

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

#### **Dates for Diary**



#### Sunday 5th October

School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Y6 at Alton Castle

## Tuesday 21st October

Autumn Term
Parents' Evening

## Thursday 23rd October

Autumn Term
Parents' Evening

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here in school. Throughout the week we have been celebrating the Feast of our patron – Saint Gabriel! Further into the newsletter you can read about some of the work the children have been producing to celebrate St Gabriel's Feast Day.

We have also been busy getting ready for our first School Mass of the year at the Sacred Heart on Sunday. The children have been practising the hymns they will be helping to sing, readers have been rehearsing the readings they will be sharing and our children in the Sacramental Year Groups have been reflecting on the important commitment they will making on Sunday. Celebrating Mass together is always incredibly special – we look forward to welcoming children, parents and families to Mass on Sunday morning.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

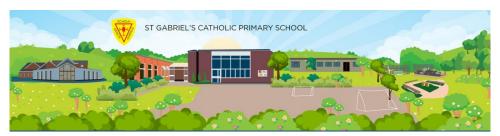
#### **OPEN DAYS - RECEPTION 2026**

Tuesday 14th October 2025 (9.30 - 11.30am)

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 (1pm - 3pm)

Wednesday 5th November 2025 (9.30 - 11.30am)

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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	RK	1CC	1LG	2LM	2NH	3JH
Miller	Josh	Isabel	Bonnie	Ida	Winnie	Arabella
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
Noah	Liam	Autumn	Teddy	Fleur	Louis	Romeo

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Ariyah	RK Marcelina	1CC Myles	1LG Charlie	2LM Amara	2NH Teddy	3JH Harrison Ch
3LH Viviene	4HB Hannah	4VN Zofia	5EY Amiyah	5SM Myla	6BF Elosie	6AC Edward N



# **Attendance Matters!**

Congratulations to class 6AC who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!



## Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1CC	1LG	2LM	2NH	3JH
97.8%	97.2%	95.7%	93.6%	89.7%	95.7%	96.5%
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
97.1%	98.3%	94.3%	98.2%	91%	96.3%	100%

#### **House Points**

Well done to St Francis house who earned over 780 house points!



#### **Track My Read**

We now have 102 children who have logged on to our Autumn Term Track My Read challenge, clocking up a fantastic 17,655 reading minutes so far - a huge Well Done!

With reading playing such an important part in our children's home learning, it would be wonderful to see every child tracking their reading minutes so please log on and join us

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#### St Gabriel the Archangel,

The patron saint of messengers, telecommunications workers, radio DJs, stamp collectors and... our school!

**Early Years** Reception have enjoyed learning about Saint Gabriel. They have made prayer cards asking Saint Gabriel for love and strength as they begin their learning journey at St Gabriel's School.







**Year One** Year 1 have talked about how special Angel Gabriel is and have learned to sing and sign a song about the Annunciation.



**Year Two** In year 2 we have joined together in prayer to think about St Gabriel and why he is our school saint. We thanked St Gabriel for helping us to be kind to everyone, to love Jesus, pray every day and b messengers of God by spreading the good news.





**Year Three** Year 3 have been looking at how St. Gabriel has been depicted in different artwork over time. Children used a template of a stained glass window, with an image of St. Gabriel and created their own version of it.



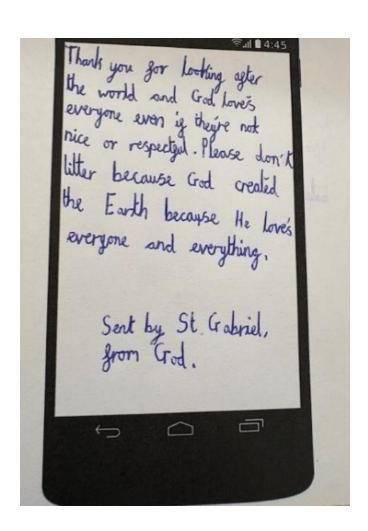
**Year Four:** In Year 4, we have spent time praying our school prayer to St. Gabriel and copying it out in our neatest handwriting. We have also created large images of St. Gabriel using pastels and felt tips.



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**Year Five** Year 5 have thought about what message St Gabriel might bring to us from God today? We felt that God would send two main messages - He would tell us about looking after the Earth and how we should really look after our neighbours. On our technology templates, we wrote what we felt the message God would give us would be.





**Year Six** In year 6, we looked at the important role St Gabriel played and where he is mentioned in the Bible. We learnt how he is perceived in the Jewish and Christian faith and created posters showing information, prayers and reflections on our school saint.





## School Mass at Sacred Heart Church – Sunday 5th October 2024 (9am)

This Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> October) our Year Three and Year Six children will be helping to lead the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart.

The Mass will be a Commitment Mass for children in Year Three and Year Six who will be starting their Sacramental preparation shortly. The Mass will give children, in all year groups, families and members of the parish community the opportunity to join together and support the children in Year Three and Year Six as they make their Commitment Promises.

We look forward to joining with as many of our children and families as possible on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. Although it will be Year Three and Year Six children making their Commitment Promises during Mass, all children and families are very welcomed and encouraged to attend.

If you have not attended a Mass at Sacred Heart before please do not worry – do come along as there will be lots of people there to make sure you feel very welcome and have everything you need.

## Sacred Heart, Silverlink Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 2EA









#### **ParishNews**

https://www.tamworthrc.church/

#### The Letter

You are warmly invited to a showing of "The Letter" A film that features Pope Francis's letter to five people across the world inviting them to share their stories of Climate change. A Film reminding us that the cry of the earth is also the cry of the poor. Sat Oct 4th in Sacred Heart Church at 7:15 for 1 hour. Tea/Coffee provided - feel free to bring drinks/ snacks. A Film that reminds us not to look away.



#### **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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#### **Sunday Gospel Reflection**

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith the size of a mustard seed...

A mustard seed is tiny, one of the smallest of all the seeds, but it grows into a huge bush. Jesus tells us that if we had faith the size of a mustard seed, we would be able to move trees and mountains! God can truly take our faith and, if we let it grow and flourish, it can do amazing things!

#### **Month of the Holy Rosary**

#### October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

The Rosary is a series of prayers based on Holy Scripture. When we pray the Rosary, we are asking Mary to pray for us as we seek to closer to her son Jesus.

During the month of October, we will be praying a decade of the Rosary each Wednesday morning (8.30am) in our prayer garden. All are very welcome to join us. No experience is needed and Rosary Beads can be provided!

If you would like to join us, please make your way to the school office for just before 8.30am on Wednesday morning.



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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	Tuesday
Year Three	Friday
Year Four	Tuesday
Year Five	Thursday
Year Six	Monday

Dates				
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Mass in School – Whole School – Y5			
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Welcome and			
	Commitment Mass)			
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 at Alton Castle			
October 2025				
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Open Morning			
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Mass in School – Ys 2, 4, 6			
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Autumn Term Parents' Evening			
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Open Afternoon			



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



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