



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 23rd October 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



**Thursday 23rd
October**

Autumn Term
Parents' Evening

Friday 24th October

End of half term
(3.30pm)

**Monday 3rd
November**

INSET Day Two

**Tuesday 4th
November**

Children return

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Thank you so much for this wonderful news! Please do pass on my thanks to all the staff and students for this. That's a whole class of children who will receive a meal a day for a whole school year!'

Above is the lovely message we received from Mary's Meals following our flapjack sales and non-school uniform day last week. Our children and families helped us to raise an amazing £584 for Mary's Meals which will fund 30 children receiving a school dinner for a whole year!

Thank you to everyone involved in our Mary's Meals fundraising – your generosity and support really is helping to change lives all around the world.

As we come to end of a busy first half term, we wish all our children, families and staff a very happy and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming children back on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

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 Oliver	RK Gerald	1CC Maia	1LG Ivy-Grace	2LM Anthony	2NH Kornelia	3JH Hudson
3LH Violet	4HB Rosee	4VN Christos	5EY Emmerson	5SM Natalia	6BF Jenson	6AC Kobie

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Teo	RK Leon	1CC Charlotte	1LG Ben	2LM Mataya	2NH Owen	3JH Stephanie
3LH George	4HB Connie Mae	4VN Issac	5EY Marcel	5SM Emilia	6BF Zoe	6AC Khloe



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Attendance Matters!

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



Half Term Attendance

RC 95.9%	RK 94.9%	1CC 96.8%	1LG 93.5%	2LM 94.2%	2NH 96.8%	3JH 96.2%
3LH 96.8%	4HB 96.9%	4VN 95.8%	5EY 97.2%	5SM 96.5%	6BF 95%	6AC 97.5%

House Points

Well Done to St Theresa House who received an amazing 935 House Points!



Track My Read

Well done to the 128 readers who are taking part in our St Gabriel's Autumn Term Track My Read challenge- you have reached a fantastic 35, 225 reading minutes so far. Keep going readers, we've still got a way to go to reach our 90, 000 minutes target!

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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Pupil Chaplains' News

Autumn (First half term) 2025



Dear parents and carers,
We wanted to introduce you to the Pupil Chaplain team. We want to let you know about the Chaplain's journey to be commissioned and some of the work completed so far.

We hope that you enjoy reading,
May God bless you and your family.

The Chaplaincy Team



How did we become Pupil Chaplains?

We are a group of Year 4 children (Autumn W, Ava, Bethany, Freddie, Harley, Harlow B, Harlow W, Lulu, Seb and Sofia). We applied for the role and had an interview. After training with Sr Judith Russi, alongside other Pupil Chaplains from 16 other schools in the Birmingham Archdiocese, we were officially commissioned in the eyes of the Church.

What have the Chaplains done so far?

After our commissioning, we now attend an after school club so that we can have protected weekly meeting time, although we also complete actions together in the school day too. We have badges on order, we have led an assembly to introduce the team, create school displays to support the prayer life of the school, welcomed parents as greeters at Mass and led prayer services in Year 4 and Reception. With lots more exciting ventures planned for the future!

Interested?

All children can be involved in some way. If you want to get involved please speak to the Chaplaincy Team for ideas of how you can help!



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**A BIG THANK
YOU FOR
SUPPORTING
MARY'S MEALS!**

As a school, we raised an
impressive **£584.30** through our
non-uniform day and
flapjack sale.

Due to your kind donations,
30 children (a class full of
children) will be fed for **a whole
year!** Thank you.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT:
WWW.MARYSMEALS.ORG.UK**



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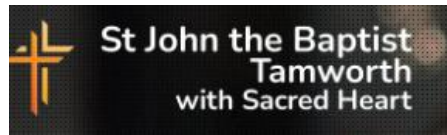
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ParishNews

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

Maranatha Prayer Chain

If you would like to ask others to help you to pray for someone, please contact Terry O'Brien - terryvobrien@icloud.com or Sylvia Geldard 01827 65264.

In Simple Faith

In Simple Faith is a Bible Study Group which explores scripture in a relaxed environment. It is open to all, Catholics and non-Catholics with an interest in exploring the Faith. The next session is on Monday 20th October at 7.30-9.00pm at Sacred Heart in the HoT Cafe.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will take place on Wednesdays 7.00pm-7.45pm at Sacred Heart. New members welcome. We will start preparations for Christmas soon.

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

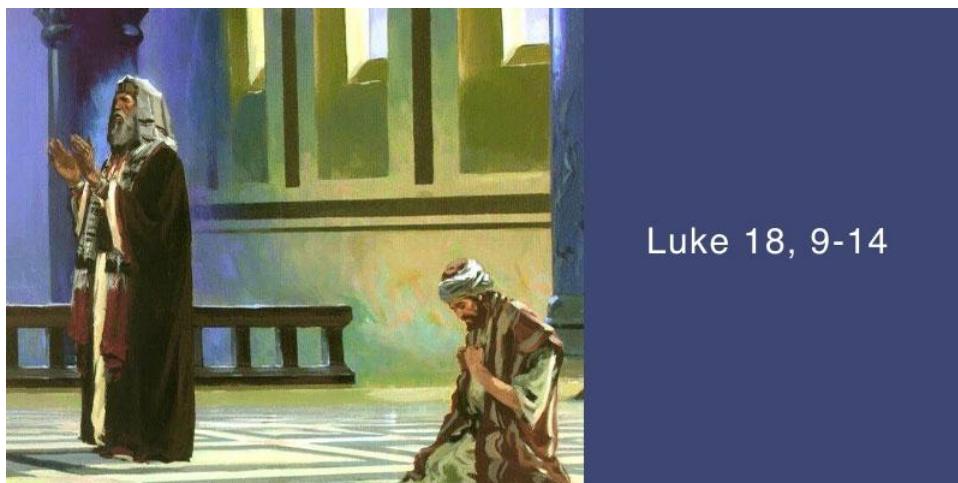
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. In the parable, the Pharisee judges the tax collector. The Pharisee is certain that the tax collector was not as good as he was – he even tells God that he is better than the tax collector! – 'I fast twice a week. I give tithes (donate) of all that I get... I am not like this tax collector.'

But we are all equal and special in the eyes of God, who loves us all.

The tax collector, in fact, is much closer to God. The tax collector asks God 'Be merciful to me, a sinner.' It is the tax collector who knows he is no better than anyone else and that only God could give him the forgiveness and mercy he needs.





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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

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
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

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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
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

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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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