



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 16th October 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Friday 17th October

Mary's Meals
Fundraiser

Tuesday 21st October

Autumn Term
Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd October

Autumn Term
Parents' Evening

Friday 24th October

End of half term
(3.30pm)

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents who have booked a parent's evening appointment for one of our sessions next week. Sessions can be booked via Teachers2Parents. If you have not already booked an appointment, please be aware that the booking window will close on Sunday (19th)

We look forward to welcoming parents to both sessions next week. Arrangements for parent's evening will be similar to previous years – please make your way to the main entrance where there will be members of staff available who will be able to guide you to your appointment.

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 Verity	RK Eloise	1CC George	1LG Amari	2LM James	2NH Ruby	3JH George
3LH Rhythm	4HB Marcel	4vn Isla-bleu	5EY Riley	5SM Isabella	6BF Blossom	6AC Olly

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Grace	RK Phoebe	1CC Oliver G	1LG Ilyas	2LM Jokobus	2NH Freya	3JH Harrison J
3LH Harry D	4HB Frankie	4VN Kody	5EY Evie	5SM Ben	6BF Liam	6AC Nandi

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Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to class 3LH who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!



Weekly Attendance

RC 94.4%	RK 87.3%	1CC 98.4%	1LG 95.5%	2LM 91.3%	2NH 94.9%	3JH 95.8%
3LH 100%	4HB 96.7%	4VN 95.5%	5EY 96.1%	5SM 96.2%	6BF 93.8%	6AC 97.7%

House Points

Well done to St Joseph house who earned 537 house points!



Track My Read

Well done to the 120 St Gabriel's readers who have helped us to reach a fantastic 923 reading sessions and 28,950 reading minutes so far in Autumn Term. Keep going all of you amazing readers, let's see if we can reach our target of 90,000 minutes!

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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WhatsApp Safety Guide for Parents

In recent weeks, we have observed an increasing trend of children, outside of school, accessing WhatsApp to communicate with their peers. Unfortunately, this has sometimes led to the exchange of unfriendly messages, which can have a detrimental effect on children's wellbeing.

It is crucial to note that WhatsApp's minimum age requirement is 13

We encourage parents to engage in conversations with their children about the importance of respectful and considerate communication online. For additional guidance on managing online communication, we recommend visiting websites such as [Childnet International](https://www.childnetinternational.org/) and [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/), which provide valuable resources and advice for parents.

5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

-  **1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
-  **2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
-  **3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
-  **4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
-  **5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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Fundraising for
Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals raises money to give children a nutritious breakfast to ensure they can concentrate and learn at school. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a full school year.

Our Catholic Social Teaching asks us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and support those who are vulnerable.



On **Friday 17th October** we will be raising money for Mary's Meals.

Children can come dressed in their own clothes for a small donation. Donations can be made on Parent Pay.

Flapjack will also be available to buy at playtime on the 17. Please order this on ParentPay by Thursday 16 October.



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Girls Football tournament

We're thrilled to share that the girls' football team took part in a tournament on Tuesday at Coton Green FC.

They played brilliantly, remaining unbeaten in the group stages, scoring plenty of goals without conceding a single one! In a nail-biting final, they were narrowly defeated 1-0 by Dosthill.

The whole team should be incredibly proud of their efforts and teamwork. The team was: Niamh, Nel, Georgia, Isabella, Martha, Rosa, Zoe, Harper J, Blossom and Selena. Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Mr James for coaching and supervising the team at the event.

Coats

Now that the weather is turning a little colder, please do make sure that children come to school with a warm, name-labelled coat.

Thank you for your support with this.

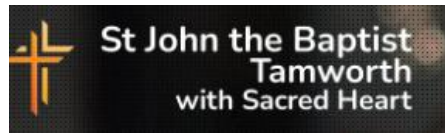




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ParishNews

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



Youth Alpha: Open to all young people in Year 6+, exploring faith through a young person's eyes - a great way to deepen faith, to help prepare for Confirmation and make new friends. Refreshments are provided. Contact Alex to enrol and for more info. Please note the next session is on Monday 13th October.

Youth Matters: The 'Youth Matter Mission Team' is meeting on Mon 20th Oct 7.15pm in the Kenelm room. Please come along and share any ideas to create new opportunities for our young people (0-24+). For more info contact Rebecca.

Next weekend is a Youth Mass: We would love Young People to do all the readings and get involved in other ways. Please get in touch with Alex if you would like to arrange practice on Sat 18th at 2.00pm

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 18:1-3

When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?

Jesus is the Son of Man and, in this Sunday's Gospel, He asks us if He will 'find faith on earth?'

This is a challenge we are all responding to. Each time we pray together, care for each other, make time for someone alone, share our resources with someone who has less we are bringing our faith to the world around us. We ask Jesus to continue to send us His Spirit that we can continue on this mission of discipleship to the world.

October

Dawn Devotion

The month of October celebrates the special Catholic Tradition – the Rosary.

Please join us on Wednesday 8th, 15th and 22nd October at 8.30am where we will gather together in the Prayer Garden to pray the Rosary.

Rosary Beads can be provided.

Please make your way to the school office to join us.



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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 17 th October 2025	Mass in School – Ys 2, 4, 6
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Autumn Term Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Open Afternoon
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

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Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Open Morning
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)
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

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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
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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