

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Friday 19th December

End of Term (1.30pm)

Monday 5th January

Start of Spring
Term -Children
return to
school

Friday 16th January Whole School Mass

Tuesday 10th + Thursday 12th 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 19th December 2025 – School closes at 1.30pm



Attendance Matters!

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



Weekly Attendance

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

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





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

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
Miller	Joey	Mario	Gabriel	Pippa	Winnie	Oliver
3LH	4HB	4VN	5EY	5SM	6BF	6AC
George	Mia	Lulu	Alicja	Darcy	Nel	Fabio



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









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!







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

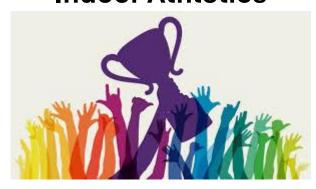
Super Soup Kitchen

Vegetable garden

Promoting peace



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.



Parish News

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

Christmas 2025St. John the Baptist Parish

Serving St. John's & Sacred Heart Churches

Christmas Services

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





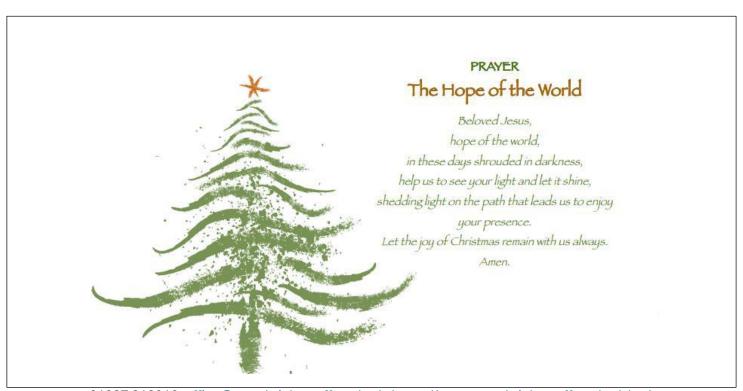
Fourth Sunday in Advent - Matthew 1:18-24

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.



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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 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 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
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		