

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Fri 5th December

Christmas Fayre

Tues 9th December

Key Stage Two Carol Service

Thurs 11th Dec

Christmas Dinner /
Jumper Day

Mon 15th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity

Tues 16th December

Key Stage One Carol Service

Friday 19th December

End of Term (1.30pm)

This half term's Gospel Virtues are Learned and Wise

<u>Learned</u>, finding God in all things; and <u>wise</u> in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start this week's newsletter by thanking all of our parents and carers for their support this week, particularly on Tuesday when Mrs Cox's funeral took place.

Mrs Cox's funeral was a beautiful and very poignant service, full of very special tributes to Mrs Cox. After the service, a book of the St Gabriel's children's memories, prayers and messages for Mrs Cox was shared with the family. We will continue to keep Mrs Cox in our prayers and thoughts.

This year, our Christmas Jumper fundraiser (11th December) will be for <u>Against</u> <u>Breast Cancer</u> – a charity which Mrs Cox's family are currently raising money for. Donations can be made via ParentPay in the usual manner.

Tomorrow (Friday) we have our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn during the Fayre. The Friends of St Gabriel's are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Fayre – all the details can be found further into this week's newsletter.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher



Friday 5th December – Non-School Uniform Bottle Donations for our Christmas Fayre



Thank you!





Please note –
Certificates, this week,
will be given out during
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Monday

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	2NH	2LM	3JH
Eva	Marcelina	Violet	Ben	Elsie	Joshua	Alexis
3LH Violet	4HB Thomas	4VN Jaxon	5EY Oliver	5SM Austin	6BF Helena	6AC Ethan

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC	RK	1CC	1LG	2LM	2NH	3JH
Kemeni	Delilah	Caoimhe	Archie	Victoria	Lucas	Hudson
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
Noah	Sebastian	Willow	Marcel	Tate	Selena	Lauren



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December 2025

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Mission Disciples



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This half term, as part of our Celebration Assemblies, each class will be celebrating a 'Mission Disciple.' The Mission Disciples will be children who have demonstrated how they are 'living out our mission to put Jesus Christ at the heart of everything we do at St Gabriel's.'

'For living out our mission to put Jesus Christ at the heart of everything we do at St Gabriel's.'

RC	RK	1CC	1LG	2LM	2NH	3JH
Grace	Leon	Anastasia	Lewis	Pippa	Tilly	Finley
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
Rosie	Mia	Issac	Maryisa	Tate	Lucas	Caleb



Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to class 5SM who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1CC	1LG	2LM	2NH	3JH
95.6%	93.7%	94.2%	90.4%	94.3%	95.7%	94.7%
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
95.4%	94.8%	94.1%	95.9%	96.7%	95%	96.4%

House Points

Well done to **St Bernadette** House who earned an amazing 932 house points last week!



Track My Read

A huge well done to the 145 Saint Gabriel's readers who have logged an impressive 60, 645 minutes read so far during Autumn term.

With just over 2 weeks left to go, we have just under 30, 000 minutes left to reach our Autumn Term target, so please keep tracking those reads!

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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Borrow the Moon



Last week, our school had an incredible opportunity to explore real lunar samples borrowed through STFC (Science and Technology Facilities Council) Lunar Rocks and Meteorites Loan Scheme. Schools often wait up to 18 months for their turn so this was a truly special moment!



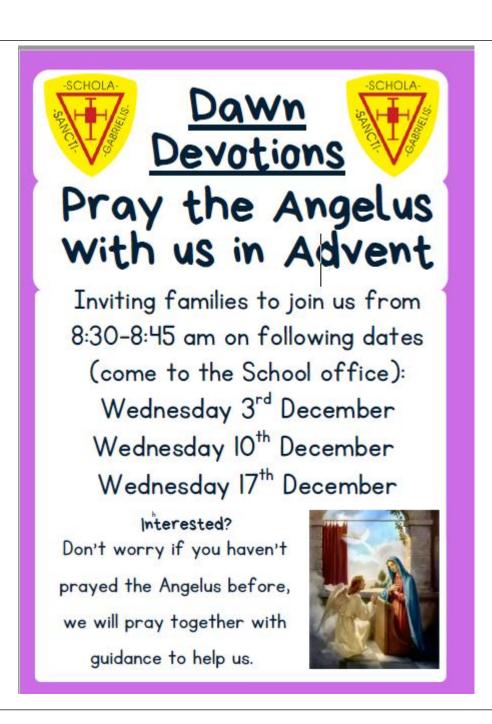






The children were able to examine actual Moon rocks and meteorites, sparking excitement and curiosity across the school. It was an unforgettable experience that brought space science to life for our children. The children did many exciting activities based on this and thoroughly enjoyed every moment.









