

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Mon 15th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity

Tues 16th December

Key Stage One Carol Service

Friday 19th December

End of Term (1.30pm)

Monday 5th January

Start of Spring
Term -Children
return to school

This half term's Gospel Virtues are Learned and Wise Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a fantastic Christmas Fayre last week. Thank you to everyone involved in preparing, supporting and attending on Friday. A very special thank you must go to the 'Friends of St Gabriel's' for all their time, energy and enthusiasm in making our Fayre such a success. It was a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Thank you, also, to everyone who attended our Key Stage Two Carol Service on Tuesday. It was a very prayerful and faith-filled evening. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work preparing the children. Children – Well Done – you sang and read beautifully. Thank you for giving us all an opportunity to stop and pause and ready our hearts for the arrival of Jesus. We look forward to our EY Nativity and KS1 Carol Service next week.

Tomorrow (Friday) we have a Christmas Sale after school and our Mini-Vinnies will be selling Chocolate Cornflake Cakes for CAFOD during morning break – thank you to everyone for their involvement and support of these events.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

End of Term Arrangements – Friday 19th December 2025 – School closes at 1.30pm

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Attendance Matters!

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



Weekly Attendance

RC	RK	1CC	1LG	2LM	2NH	3JH
95.4%	93.6%	93.6%	90%	93.6%	95.4%	94.6%
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
95.1%	94.9%	93.8%	96%	96.9%	94.8%	96.2%

House Points

Well done to **St Theresa**House who earned an
amazing 474 house
points last week!



Track My Read

A huge well done to the 145 readers who are taking part in our St Gabriel's Autumn Term Track My Read challenge- you have reached a fantastic 63,010 reading minutes so far.

If you are having any problems with your log in details please let your child's class teacher know and we can rectify this





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
Ariyah	Frankie	Edison	Charlie	Wojtek	Eli	Arabella
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
Kaion	Roza	Michalina	Freya B	Jacob	Freddie	Sean

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

Pride in Presentation					
RK Gerald	1CC Michael	1LG Brady	2LM Grace	2NH Kornelia	3JH Emilia
4HB Liam	H 4VN Austin	5EY Lucv	5SM Henry	6BF Keira	6AC George
	Gerald	RK 1CC Gerald Michael H 4HB 4VN	RK 1CC 1LG Gerald Michael Brady H 4HB 4VN 5EY	RK 1CC 1LG 2LM Gerald Michael Brady Grace H 4HB 4VN 5EY 5SM	RK 1CC 1LG 2LM 2NH Gerald Michael Brady Grace Kornelia H 5EY 5SM 6BF



Mission Disciples



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.'

Mission Disciple

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

RC Oliver	RK Heshara	1CC Charlotte	1LG Matilda	2LM Ida	2NH Keeva	3JH Elijah
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
Imani	Eddie	Ava	Catherine	JJ	Ethan	Albie





On Tuesday 9th December, we had our Christmas Rocksteady Concert in the hall for parents of children with Rocksteady lessons. It was a fantastic experience and the children played with enthusiasm and skill. It was clear to see the progress the children had made from their first concert in the Summer Term. Many Rocksteady children have now achieved their first Music Certificate accredited by Trinity College London - a link to view this has been sent to Rocksteady Parent Portals via your email addresses.

We thank Josh for his continued hard work and dedication to teaching our children at St. Gabriel's. We currently have 64 children accessing weekly Rocksteady lessons - which is tremendous!

We still have a few spaces left - so if your child is interested in joining Rocksteady, please see the attached leaflet.

Sports Report: Archery tournament



Last week, children from year 5 took part in an archery tournament at Stoneydelph Primary School. The team worked really hard in their matches and worked really well as a team finishing in fifth place. The team was: Evie, Andrew, Amiyah and Nikodem. Many thanks to Mr Birtwistle for training the children and for Mr James and Mr Fowler for supervising them at the event.

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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

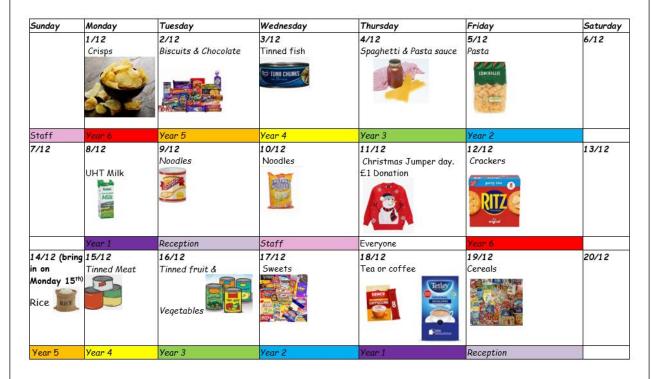


Mini Vinnie News



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

This 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

Please see below for details of Services over Christmas at Sacred Heart and St John the Baptist churches.

Christmas 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish

Serving St. John's & Sacred Heart Churches

Christmas Services

Penance Service

Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart

Parish Carol Service

Thursday 18th December at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart.

Christmas Eve Masses (Wednesday 24th December)
Family Mass (at both Churches) 4.00pm
Mass (at Sacred Heart) 7.00pm

Christmas Day Masses (Thursday 25th December)
Sacred Heart 9.00 am
St John's 10.30 am
Sacred Heart 12 noon





Sunday Gospel Reflection

Third Sunday of Advent - Matthew 11:2-11 - Gaudete Sunday

'Good News'

In our Gospel Reading this Sunday, Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist that He has come to bring 'Good News.'

The Good News that Jesus came to bring – that He, Jesus, is our Saviour and Lord – remains the same today. This Good News brings with it the joy of God's eternal love and forgiveness.

Advent Prayer- Gaudete Sunday

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and is a day of joy and anticipation for the Christmas celebration. On Gaudete Sunday, the pink candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

O God, who see how your people

faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,

enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation

and to celebrate them always

with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.



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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				
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 18th 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 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	Key Stage Two SATS		
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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