 th February 2026	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Sunday 1 st March 2026	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)

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Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3) (Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March 2026	Mass in School – Year Four and Year Five (Year Group Mass) (Y4 and Y5 Confessions after Mass)
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th March 2026	Mass in School- Y2 (Year Group Mass)
Friday 27th March 2026	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4) End of Spring Term
Friday 3 rd April 2026	Good Friday
Sunday 5 th April 2026	Easter Sunday (Easter Season until Sunday 24 th May)
Monday 13th April 2026	Start of Summer Term Children return
Friday 17 th April 2026	Mass in School- Whole School – Chaplaincy
Friday 1 st May 2026	Mass in School – Year One (Year Group Mass)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May 2026	Key Stage Two SATS
Saturday 16 th May 2026	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 22nd May 2026	End of Half Term
Sunday 24 th May 2026	Pentecost
Monday 1st June 2026	Children return to school Year Four Multiplication Check window opens until Friday 12 th June 2026
Friday 5 th June 2026	Mass in School – Whole School – Chaplaincy
Sunday 7 th June	Corpus Christi
Monday 8 th June 2026	Year One Phonic Screening Check (until Friday 12 th June)
Friday 19 th June 2026	Mass in School – Early Years (Year Group Mass)
Monday 22 nd June 2026	INSET Day 4
Sunday 28 th June 2026	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Mass in School – Y3 and Y6 – Thanksgiving for Sacraments
Thursday 9 th July	Meet the New Teacher Day
Friday 10 th July 2026	Reports sent home

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Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Parent – Meet the New Teacher session
Friday 17th July 2026	Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6) Last day of school year for children
Monday 20 st July 2026	INSET Day 5

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