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Tuesday 9th December-KS2 Carol Service (6pm) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Monday 15th December-Early Years "Snuggle up in the Stable" Nativity in School hall (9:30am)

Tuesday 16th December-KS1 Carol Service (6pm) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

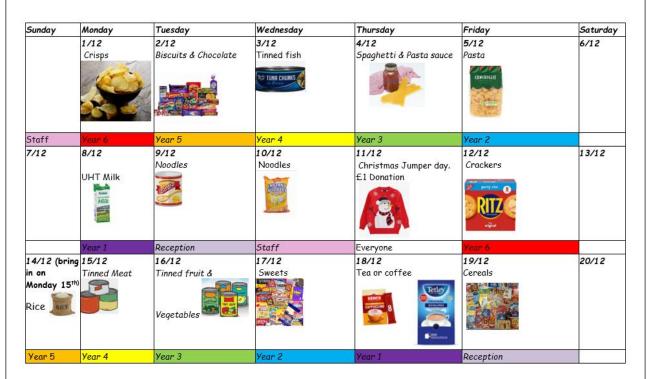


Mini Vinnie News



Reverse Advent Calendar 2025

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations so far. Your donations are going to help people in need. Please continue to donate if you can, the reverse advent calendar can be found below.



Chocolate Cornflake Cakes for CAFOD

Next Friday, 12th December 2025 we are going to be selling cornflake cakes to raise money for CAFOD. The cornflake cakes will cost 50p and these can be paid for via ParentPay. The allergens are on ParentPay and if your child is unable to have the cakes (due to medical reasons) Haribo's are also available to order ParentPay for 50p. All money raised will be going to CAFOD World gifts.





Parish News

https://www.tamworthrc.church/

Christmas Stocking Appeal

To be part of this appeal, select a stocking from reception. Each stocking has a note with the age, gender and gift ideas for a recipient. Complete and return it to Sacred Heart by Fri 12th Dec. More importantly, is there anyone you know, not necessarily a child, who would benefit from receiving a stocking. Names to Kelly as soon as possible, please. Thank you.

Light up a Life

The Christmas trees will be put up on Wednesday, and we will do 'Light up a Life' once again. Just take a star for a tree write on it the name of someone you want to pray for and we will hang it on a tree in Church as a prayer. Then make an offering that will go to Father Hudson's Charity that will help someone else in need. Envelopes and stars are available today in the porch.

Sunday
9:00am - Sacred Heart
30am - St John's Church
2:00pm - Sacred Heart



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent - Matthew 3:1-12 - Prepare the Way for the Lord

In our Gospel reading this Sunday, we encounter John the Baptist. John the Baptist helps us 'to prepare the way for the Lord.'

Preparations are a big part of Christmas! Preparing presents, gifts, food, homes, journeys – but we also need to prepare our hearts. Prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus. Prepare our hearts for welcoming our Saviour into our world and lives.



Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

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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 5 th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - Staff (Y4 and Y5	
	Confessions after Mass)	
Friday 5 th December 2025	Christmas Fayre	
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 19 th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School- Y6 (Y6 and Staff
	Confessions after Mass)
	End of Autumn Term
Monday 5 th 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 13 th February 2026	End of Half Term
Wednesday 18 th February 2026	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 24 th 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 27 th 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 13 th April 2026	Start of Summer Term
	Children return
Friday 17 th April 2026	Mass in School- Whole School – Chaplaincy
Friday 1st May 2026	Mass in School – Year One (Year Group Mass)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th	Key Stage Two SATS
May 2026	
Saturday 16 th May 2026	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 22 nd May 2026	End of Half Term



Sunday 24 th May 2026	Pentecost		
Monday 1 st 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 17 th July 2026	Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6)		
	Last day of school year for children		
Monday 20st July 2026	INSET Day 5		