



## St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

*With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community*

### Dates for Diary



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December**

End of Term  
(1.30pm)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
January**

**Start of Spring  
Term -Children  
return to  
school**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
January** Whole  
School Mass

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> +  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
March**

Spring Term  
Parents'  
Evenings

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Early Year's Nativity and Key Stage One Carol Services this week. Both events were wonderful ways to listen to the Nativity story and prepare for the coming of Christmas.

Thank you to all our children, families and staff for their generosity in supporting all our Advent fundraising events!

Last Friday, our Mini-Vinnies gathered together the many items donated as part of their Reversible Advent Calendar appeal. All the items donated have been delivered to Father Hudson Caritas and Heart of Tamworth for distribution.

Everyone looked suitably Christmassy for our Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day last Thursday! Children and staff enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner and raised over £380 for Against Breast Cancer! Our Christmas Cornflake Cake Sale and Christmas Pop – Up Shop also helped to raise £190 for CAFOD World Gifts!

**Thank you to everyone who helped to plan, organise, run and support all these events!**

Christmas Fayre, Nativity, Carol Services, Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Dinners, School Masses, Reversible Advent Calendars, CAFOD World Gifts – it has been a busy, but very rewarding end to our Autumn Term. Thank you to everyone – children, parents, staff, volunteers – for all your hard work and support. As always, it is a real pleasure and privilege to spend this time of year with the children, staff and families of our wonderful St Gabriel's school community.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone! We look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

**End of Term Arrangements – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>RC</b> <b>96%</b>	<b>RK</b> <b>94%</b>	<b>1CC</b> <b>94%</b>	<b>1LG</b> <b>90%</b>	<b>2LM</b> <b>93%</b>	<b>2NH</b> <b>96%</b>	<b>3JH</b> <b>95%</b>
<b>3LH</b> <b>95%</b>	<b>4HB</b> <b>94%</b>	<b>4VN</b> <b>94%</b>	<b>5EY</b> <b>96%</b>	<b>5SM</b> <b>97%</b>	<b>6BF</b> <b>95%</b>	<b>6AC</b> <b>96%</b>

#### House Points

Well done to **St Theresa** House who earned an amazing 807 house points last week!



#### Track My Read

A huge well done to the 145 readers who have taken part in our St Gabriel's Autumn Term Track My Read challenge and have managed to reach an incredible 67, 975 reading minutes - you have worked so hard to get so close to our 90, 000 minutes target, well done!

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

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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						
<b>RC Lewis</b>	<b>RK Natalie</b>	<b>1CC Myles</b>	<b>1LG Amaya</b>	<b>2NH Olivia</b>	<b>2LM Ali- Rose</b>	<b>3JH George</b>
<b>3LH Marie</b>	<b>4HB Erik</b>	<b>4VN Austin</b>	<b>5EY Noah</b>	<b>5SM Macie</b>	<b>6BF Cian M</b>	<b>6AC Maya</b>

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

Pride in Presentation						
<b>RC Miller</b>	<b>RK Joey</b>	<b>1CC Mario</b>	<b>1LG Gabriel</b>	<b>2LM Pippa</b>	<b>2NH Winnie</b>	<b>3JH Oliver</b>
<b>3LH George</b>	<b>4HB Mia</b>	<b>4VN Lulu</b>	<b>5EY Alicja</b>	<b>5SM Darcy</b>	<b>6BF Nel</b>	<b>6AC Fabio</b>

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## 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.'**

<b>RC Verity</b>	<b>RK Melody</b>	<b>1CC Theodore</b>	<b>1LG Amari</b>	<b>2LM James</b>	<b>2NH Remzi</b>	<b>3JH Ellie</b>
<b>3LH Cesc</b>	<b>4HB Seb</b>	<b>4VN Ava</b>	<b>5EY Harmony</b>	<b>5SM Vittoria</b>	<b>6BF Harper</b>	<b>6AC Harper</b>



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A massive thank you from the Mini Vinnies!

We would like to say a big thank you for all of the donations that you have sent in for Father Hudson's and the Heart of Tamworth.



We will be sending the donations to the charities on Friday.

The donations are going to make a big difference to lots of people. We really appreciate your support.

Merry Christmas to you all!



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We would also like to say a big thank you for all of your purchases from the chocolate cornflake cakes for CAFOD and the pop up Christmas sale to support CAFOD World Gifts. Together, we have raised an amazing £190.50! With that money we will be able to purchase more than we had hoped!

We have been able to buy the following items to help transform the lives of families in need:

Firewood

Winter Warmth

A watering Can

Super Soup Kitchen

Vegetable garden

Promoting peace



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## **Indoor Athletics**



A huge **congratulations** to the children in the year 5/6 Indoor Athletics team, who found out last week that they have won the competition held at Rawlett High School and will now go on to represent Tamworth in the county finals, next term.

St Gabriel's have now won this competition ten years in a row!

Our Athletics team visited both our Celebration Assemblies this afternoon to share this fantastic news – and their medals – with the rest of the school!

Well done to all the children involved for this great achievement.





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**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**

**Parish Carol Service**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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







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### Fourth Sunday in Advent – Matthew 1:18-24

#### **Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife.'**

In our Sunday Gospel an angel appears to Joseph, in a dream, and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary to be his wife and that she is going to have a baby who 'will save his people from their sins.'

No wonder the angel thought that Joseph might be afraid – a lot is being asked of him! But Joseph didn't hesitate – the Gospel tells us that 'when Joseph woke up, he married Mary, as the angel of the Lord had told him to do.'

This year, we will all have had occasions when we have felt like a lot is being asked of us – even if it wasn't quite as much as Joseph! Let's give thanks to the Lord for those times when we responded to these moments like Joseph – acting as the Lord guides us to – and ask the Lord to send us the Holy Spirit to act as Joseph did in those moments when this feels most challenging.



#### PRAYER

#### **The Hope of the World**

*Beloved Jesus,  
hope of the world,  
in these days shrouded in darkness,  
help us to see your light and let it shine,  
shedding light on the path that leads us to enjoy  
your presence.  
Let the joy of Christmas remain with us always.  
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

<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Mass in School – Whole School- Y6 (Y6 and Staff Confessions after Mass) <b>End of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b> <b>Children return to school</b>
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
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>End of Half Term</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

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<b>Monday 23rd February 2026</b>	<b>INSET Day 3</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
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)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4) <b>End of Spring Term</b>
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)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b> <b>Children return</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Mass in School- Whole School – Chaplaincy
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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> May 2026	Key Stage Two SATS
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>End of Half Term</b>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Pentecost
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>Children return to school</b> 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

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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
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6) <b>Last day of school year for children</b>
Monday 20 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	INSET Day 5

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